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Delhi starts door-to-door Covid survey

Programme aims at identifying, testing symptomatic people living in containment zones, densely packed areas; number of containment zones rises to 4,550

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Amid a surge in coronavirus cases in Delhi, a door-to-door survey for identifying and testing people symptomatic for Covid-19 in containment zones and densely packed areas of the city commenced on Friday with the number of containment zones going up to over 4,550 in the national Capital, with the maximum 743 in southwest district and the lowest 148 in northeast district.

According to official data, six districts out of the total 11 have more than 400 Covid-19 containment zones — 743 (southwest), 705 (south), 587 (west), 543 (southeast), 490 (central Delhi) and 445 (northwest). The survey will be completed within five days and will cover over 57 lakh people in containment zones, dense areas and identified clusters of virus transmission, officials said.

Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain told reporters that the survey is aimed at identifying and testing symptomatic people living in containment zones and densely packed areas.

District officials said all the containment zones and super spreader areas are being covered through teams including teachers, municipal corporation staff, Asha workers and civil defence volunteers.

"All protocols will be followed to test all symptomatic persons. The survey will be completed within 5 days," said a district magistrate. Following a meeting between Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Chief Minister Arvind



Kejriwal, it was decided that the survey in the city will be conducted by teams of AIIMS, the Delhi Government and municipal corporations, and all the symptomatic people found in the survey would be tested and provided necessary treatment.

Around 9,500 surveillance teams have been constituted and deployed for conducting a door-to-door survey. Each team has a target to survey 50 households every day, officials added.

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HARYANA SHUTS SCHOOLS TILL NOV 30 AFTER 150 STUDENTS +VE

Chandigarh: Amid a rise in Covid cases, the Haryana Government on Friday ordered the closure of all schools in the State until November 30. The move came days after over 150 students tested positive for coronavirus.

₹2,000 fine for spitting in public, flouting social distancing in Delhi

New Delhi: The Delhi Lieutenant Governor amended the Delhi Epidemic Disease Management of Covid-19 regulations 2020, which empowers any "authorised person" to slap a fine of ₹2,000 for a series of activities including not wearing masks.

Now spitting in public, violating social distancing and breaking quarantine rules are going to attract Rs 2,000 fine in the national Capital.

Authorised persons shall be empowered to impose a fine of ₹2,000 for offence for violating directives/guidelines pertaining to the following," says a Delhi Government notification, dated November 20.

Covid-19 IN INDIA

TOTAL CASES: 90,29,917
DEATHS: 1,32,401
RECOVERED: 84,52,495
ACTIVE: 4,42,991



STATES	TOTAL CASES	DEATHS	RECOVERED
Maharashtra	17,63,055	46,356	16,35,971
Karnataka	8,69,561	11,621	8,33,169
Andhra Pradesh	8,59,932	6,920	8,37,630
Tamil Nadu	7,64,989	11,550	7,39,532
Kerala	5,51,670	1,998	4,81,718
Uttar Pradesh	5,19,148	7,480	4,88,911
Delhi	5,10,630	8,041	4,59,368
West Bengal	4,49,131	7,923	4,15,609
Odisha	3,12,545	1,661	3,03,897
Telangana	2,61,728	1,423	2,47,790
Rajasthan	2,37,669	2,130	2,14,616
Bihar	2,29,969	1,212	2,23,153
Chhattisgarh	2,17,562	2,672	1,95,469
Haryana	2,12,355	2,138	1,90,067
Assam	2,11,204	972	2,07,026
Gujarat	1,94,402	3,837	1,77,615

Maha mulls suspension of trains, flights to/from Delhi

PNS ■ MUMBAI

Amid the increasing Covid-19 infections and deaths in Delhi, the Maharashtra Government on Friday appeared to be pushing for suspension of train and air transport services between Mumbai and the national Capital.

With the fear of Covid-19 wave gripping New Delhi where the number of infections and deaths has increased alarmingly in the recent days, informed sources in the Maharashtra Government said that the Uddhav Thackeray dispensation was considering seriously taking up the matter with the Centre to suspend train and air services between Mumbai and Delhi.

Talking to media persons here, State Chief Secretary



Sanjay Kumar indicated that the State Government was considering suspension of air and train services between Mumbai.

"No decision has been taken in this regard. We are discussing the issue as of now. If

we are to suspend the air and train services, we will have to first take permission from the Civil Aviation and Railway Ministries. We can think of suspension of train and air services between Mumbai and Delhi only after talking to the officials of the two Ministries," Kumar said.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Railway clarified that the Railways has not taken any decision regarding the cancellation of trains between Mumbai and Delhi in view of the increasing infections and deaths in the national Capital.

"There have been reports in a section of the media today about cancellation of certain trains in the Delhi Mumbai sector," the Ministry of Railways said in a tweet put out in the evening.

Covishield to cost ₹1,000 for 2 vaccine doses

To be available by April 2021; every Indian will get vaccinated by 2024

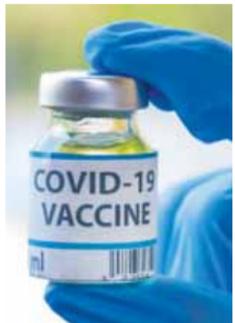
PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Oxford AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine "Covishield" will be priced at a maximum of ₹1,000 for two necessary doses for the public by April 2021 and every Indian will get vaccinated by 2024, said Serum Institute of India's CEO Adar Poonawalla on Friday.

"The vaccine will be available for healthcare workers and elderly people by around February 2021 and for the general public by April," he said at a media event, even as he asserted that every Indian will get vaccinated, probably by 2024.

"It will probably take two or three years for every Indian to get inoculated, not just because of the supply constraints but because you need the budget, the vaccine, logistics, infrastructure, and then, people should be willing to take the vaccine. So these are the factors that lead up to being able to vaccinate 80-90 per cent of the population. It will be 2024 for everybody, if willing to take a two-dose vaccine, to be vaccinated," he said.

SII, the world's largest vaccine manufacturer by volume, and the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), the country's apex body for biomedical research, last week had announced the completion



of the enrolment of participants for phase 3 clinical trials of the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine candidate, Covishield, in India.

Talking about its price, the SII CEO said the Central Government will be getting it at a far cheaper price (at around USD 3-4) because it will be buying in bulk. "We are still pricing it far cheaper and more affordable than other vaccines we have in the market today," Poonawalla added.

He also clarified that children would have to wait a little longer for the vaccine till the safety data is out, but the good news is that Covid-19 is not so bad and serious for them.

Poonawalla said the Oxford vaccine is affordable and safe.

It can be stored at a temperature of two to eight degrees Celsius, which is an ideal temperature for it to be stored in the cold storages of India. He said the SII plans to make about 10 crore doses per month from February.

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PM holds security review meet day after 4 fidayeen eliminated

Shah, NSA Doval, Foreign Secy, top intelligence officials attend meeting

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday held a security review meeting with Home Minister Amit Shah, NSA Ajit Doval, Foreign Secretary and top intelligence officials in the wake of the killing of four JeM terrorists in Jammu & Kashmir a day earlier. The killed terrorists were reportedly planning "something big" on the anniversary of the 26/11 Mumbai terror attack.



The fact that the PM himself reviewed the security scenario following the Thursday's encounter near toll plaza in Nagrota area of Kashmir, showed that this was not just yet another killing of terrorists

by the security forces. Sources confirmed that the PMO came into action after intelligence inputs indicated that the terrorists were planning to carry out some deadly plot on November 26.

In his tweets following the meeting, Modi said, "Neutralising of 4 terrorists belonging to Pakistan-based terrorist organisation Jaish-e-Mohammed and the presence of large cache of weapons and explosives with them indicate that their efforts to wreak major havoc and destruction have once again been thwarted."

Hailing the security forces, he said they have once again displayed utmost bravery and professionalism.

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TMC calls Babul's bluff to impose President rule in Bengal after recurring blasts

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

A day after a blast in a factory at Sujapur in Malda district left six people dead, the ruling TMC dared the BJP to impose President's Rule in Bengal and face the consequence. The two parties traded intense fire after Union Minister Babul Supriyo accused the State administration of complicity in recurring incidents of blasts all across the State and made indirect reference of Article 356.

Referring to the falling law and order situation in the State, he said, "More than 130 BJP workers have been killed in Bengal in the last three years. There is a complete law and

order failure in the State. BJP does not indulge in violence. Bengal is always in news due to violence. There have been several attacks on our leaders," adding if Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee thought that the Centre was weak in cracking the whip she was wrong.

"If Didi thinks, she can do anything then there are constitutional provisions which can be used to remove her. It would be better if Mamata maintains the essence of democracy and the Constitution ahead of the polls," Supriyo said, reminding there were enough constitutional provisions to tame a brutal Government.

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Sonia tries to placate rebels, accommodates them in 3 imp panels

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Offering an olive branch to dissidents, Congress president Sonia Gandhi has constituted three committees, each comprising former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, to accommodate four senior leaders who had been critical of the leadership. The move came days after senior party leader Kapil Sibal questioned the party's decline in the wake of its poor show in Bihar.

Sonia formed the committee just before leaving for Goa to escape Delhi's toxic air on medical advice. Rahul Gandhi accompanied Sonia.

Sonia has approved the committees on economic affairs, foreign affairs and national security to discuss related matters and formulate the party's position on policy matters, the most recent being India staying away from the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership.

The committees have four leaders who recently wrote a

letter to Sonia demanding an organisational overhaul. They are Anand Sharma, Shashi Tharoor, Ghulam Nabi Azad and Veerappa Moily.

The four leaders, after flagging their concerns in the controversial letter, refrained from making critical remarks of the leadership.

Anand Sharma and Tharoor have been named in the committee on foreign affairs. Sharma had recently contradicted Congress stand on India's position vis a vis the RCEP and has argued that India should have joined the trade block. This was against the previous party line which Congress leader Rahul Gandhi articulated last year when he repeatedly made public statements against India joining the RCEP.

Ghulam Nabi Azad and Moily have been named members of the committee on national security. Each of the three panels consists of five leaders including a convener.

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CAPSULE

'WON'T INTERFERE IN TEMPLE DEMOLITION'

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court on Friday declined to interfere with a North Delhi Municipal Corporation's decision to demolish a Hanuman Temple in Chandni Chowk here, saying any request for interference has to come from the AAP Government.

SONIA SHIFTS TO GOA ON DOCTORS' ADVICE

Panaji/New Delhi: Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Friday reached Goa from Delhi for a few days after doctors advised her to get away from the heavy pollution in the national Capital in view of her chronic chest infection, party insiders said.

ZERO OXYGEN LEVEL IN YAMUNA WATER

New Delhi: The level of dissolved oxygen (DO) — the amount of oxygen available to living aquatic organisms — is "nil" at seven of the nine ghats along the banks of the Yamuna in Delhi, according to the latest tests conducted by the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC).



Women perform rituals in a makeshift pond during Chhath Puja celebrations amid Covid-19 restrictions, in Delhi on Friday

7 kids among 14 of marriage party killed in UP road accident as SUV rams into stationary truck

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

In a tragic incident, at least 14 people including 7 children of a marriage party were killed in a road accident in Pratapgarh on late Thursday night.

Police said here on Friday that the deceased were travelling in an SUV, which collided with a stationary truck

under Kunda police station area after midnight. They were returning back from the marriage function in Nawabganj area in Kanpur when the accident occurred near Deshray village. All the occupants of the SUV were killed. Sources said the driver of the SUV probably fell asleep which led to the accident.

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Delhiites wake up to coldest Nov morning in 14 years

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhiites woke up to cold morning as the national Capital recorded a minimum of 7.5 degrees Celsius on Friday, the lowest in the month of November in 14 years, according to the India Meteorological Department.

It is Delhi's lowest minimum temperature in November since November 29, 2006, when the city recorded a minimum of 7.3 degrees Celsius, said Kuldeep Srivastava, the head of the IMD's regional forecasting centre.

The city was also on the brink of a cold wave, the first this season. For the plains, the IMD declares a cold wave when the minimum temperature is 10 degrees Celsius or below and is 4.5 notches less than normal for two consecutive days.

"The criteria has been met on Friday. We will declare a cold wave in Delhi if the situation persists on Saturday," Srivastava said. Delhi had

recorded the lowest minimum temperature of 11.5 degrees Celsius last year, 10.5 degrees Celsius in 2018 and 7.6 degrees Celsius in 2017 in the month of November.

The all-time record for the lowest minimum temperature in November is 3.9 degrees Celsius recorded on November 28, 1938. Mahesh Palawat, an expert at Skymet Weather, a private forecasting agency, said cold winds blowing from snow-laden western Himalayas have led to a dip in the mercury and a similar situation will continue till Saturday.

A fresh Western Disturbance is approaching northwest India on November 23. It is likely to increase the minimum temperature by a few notches, he said.

The minimum temperature this month, barring on November 16, has remained 2-3 degree Celsius below normal in the absence of a cloud cover, according to IMD officials.

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Punjab farmers' agitation cost Railways whopping ₹2,220 cr

New Delhi, Nov 20 (IANS) The farmers' agitation that started in Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan and which still remains largely active in Punjab, against the contentious agri Bills, has resulted in a revenue loss of Rs 891 crore, for the Northern Railways, till November 19, IANS has learnt. The total loss in earnings for the Indian Railways has been a whopping Rs 2,220 cr. The revenue loss has been



The freights have been massively affected due to the agitations. For the inward traffic, there was an average loss of 30 rakes per day and the outward loading affected in the Punjab area stands at 40 rakes per day. A total of 3850 freight trains could not be loaded. Meanwhile, there have been a total of 230 rakes held up outside, loaded for Punjab. 78 of them are of coal, 34 of fertilizer, 8 of cement. 102 are containers, steel and other commodities.

There are 22 rakes that are stuck in different parts of Punjab. A total of 96 locos too are stuck in the state. There have been a total of 2352 cancellations or diversions of trains. India woke up on September 25 with farmers up in arms across the nation against the contentious agri Bills passed in the monsoon

session of Parliament. While Punjab and Haryana took the lead, no other state could match their spirit. In fact, in Karnataka farmers' protests elicited lukewarm responses. In Delhi and western Uttar Pradesh, police and paramilitary forces were ready to deal with any eventuality at the borders. But two months down the line, it's the Punjab farmers who are still continuing their agita-

tion demanding withdrawal of the agri bills. The protests are largely against three bills that were passed by Parliament in the monsoon session -- The Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, 2020, The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill, 2020, and the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill.

HC declines to interfere with proposed razing of Hanuman Temple in Chandni Chowk

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court Friday declined to interfere with a North Delhi Municipal Corporation's (NrDMC) decision to demolish a Hanuman Temple in Chandni Chowk here, saying any request for interference has to come from the AAP government. The high court's decision came on an application moved by a registered society, comprising devotees of the temple, seeking a stay on the temple's demolition which according to them was expected to be carried out on Sunday. A bench of Justices Hima Kohli and Subramonium Prasad said the high court in November last year had rejected the recommendation of a religious committee headed by the Lt Governor, to allow the temple to exist at its current

site. The bench further noted that the order was challenged by the Delhi government in the Supreme Court which disposed it of after the government said it would move a suitable application before the high court for further directions, as may be warranted. "Once such a liberty was granted to the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, and so far, GNCTD has not approached this court for any relief, we see no reason to entertain this application for intervention which is nothing but an attempt to reargue the same issue that has been considered and rejected by an earlier order," it said. With the observation, the bench dismissed the application by the Shri Manokamna Siddh Shri Hanuman Seva

Samiti, represented by advocate Rushab Aggarwal, which also sought to intervene in a plea for redevelopment of Chandni Chowk. The applicant society was aggrieved by the NrDMC's October 31 decision proposing demolition of the Hanuman Temple, at Katra Dulia, Main Chandani Chowk. The high court observed that the demolition which was proposed to be carried out on November 1 has not been done till now. Aggarwal, during the hearing, argued that the devotees had a right to practice their faith and claimed that the committee headed by the LG had recommended that the temple be amalgamated and saved as part of the Shahjahanabad Redevelopment Plan. **PTI**

MAHA DEATHS RISE TO 155, INFECTIONS GO UP TO 5,640

T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI In a marginal increase in the number of infections and fatalities, Maharashtra on Friday recorded 155 more deaths and 5640 fresh infections, even as State Health Minister Rajesh Tope expressed apprehension that the state might also witness a second wave of Covid-19 along the lines of New Delhi. A day after the Covid-19 deaths shot up to 154 and infections went up marginally to 5,535 in Maharashtra, the state logged 155 deaths and 5640 new infections. With 155 new deaths, the Covid-19 toll in Maharashtra rose from 46,356 to 46,511. Similarly, with 5640 fresh infections, the total infected cases jumped from 17,63,055 to 17,68,695. Maharashtra recorded a milestone of sorts as the number of the Covid-19 tests conducted in the state crossed 1 crore figure to touch a figure of staggering 1,00,35,665. Of the 1,00,35,665 samples sent to laboratories, 17,68,695 have tested positive (17.62 per cent) for COVID-19 until Friday. Talking to media persons at Ratnagiri in coastal Konkan region, Tope said: "In view of the worsening situation in Delhi, we have begun to take necessary precautions to prevent a possible second Covid-19 wave in the state. If there is a second Covid-19 wave in the state, it will prove to be detrimental to the interests of the state. We do not want a second Covid-19 wave in the state. But, there is fear in my mind."

"In Mumbai, the number of cases is increasing. We need to learn lessons from Kerala and Delhi, where infections are increasing. The increase in the infections has happened in two states because of a lot of people not wearing masks and adhering to social distancing norms," the State Health Minister said. Meanwhile, as 6945 more people were discharged from various hospitals the number of people discharged from the hospitals on Friday after full recovery since the second week of March this year went up to 16,42,916. The recovery rate in the state rose marginally from 92.79 per cent to 92.89 per cent. Of the 155 deaths on Friday, Pune accounted for a maximum of 60 deaths, followed by 15 deaths in Satara, 13 each in Thane and Nagpur and 12 deaths in Mumbai. In the lower range, there were 8 deaths in Nashik, 7 in Aurangabad, 3 each in Parbhani, Nanded, Yavatmal, 2 each in Raigad, Jalgaon, Sangli, Osmanabad, Beed and Wardha, one death each in Kolhapur, Sindhudurg, Bhandara, Gondia and Chandrapur. In addition, one person from outside the state died in Maharashtra. With 12 new deaths, the Covid-19 toll in Mumbai went up from 10,627 to 10,639, while the infections rose by 1,031, triggering a jump in the total infections in the metropolis from 2,72,455 to 2,73,486. Meanwhile, the number of "active cases" total cases dropped from 79,738 to 78,272. The fatality rate in the state stood at 2.63 per cent. Pune district, which continued to be the worst-affected city-district in Maharashtra, saw the total number of cases increase from 3,44,002 to 3,44,750 while the total number of deaths in Pune increased from 7206 to 7266. Thane district remained in the third spot -- after Pune and Mumbai -- after the total number of infections rose from 2,33,169 to 2,33,866, while the pandemic toll climbed from 5423 to 5436. Currently, 5,58,090 people are in home quarantine while 4883 people are in institutional quarantine.

Man takes train route to smuggle gold, held

New Delhi: A gold smuggler with approximately 6 kilograms of gold bars has been apprehended by Delhi Police (Railways) at New Delhi Railway station. The market value of the confiscated gold is approximately Rs 3.25 crore. The recovered yellow metal has been confiscated under Section 111 of the Custom Act 1962, the police said on Friday. On Thursday, a patrolling team at New Delhi Railway Station to keep surveillance over the passengers and maintain law and order was on platform No. 16 where the Howrah Rajdhani Express had arrived around 10 am. The team noticed suspicious movement of a passenger and

stopped him for questioning. "Not able to get satisfactory answers, a preliminary enquiry found him in possession of gold bars. Customs officers were called on the spot and after a thorough search as per procedure, it revealed that he was carrying gold bars in cloth pouches specially made in the inner jacket and the cloth belt. The confiscated gold had the marking of IPMR, Gulf Gold Refinery and Valcambi Suisse (Switzerland)," said DCP Railways, Harendra Singh. The accused Pravin Kumar Ambalal Khandelwal, 37 year resident of Gayatri Society, Dhanera, Banaskantha, Gujarat has been

arrested. The accused had received the gold from his accomplice in Kolkata and had boarded the train from Asansol, West Bengal. He had to further go to Mumbai to deliver the gold to the jewellers. To avoid detection at airports, train was used as a mode of transport and to avoid metal detectors, the Howrah Station was avoided. "But the accused ran out of luck and what metal detectors could not do the sharp vigil eyes of the police personnel did. The brother of the accused has also been in the jewellery business having area of operations in Delhi and Mumbai," the officer added. **IANS**

TMC calls Babul's bluff...

Hours later the Trinamool Congress reacted with equal venom during the Centre to impose President's Rule in the State. "We dare them to impose Article 356. If they have the courage let them go ahead with their plans and see the consequence," Bengal Minister Bratya Basu said referring to Sujapur blast. He said whenever there was an accidental blast in Bengal, the BJP floats a number

of theories to polarize the electorate but they forget that similar accidents do take place in Gujarat too. In June 2019 there was a blast in a factory in Bharuch that killed 4 people, he said. "We did not question it as we knew it was an accident... but they will always raise communal questions whenever there is an accidental blast in Bengal," he said. A special task force is probing the factory blast at Sujapur that killed 6 people on

Thursday. Attacking the BJP for claiming itself as champions of patriotism Basu said. "The forefathers of these people were washing the feet of the British rulers when our men like Kshudiram Bose, Benoy, Badal Dinesh, Surya Sen and others were sacrificing their lives in freedom struggle... today cells in Andaman and Nicobar are named after Vinayak Damodar Savarkar the alleged freedom fighter who gave five undertakings of good conduct to the British whereas nothing in the names of the freedom fighters like Barin Ghosh from Bengal!" Senior TMC MP Saugato Roy, however, would not want to attach much importance to Supriyo's statements saying "Babul Supriyo should not be given much importance because everyone knows why he is making such statements... He is trying to scare the TMC workers so as to bring down their morale... but this tactic would not work... there are provisions for President's Rule following a Governor's report but the Supreme Court has made it clear under what circumstances Article 356 can be imposed."

Congress MP Pradipt Bhattacharya said Bengal was not perfect case for 356 while CPI(M) leader Sujan Chakrabarty said by making such statements the BJP was helping the Trinamool. Incidentally, Supriyo's statement was soon modified by Bengal BJP president Dilip Ghosh who said the party did not want Article 356 to be imposed in the State but at the same time "blasts like the one that shook Malda should be probed by central investigation agencies."

PM holds security review meet day after 4 fidayeen... Four suspected Jaish-e-Mohammad terrorists were killed and two policemen injured in a gunbattle in Nagrota on Thursday after a truck carrying newly infiltrated militants was intercepted, police had said. Inspector General of Police (IGP), Jammu, Mukesh Singh, had said after the encounter that the terrorists had come to execute a "big plan" which has now been foiled.

PM holds security review meet day after 4 fidayeen...

"Thanks to their alertness, they have defeated a nefarious plot to target grassroots level democratic exercises in Jammu & Kashmir," the Prime Minister added. With 12 new deaths, the Covid-19 toll in Mumbai went up from 10,627 to 10,639, while the infections rose by 1,031, triggering a jump in the total infections in the metropolis from 2,72,455 to 2,73,486. Meanwhile, the number of "active cases" total cases dropped from 79,738 to 78,272. The fatality rate in the state stood at 2.63 per cent. Pune district, which continued to be the worst-affected city-district in Maharashtra, saw the total number of cases increase from 3,44,002 to 3,44,750 while the total number of deaths in Pune increased from 7206 to 7266. Thane district remained in the third spot -- after Pune and Mumbai -- after the total number of infections rose from 2,33,169 to 2,33,866, while the pandemic toll climbed from 5423 to 5436. Currently, 5,58,090 people are in home quarantine while 4883 people are in institutional quarantine.

CM Yogi orders DMs, SP/SSPs to 'personally' attend calls

To make the officers accountable and people-friendly, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has directed district magistrates and district police chiefs to personally attend all calls on their CUG numbers. "It is mandatory for DMs and SPs/SSPs to attend to calls on their CUG numbers personally. This way they will be able to connect to the masses better," the CM said in his directives issued in Lucknow on Friday. A government spokesman said that surprise calls would be made from the CM Office on the CUG numbers of the officers to cross-check their response and availability. "Non-compliance with the Chief Minister's direction will invite action from the Government. In case they miss the calls, they should call back," he warned. For years now, there have been regular complaints of DMs and SPs/SSPs either not receiving calls on their CUG numbers or the calls being attended by their followers or support staff.

Sonia tries to placate...

The panel on economic affairs features Manmohan Singh, P Chidambaram, Mallikarjun Kharge, Digvijay Singh and Jairam Ramesh (convener). The committee on foreign affairs has Manmohan Singh, Anand Sharma, Tharoor, Saptagiri Ulaka and Salman Khurshid (convener). The third panel on national security has Singh, Azad, Moily, V Vaithilingam and Vincent Pala (convener). Sonia had earlier in August formed a few other committees to advice the party leadership on critical issues related to the governance and AICC administrative functions from time to time. Sonia left Delhi with her son and former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi who is in line of fire of party leaders amid calls for review of the party's Bihar poll loss. Congress sources said she had been advised by doctors to stay away from Delhi to avoid pollution and stay in Goa.

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Spurious liquor claims four lives in Phulpur

Allahabad/Lucknow: Spurious liquor claimed the lives of four people in the trans-Ganga area of Phulpur on Friday while the condition of three was stated to be critical. According to reports, the victims had consumed the spurious liquor at a country liquor shop in Amilahan village. Officials have rushed to the spot and liquor contractor Rambabu Jaiswal has been taken into custody. **PNS**

Delhi starts door-to-door Covid survey

city commenced on Friday. The survey will be completed within five days and will cover over 57 lakh people in containment zones, dense areas and identified clusters of virus transmission, officials said. As many as 7,546 fresh Covid-19 cases were reported on Thursday, taking the infection tally to over 5.1 lakh while 98 more fatalities pushed the toll to 8,041. On Thursday, the AAP Government announced sweeping measures including a steep Rs 2,000 fine for not wearing masks, reservation of 80 per cent ICU beds in private hospitals, doubling testing centres in every district and postponement of non-critical surgeries at health facilities. The Union Health Ministry on Thursday said Delhi accounted for 22.39 per cent of the fatalities reported across the country in a span of 24 hours by recording 131 deaths on Wednesday and became the largest contributor to the single-day COVID-19 deaths in India.

7 kids among 14 of marriage party killed in UP road accident...

The police that reached the spot had to use gas cutters to retrieve the bodies from the vehicle that had turned into a mangled heap of iron. It took more than three hours to get the bodies out, reports confirmed. Superintendent of Police Anurag Arya who reached the accident site said that all 14 bodies had been sent for post-mortem. He said the speeding SUV dashed into the truck parked by the road in the Manikpur police station area

the victims and assured all possible help. The deceased were identified as Bablu (22), Naan Bhaiya (45), Dinesh Yadav (40) and his sons Pawan (10) and Aman (7), Ram Samujh (40), Daya Ram (40), Abhimanyu (28), Mithilesh (17), Gaurav (10), Ansh (9), Sachin and Himanshu (both aged 12), and driver Paras Nath Yadav (40). All of them were residents of Jirgapur village in the Kunda police station limits and had gone to Shekhpur village to attend a wedding, the police said. Meanwhile, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has expressed grief over the deaths. A compensation of Rs 2 lakh to the family members of each killed was announced as relief. Expressing grief over the incident, Adityanath directed senior officials to reach the spot and provide assistance to the victims, his office said. Meanwhile, Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Friday expressed deep anguish over the death of 14

people in a road accident in Uttar Pradesh. "Deeply anguished by the heart-wrenching incident in Uttar Pradesh's Pratapgarh. Fourteen people, including children, were killed in the road accident while returning from a marriage function, Priyanka Gandhi said in a Facebook post in Hindi. "I am saddened thinking about the plight of the families of the deceased. I pray for all of them. May God give them the strength to bear the loss," she said.

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CM assures associations that markets will not be shut

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Friday met the representatives of market associations seeking cooperation in controlling the rising cases of corona. The Chief Minister also made it clear that his Government wasn't going to shut down the marketplaces. During the meeting, representatives assured him that all measured to contain the virus spread would be encouraged and followed in market places.

It may be recalled that few days earlier, Kejriwal had announced Delhi government may shut markets however during the interaction with the associations, he clarified that the Delhi Government does not want to shut down any market.

Chief Minister Kejriwal appealed the market associations to provide masks to the shoppers who come to the markets without masks.

He also urged all the political parties of Delhi to send their volunteers out on the



streets to distribute masks to those who are seen moving out without masks.

Kejriwal called upon his party members of parliament and Members of Legislative Assembly (MLAs) to distribute masks free of cost to the people.

Meanwhile, market associations assured the government of all possible help and support on their part to prevent the spread of Corona.

After meeting the market associations, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal tweeted, "Met

representatives of market associations. I removed their anxieties, government does not wish to shut any market. They assured anyone not wearing a mask in the market will be provided free by market associations. All shops will also be asked to keep spare masks and hand sanitizers."

"Our Aam Aadmi Party MLAs, MPs, councilors and volunteers, all of you also go to public places and distribute free masks to those who are not wearing masks. This is the greatest patriotic and human

service. I also want to request all political parties to tell their volunteers to go out on the road and distribute free masks. Let us stop the spread of corona by joint effort", he said in another tweet.

"Despite the rapid spread of Corona in Delhi, our doctors, nurses, and medical staff have done commendable work. They are constantly treating COVID patients without getting tired. For this, all the doctors, nurses, and medical staff deserve to be appreciated," Kejriwal added.

Directors held for obtaining ₹17.5 cr loan on forged docs

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Police has arrested directors of a company for allegedly obtaining loan of Rs 17.5 crores on forged documents.

The accused have been identified as Waseem Ahmad Khan and Narendra Kumar Arora, who were arrested by the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of Delhi Police.

According to Dr O P Mishra, the Joint Commissioner of Police, EOW, a complaint was received in which the complainant Kamal Arora alleged that the properties of Khoobsurat Resorts Private Limited has been misappropriated by Waseem Ahmad Khan, Director of Multiwall Pulp & Board Mills Pvt. Ltd. and also of Khoobsurat Resorts Pvt. Ltd. in connivance with others.

"She was having 35 per cent shares in Khoobsurat Resorts Ltd. whereas Waseem Ahmed Khan holds 50 per cent shares in the company. Khan availed a loan of Rs 17.5 crores in the name of Multiwall Pulp & Board Mills Pvt. Ltd by pledging the only property land worth Rs. 25 crores of Khoobsurat Resorts. Pvt. Ltd by forging documents," said the Joint CP.

"A case was registered on direction from the local Court and during investigation it was revealed that Waseem Ahmed Khan in connivance with Narendra Kumar Arora prepared forged Share Pledge Agreement of the company and obtained loan of Rs. 17.5 crores from SREI Infrastructure Finance Ltd," said the Joint CP.

FIR against hotel in Pitampura for violating Covid norms

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police has registered a First Information Report (FIR) against City Park hotel in Pitampura area for allegedly violating the pandemic norms during an event.

According to police, there was a function going on in City Park Hotel at KP Block, Pitampura on Thursday.

According to a senior police official, more than 150 people were found there and they were not following the pandemic norms. "Thereafter, a case under section 188 (disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant) has been registered at Maurya Enclave police station," a senior police official said, adding that investigation is underway.

Commissioner encourages youth to give best in life

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Police Commissioner, SN Shrivastava on Friday, encouraged the youth to give their best in their future life and also asked that they should continue to keep going on the path they have chosen and advised that they should never look back at the mistakes they had done in the past.

Delhi Police chief was speaking at a function organized by Shahdara district police about "Saksham" a scheme meant for bringing juveniles into the mainstream.

"Juveniles and youth who have been reformed after the persistent efforts of Delhi Police, participated in the programme. Associate partners including "Braham Kumari" and "AashayinEkUmeeed" and business community representatives also participated in the program," said Amit Sharma, the DCP, Shahdara district.

The CP along with other senior police officers distributed certificates to 11 CCLs/YUVA who have been reformed through this motivational and reformatory programme.

"One participant of MS

Park area thanked Delhi police initiative and said that how his life has changed and he is gaining recognition in the society through the initiative taken by Shahdara District Police," said the DCP.

The CP during the event stressed that the main motto of Delhi Police is that the society should be crime free and the general public should really feel that they are safe and secure.

He also stressed upon the dedication of Delhi Police and other business communities to engage with CCLs/Youth in a constructive manner at all levels. He desired to continue this initiative with full vigour.

CP Delhi also motivated the participants by quoting the examples of Constable Than Singh posted in North District who is taking keen interest to engage the children of weaker society in constructive activities.

He also cited the example of HC Seema Dhaka, who reunited 76 missing children with their families within 75 days in which 15 children below the age of 14 years and 16 children below the age of 08 years were reunited. She has been given out of turn promotion for this initiative.

Positivity rate clear indicator of declining Covid cases: Jain

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The positivity rate and reducing number of Coronavirus cases is a "clear indicator" that the spread of the virus is decreasing in the national capital, Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain has said on Friday.

Jain announced that government rates would apply for the normal, non-ICU beds reserved in private hospitals by the Delhi government for COVID-19 patients.

"The positivity rate was 15.26 per cent on November 7. It is less than 11 per cent now. The maximum number of cases (8,593) were reported on November 10," he said.

"The positivity rate has come down and the number of cases is also reducing gradually. It is a clear indicator that the spread of the virus is decreasing in Delhi," he told reporters.

The average death rate across the country is 1.48 per cent, and in Delhi, it is 1.57 per cent, Jain said, adding that it was around 3.50 per cent in June.

There was no harm in wearing a face mask inside a car, the Minister said, appealing to the people of the city to



ensure that they don't step outside without wearing one.

Jain said 2,644 normal beds and 260 ICU beds "extra" would be made available for COVID-19 patients in private hospitals after the government issued directions in this regard on Thursday.

The national capital reported 7,456 coronavirus cases on Thursday and the positivity rate was at 12.09 per cent. The AAP government on Thursday announced sweeping measures, including a steep Rs 2,000 fine for not wearing masks, reser-

vation of 80 per cent ICU beds in private hospitals, doubling testing centres in every district and postponement of non-critical surgeries at health facilities. Private hospitals have also been directed to increase the percentage of non-ICU COVID-19 beds from 50 per cent to 60 per cent.

The government also said it will increase the number of RT-PCR test to 27,000 a day in the national capital and MBBS students and interns would be engaged to tackle the COVID-19 situation.

Five arrested for robbing jewellery store in G'gram

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Gurugram police have arrested five robbers for allegedly robbing a jewellery shop in Gurugram's Roshan Pura area on September 9 in full public view.

The arrested accused has been identified as Mintu (24), Harsh alias Sagar (19) and Tonny (24), all residents of Gurugram.

The others are Varun alias Sonu (32) of Kaithal and Sunil, a resident of Kapashera in Delhi.

According to the police, Mintu and Sonu were arrested from Delhi on Tuesday with the help of technical support and specific inputs provided by the informants.

The duo was on police remand on their information Harsh, Tonny and Sunil were arrested on Wednesday from Badshahpur area in Gurugram.

"During questioning the culprits have confessed their involvement in the crime and accept that they had decamped with 150 gram gold jewellery worth Rs 13 lakh from the jewellery on September 9. The entire accused are on police remand during this period the investigation will gather more information about the inci-

dent and will also try to recover looted items from their possession," said Subhash Boken, spokesperson of the Gurugram police.

The incident took place on September 9 when five unidentified armed miscreants robbed a jewellery shop at gunpoint in broad daylight and decamped with Jewellery worth Rs 13 lakh in Gurugram.

The jeweller was alone when the robbers barged into his shop. The Police said that the entire incident was recorded by a camera installed at the shop.

During the crime the accused had entered the shop and asked the jeweller to show them gold rings for an engagement.

When the jeweller moved to take out the desired items, the fourth accused who was already present in the shop, whipped out a pistol while the others tied him up and thrashed him and looted the jewellery items in the store.

The accused then escaped from the spot in their swift dzire car.

A case of robbery had been registered against unidentified persons at the city police station under various sections of the IPC.

40-yr-old man, two aides kill rickshawpuller

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A rickshaw puller was allegedly killed by a 40 year-old man and his two associates who also tried to turn the killing in a suicide in order to falsely implicate another man whom the accused suspected his wife's paramour.

The accused have been identified as Ajimuddin, a resident of Bihar, Nandan Kumar (22), and Habib (48), both residents of Loni, Ghaziabad.

According to Vijayanta Arya, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Northwest district, police received information on Tuesday that a person has fallen from the rooftop of a house.

"The injured was admitted in BJRM hospital where he died during the treatment. The deceased was later identified as Aalam, a resident of Geeta Colony. He was a rickshaw puller in Geeta Colony," said the DCP adding that the post-mortem was conducted.

"Police also recovered a suicide note from the spot. During investigation, the incident was found suspicious. On the basis of names written in the letter, police investigate the matter and

found that the incident was not of suicide, following which a case under section 302 (murder) was registered at Mahendra Park police station," said the DCP.

"Later, Ajimuddin and Nandan Kumar were arrested on Thursday and Habib was arrested on Friday. The motive behind the murder was revealed as enmity of Ajimuddin with one Farman, whose name and mobile number was mentioned in the suicide note along with three other persons who work in a utensil polish factory in Ashok Vihar with Farman," said the DCP.

"The wife of accused Ajimhddin was also working in the same factory with Farman. Ajimuddin was suspecting illicit relation of his wife with Farman. They used to fight on the issue. Earlier, during a fight, Ajimuddin assaulted his wife with a stick on her head," said the DCP.

"His wife had filed a case of 308 (attempt to commit culpable homicide) against him and he suspected that due to Farman, his wife had approached police. After coming out of jail, Ajimuddin approached his cousin Habib and sought his help

to kill Farman," said the DCP.

"Habib asked him to revise his plan and he advised him to kill any other person and to prepare platform of suicide case with suicide note mentioning name of Farman and others so that Farman could be falsely implicated in an instigation of suicide case," said the DCP.

"While working on their plan, Habib targeted Aalam. Habib also added his associate Nandan in this case. They identified the building and found it easy to reach at the terrace. They called Aalam on pretext of transporting goods on his rickshaw and brought him to the place of incident at the rooftop of a house," said the DCP.

"They killed him by hitting with a stone on his head and fled from the spot by leaving suicide note written by Habib mentioning names of Farman and three others. Rickshaw of the deceased has been recovered from a street near the spot. The mobile phone of deceased was in possession of Habib and he was using the SIM card registered in the name of Nandan. Both Ajimuddin and Habib have criminal antecedents," said the DCP.

₹4.47 cr collected from mask violators

PARVESH SHARMA ■ GURUGRAM

As many as 89,562 people have been challaned in Gurugram for not wearing face masks since March when the lockdown was imposed, the police said on Friday.

The police also informed that fines amounting to more than Rs 4.47 crore were collected from the violators since March.

Reportedly in the previous month the city cops had also issued 22,817 challans against mask offenders across the district. Face masks were made compulsory for everyone in the city since lockdown and not wearing one was made a punishable offence.

So far the police have acted against people in markets and crowded places, shopkeepers, cabs, bike riders and auto rickshaws for carrying people,



police said.

"To curb the number of corona cases in Gurugram, I have already issued strict directions to the force to implement corona norms effectively. During the festive session the several police teams were on their task to not only issue challan against offenders but to aware them about the seriousness of the deadly virus," said

K K Rao, commissioner of Gurugram police.

The police chief also informed that the force had encouraged people to use masks in markets and crowded places via loudspeakers. "The police patrolling vehicles across the district are also keeping an eye on offenders, the police will also distribute face masks among the people

and urge them to maintain social distancing," Rao said.

Apart from police personnel, the district administration also authorised magistrates, tehsildars, naib tehsildars, BDPOs and executive officers of Municipal Committees to challan residents for violation of the guidelines issued under the Epidemic Disease Act.

"We appealed to the residents to stay indoors and not come outside unnecessarily. The police will also take prompt action against those who break Covid-19 norms," he said.

Meanwhile, on Friday, the district health department detected 793 fresh Covid-19 cases, taking the total to 42,618. Of this, 36,877 people have recovered.

The Covid-19 death toll has reached 256 in the district including three who died on Friday.

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BOOSTING HIGHWAYS EFFICIENCY 200 technical institutes to adopt NH stretches



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Central road making agency NHAI has received "overwhelming response" from many reputed institutes including all the IITs for the purpose of adopting road and highway stretches to be used as a field of study for faculty, researchers and familiarise the students of the institute with the latest trends in industry and suggest the relevant performance parameters and innovations.

In line with its vision to provide world-class National Highway (NH) network and to create a bridge between technical Institutions and Industry, the National Highways Authority of India had introduced a unique initiative to associate with these reputed Technical Institutes and Engineering colleges to adopt nearby stretches of National Highways, on voluntary basis under Institution Social

Responsibility.

All the Indian institute of Technology IITs (including IIT Roorkee, IIT Bombay, IIT Varanasi, IIT Guwahati, IIT Kanpur, IIT Kharagpur), 26 NITs and 190 other reputed engineering colleges have agreed to collaborate. Out of which, about 200 institutes have already signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Over 300 institutes are expected to collaborate to adopt NH stretches.

Under this initiative, the partner institutes will have to study improvement prospects in Road Safety, maintenance, riding comfort, removal of choke points, black spots and usage of new technologies on the adopted stretches and give suitable suggestions to NHAI.

The institutes are also encouraged to associate with the Consultants/NHAI during conceptualisation, design and

project preparation of new projects and suggest the relevant performance parameters and innovations based on experience specific to the local climate, topography and resource potential for better socio economic outcome.

The areas of collaboration for improving the efficiency of existing highways are improvements in safety provisions by removing existing deficiencies and offering potential solutions to old recurring problems based on local experience; improvements in continual maintenance of the stretches and improving the riding comfort through cost effective measures based on innovative technologies.

Other areas of study are localised solutions for removal of congestion points and thereby increasing the average traffic speed; viability of new wayside amenities for road users based on the existing traffic pattern and user expectations etc.

"NHAI envisions to provide a world class NH network to meet the Nation's requirements by building large number of mega highway projects in a cost-effective manner. Adoption of NH stretch by an Institute would facilitate stakeholder engagement and help to mitigate the routine local problems such as traffic hindrance, congestion, and immediate identification of accident-prone sites and causes thereof," said a NHAI official statement.

NIA raids five locations in Mallapuram, Kozhikode in gold smuggling racket



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The NIA on Friday conducted searches at five locations in Mallapuram and Kozhikode districts of Kerala in the Kerala Gold Smuggling Case relating to seizure of 30 kg gold worth ₹14.82 crore on July 5, 2020 at Trivandrum International Airport from the baggage addressed to the UAE Consulate at Thiruvananthapuram.

The searches were conducted at the residence of five accused persons Mohamed Aslam, Abdul Latheef, Nazaruheen Sha, Ramzan P. and Muhammed Mansoor. These accused persons conspired with the already arrested accused and facilitated smuggling of gold through import cargo addressed to the UAE Consulate General, and its disposal, the NIA said.

During searches, several electronic items and documents have been seized, the agency said.

So far, 21 accused persons have been arrested in the case and further investigation in the case is continuing, it added.

Meanwhile, the CBI on Friday then Executive Engineer (Now Retired), Lucknow Division Sharda Canal, Lucknow (also holding the additional charge of then

Superintending Engineer, XII Circle, Irrigation Department during the alleged period) Roop Singh Yadav and a Senior Assistant, Irrigation Department, Lucknow, Raj Kumar Yadav in an on-going investigation of a case.

The CBI had registered a case on November 30, 2017 on the request of Uttar Pradesh Government and further notification from Government of India, and taken over the investigation of the case, earlier registered vide FIR No.831/2017 at Police Station, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow.

It was alleged that irregularities were committed in implementation of "Gomti River Channelisation Project" and "Gomti River Front Development" by Irrigation Department, Government of UP. The alleged irregularities including non publication of NITs, diversion of funds and pooling of tenders in four major works of Gomti River Front Development project namely Construction of Diaphragm wall, Construction of Intercepting Trunk Drain, Construction of Rubber Dam and preparation of Vision Documents are also being investigated in the case.

It was further alleged that the accused favoured some contractors and executed the agreements with them on the basis of forged documents without the publication of NIT in the newspapers.

Both the arrested accused were produced before the Court of Special Judge, CBI Cases, Lucknow and remanded to four days Police Custody.

₹3,971.31 cr booster for 'per drop more crop' scheme



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In a bid to promote 'per drop more crop' (PDMC) under the Prime Minister Krishi Sinchayee Yojna (PMKSY) to encourage farmers to install micro irrigation systems-sprinkler and drip irrigation, the Ministry of Agriculture has given nod for subsidised loans worth ₹3,971.31 crore for implementing the projects. The maximum loan has been approved for Tamil Nadu, followed by Haryana and Gujarat.

In a statement, the ministry said the steering committee of MIF has approved projects for loan worth ₹3,971.31 crore. The interest subvented loans are being offered under Micro Irrigation Fund (MIF) created with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for implementing micro-irrigation projects.

Out of this, maximum loan of ₹1,357.93 crore has been approved for Tamil Nadu, followed by ₹790.94 crore for



Haryana, ₹764.13 crore for Gujarat, ₹616.13 crore for Andhra Pradesh, ₹276.55 crore for West Bengal, ₹150 crore for Punjab and ₹15.63 crore for Uttarakhand, it said.

However, NABARD has so far released a total loan amount of ₹1,754.60 crore to the States. Of this, about ₹659.70 crore has been released to Haryana, Tamil Nadu and Gujarat. About ₹616.13 crore loan has been released to Andhra Pradesh, ₹937.47 crore to Tamil Nadu, ₹21.57 crore to Haryana and ₹179.43 crore to Gujarat so far, it added.

This fund with a corpus of ₹5,000 crore was opera-

tionalised in the 2019-20 fiscal year with an objective to facilitate States in availing subsidised loans for expanding coverage of micro irrigation.

Under the MIF, subsidised loans are provided for not only taking up special and innovative projects but also for incentivising micro irrigation beyond the provisions available under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) to encourage farmers to install micro irrigation systems.

During the last five years (2015-16 to 2019-20), an area of 46.96 lakh ha has been covered under Micro Irrigation through PMKSY-PDMC.

Murmu elected external auditor of IPU, Geneva



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Murmu, while accepting the appointment as External Auditor of IPU, has expressed his thanks to the Executive Committee and wished for a strong partnership in fulfilling the strategic objectives of the IPU.

The CAG of India has been the external auditor of various international organizations.

He has earlier also been on the UN Board of Auditors from 1993 to 1999 and 2014 to 2020. Presently, he is the external auditor of the World Health Organization, Geneva and Food & Agriculture Organization, Rome. In the recent past, he has been the External Auditor of World Food Programme, World Intellectual Property Organization, International Atomic Energy Agency, UN World Tourism Organization, International Organization for Migration, International Maritime Organization and Organization for Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

India's Covid caseload jumps past 90-L mark



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India's Covid-19 caseload breached the 90-lakh mark on Friday with 45,882 new cases, while the recoveries surged to 84.28 lakh pushing the national recovery rate to 93.6 per cent, according to the Union Health Ministry data. With 45,882 new cases, the country has witnessed a rise in active cases after 48 days.

The total coronavirus cases mounted to 90,04,365 and the death toll climbed to 1,32,162 with the novel coronavirus virus claiming 584 lives in a span of 24 hours in the country, the data updated at 8 am showed.

The Covid-19 case fatality rate has further declined to 1.46 per cent. There are 4,43,794 active cases of coronavirus

infection in the country which comprises 4.92 per cent of the total caseload, the data stated. Among most-infected States, Delhi continues to report highest daily new cases in India (7,500) followed by Kerala (5,700) and Maharashtra (5,500) while other NCR cities have reported 1,600 new cases.

Cases per million population in India is now 6,500, while the world average is 7,341.

According to the ICMR, a cumulative total of 12,95,91,786 samples have been tested up to November 20 with 10,83,397 samples being tested on Thursday. India's Covid-19 tally had crossed the 20-lakh mark on August 7, 30 lakh on August 23 and 40 lakh on September 5.

Infection peaks early in Covid-19 patients: Study

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Infectiousness peaks early in Covid-19 patients and antiviral drug remdesivir is not suggested for patients admitted to hospital with Covid-19, researchers have said in two separate studies.

The study published in the journal The Lancet Microbe, said that people infected with coronavirus are most likely to be highly infectious in the first week after symptom onset and there is a need to quickly identify and isolate cases before the virus spreads.

The researchers used meta-analysis to assess 98 studies on Covid-19, SARS and MERS wherein the researchers studied all three diseases was to determine why Covid-19 has spread more rapidly than the earlier diseases.

"This is the first systematic review and meta-analysis that has comprehensively examined and compared viral

Antiviral drug remdesivir suspended as Covid treatment



load and shedding for these three human coronaviruses," said study lead author Muge Cevik from the University of St. Andrews in the UK. "It provides a clear explanation for why SARS-CoV-2 spreads more efficiently than SARS-CoV and MERS-CoV and is so much more difficult to contain," Cevik added.

In another study, WHO Guideline Development Group (GDG) panel of international experts pointed out in The BMJ that remdesivir has received worldwide attention as a potentially effective treatment for severe covid-19 and is increasingly used to treat patients in hospital. But its role in clinical practice has remained uncertain, they said citing data from four interna-

tional randomised trials involving over 7,000 patients hospitalised for covid-19.

After thoroughly reviewing this evidence, the WHO GDG expert panel, which includes experts from around the world including four patients who have had covid-19, concluded that remdesivir has no meaningful effect on mortality or on other important outcomes for patients, such as the need for mechanical ventilation or time to clinical improvement.

The panel acknowledged that the certainty of evidence is low and said the evidence did not prove that remdesivir has no benefit; rather, there is no evidence based on currently available data that it does improve important patient outcomes.

It went past 50 lakh on September 16, 60 lakh on

September 28, 70 lakh on October 11 and crossed 80 lakh

on October 29, said the Ministry.

AG grants consent for contempt proceedings against Kunal Kamra over fresh tweet

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Attorney General KK Venugopal Friday gave consent for initiating contempt proceedings against stand-up comic artist Kunal Kamra for his November 18 tweet, saying it was "grossly vulgar and obnoxious" and tended to lower the authority of the Supreme Court.

The top law officer had last week granted consent for initiation of contempt proceedings against Kamra for his earlier tweets which allegedly criticised the apex court, saying they were in "bad taste" and it was time people understood that attacking it brazenly will attract punishment.

The consent of either the Attorney General or the Solicitor General is necessary, under section 15 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, for initiating contempt proceedings against a person.

Venugopal granted the fresh consent on a request made in this regard by Prayagraj-based advocate Anuj Singh. Kamra, in his November 18 tweet, had made an objectionable gesture while making a comment against the Chief Justice of India.

Rabi crops sown to record 265.43L ha so far this season

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Sowing of winter crops has started in the country, with farmers planting wheat in about 97.27 lakh hectare so far in this rabi season. Total area sown to all rabi crops has increased to 265.43 lakh hectare so far this season, from 241.66 lakh hectare area during the corresponding period of last year.

According to the agriculture ministry, wheat has been sown in 97.27 lakh hectare so far in the rabi season of 2020-21 as against 96.77 lakh hectare in the year-ago period. Wheat is the main winter or rabi crop. Rice and pulses, such as gram, urad, moong as well as oilseeds like groundnut and sunflower, are other rabi crops grown in this season.

As per the sowing data released by the ministry, there has been no impact of COVID-19 on progress of area coverage under rabi crops as on date. Among other rabi crops, paddy has been sown in more area at 7.26 lakh hectare when com-



pared with 6.98 lakh hectare, while pulses has been planted in 82.59 lakh hectare as against 64.57 lakh hectare area in the said period.

Coarse cereals have been sown in slightly more area at 22.78 lakh hectare so far in the current season, against 21.26 lakh hectare in the year-ago period.

According to the ministry's data, farmers have sown oilseeds in 55.53 lakh hectare area so far this season, against

52.08 lakh hectare area a year ago. Much of the coverage is under mustard at 52.25 lakh hectare so far.

The ministry said the country received 4 per cent less rains during the winter period between October 1 and November 19. However, the Central Water Commission has informed that water storage level in 123 reservoirs stands at 93 per cent as compared with the year-ago period, it added.

Scholarship for students hailing from families afflicted with leprosy

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

At a time when many students are facing fund crunch amid Covid-19 pandemic, Delhi-based Sasakawa-India Leprosy Foundation (S-ILF) gave a ray of hope to 40 meritorious students hailing from families afflicted with leprosy. On Friday, at an event held online, it bestowed upon them scholarships for higher professional education.

NK Singh, Chairman, 15th Finance Commission, who was chief guest at the event which was organised as part of the S-ILF's 14th Foundation Day, hoped that these scholarships will help the students break free stigma and discrimination and enable them to lead a life of dignity.

On the occasion, Tarun Das, Chairman, S-ILF said that the scholars symbolized

courage and success while Dr Vivek Lal, CEO, S-ILF said steps will be taken to further increase the opportunities for education and livelihood support for the persons affected by leprosy and their families. In keeping with this, the number of Scholarships provided this year has been increased, he said.

Tehseen Zaidi, Program Manager, Communications & Advocacy from S-ILF shared that Nursing Scholarship (Batch X) and Holiness the Dalai Lama-Sasakawa scholarship (Batch V) were given respectively to 15 and 25 meritorious students from across the country for 2020. Till date, the organisation working for the empowerment of the sector has provided 115 Nursing scholarships and 124 His Holiness the Dalai Lama-Sasakawa scholarship for higher professional education, she added.

185 sugar mills, standalone distilleries may avail up to ₹12,500 cr loan to raise ethanol production

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

To boost ethanol production as part of its efforts to achieve 20 per cent blending with petrol, the Government has given in-principle approval to 185 sugar mills and standalone distilleries to avail ₹12,500 crore of loans for capacity addition of about 468 crore litre of ethanol per annum. Apart from promoting ethanol production from sugarcane, the food ministry is making efforts to manufacture ethanol using surplus rice with state-owned FCI as well as maize. The move is aimed at boosting ethanol blending with petrol, which currently stands at nearly 5 per cent. In the last two years, 70 ethanol projects were sanctioned loans of ₹3,600 crore.

In the normal sugar season, about 320 Lakh Metric Tons (LMT) of sugar is produced against domestic consumption of 260 LMT. This 60 LMT of surplus sugar which remains unsold, blocks funds of sugar mills to the tune of about Rs. 19,000 crore every year thereby affecting liquidity positions

of sugar mills resulting in accumulation of cane price arrears of farmers.

"Under the ethanol interest subvention scheme for molasses-based distilleries, the government in September 2020 has opened a window for 30 days to invite more applications from sugar mills/distilleries, which were examined by DFPD... about 185 applicants (85 sugar mills and 100 molasses-based standalone distilleries) are being granted in-principle approval for availing loan amount of ₹12,500 crore for capacity addition of about 468 crore litres per annum," the Food Ministry said in a statement. These projects would be completed in another 3-4 years, thus help in achieving the desired blending target, it added.

In the past two years, loans of about Rs. 3600 crore have been sanctioned for 70 such ethanol projects (molasses based distilleries) which involve capacity enhancement of 195 crore litres; out of these 70 projects, 31 projects have been completed adding a capacity of 102 crore litres so far. With the

efforts made by Government, the existing installed capacity of molasses based distilleries has reached to 426 cr ltrs.

In the current Ethanol Supply Year 2019-20 only 168 crore litres of ethanol is likely to be supplied to OMCs for blending with petrol thereby achieving 4.8% blending levels. However, in the ensuing Ethanol Supply Year 2020-21, efforts are being made to supply 325 crore ltrs of ethanol to OMCs thereby achieving 8.5% blending; and in the ethanol supply year 2021-22 ending in November, 2022 efforts are being made to achieve 10% blending target which is quite possible in view of the concerted efforts made by the Government.

For Year 2020-21, bids of 322 crore litres (289 crore from molasses and 34 crore litre from grains) have already been received in first tender floated by OMCs and in subsequent tenders more quantity from molasses and grain based distilleries will come, thus Government will be able to achieve 325 crore litre and 8.5% blending target.

BJP: Article 370 would never be restored in J&K

'Gupkar alliance befooling people'

Srinagar: The BJP on Friday asserted that Article 370, which was revoked by the Centre last year, would never be restored in Jammu and Kashmir, and alleged that parties of 'Gupkar alliance' were befooling people by making promises over its restoration. Addressing a press conference here, BJP national spokesperson Shah Nawaz also said the upcoming District Development Council (DDC) polls were being fought over local developmental issues and its results would not be a referendum on the Centre's last year's decision of revocation of the special status of the erstwhile state.

"We believe that when someone dies, he cannot return from the grave. Article 370 has also been buried and it will never return. It can never be restored and no world power can help in its restoration," he said.

The BJP leader, who is the party's in-charge for Kashmir for the polls, said NC president Farooq Abdullah and PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti were befooling people by showing them dreams, but asserted their dreams would never come true.

"They are showing the people dreams and befooling them. There is no big a lie than that. These are the same leaders who were claiming and alleged that parties of 'Gupkar alliance' were befooling people by making promises over its restoration. Addressing a press conference here, BJP national spokesperson Shah Nawaz also said the upcoming District Development Council (DDC) polls were being fought over local developmental issues and its results would not be a referendum on the Centre's last year's decision of revocation of the special status of the erstwhile state.

Hussain said the leaders of the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PGAD) - an amalgam of several parties, including the NC and the PDP, seeking the restoration of the special status of the erstwhile state - had accepted the Centre's decision of revocation of Article 370.

"They have accepted this decision and are now participating in the elections. They have ganged up. They have befooled the people of J-K. They have indulged in politics over the bodies of the youth of J-K to save their chair. They are sinners and no one will forgive them. They have committed big sins and are worse than gangsters and they live only for power and to benefit their families and relatives," PTI

Sound, fury of electioneering missing in Valley's local poll

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

With less than 10 days to go for the first phase of polling of the District Development Council (DDC) polls beginning November 28, the sound and fury of the electioneering is missing on ground zero, especially in Kashmir valley.

Absence of a level playing field is preventing candidates belonging to the opposition parties from freely contesting maiden elections after the Abrogation of Article 370 and 35-A.

Allegations have already surfaced from different quarters where candidates, accommodated in secured zones to ensure their safety and security, have been barred from campaigning freely.

The contesting candidates, who are facing these security restrictions, have already apprised their party high command to take up the issue with the concerned authorities in the administration and seek redressal for the same from the office of state election commissioner.

Speaking to *The Pioneer* over telephone from Srinagar, National Conference Provincial President Nasir Aslam Wani said, "the candidates have not been treated at par for a variety of reasons." "On one hand the BJP candidates and their junior-level workers are provided individual personal security and bulletproof vehicles, while all others are accommodated in government accommodations". He further said the candidates have been permitted to organise their campaign meetings

between 12.00 to 3.00 p.m. Election campaigns are not organised like this, he added.

He said, if the government machinery was not prepared to hold free and fair polls, why penalise candidates. Wani told *The Pioneer*, at many places candidates have not been allowed to venture out before noon. In some of the cases they are told to wind up their campaign meetings before 4 p.m.

Inspector General of Police, Kashmir range, Vijay Kumar said providing security to each candidate contesting the polls is difficult. "We are providing them collective security and they are being put up in secure areas," he said. Rayees Mattoo, a NC candidate of the PAGD from Khag area of central Kashmir's Budgam district, said he has been put up at a hotel here and candidates of the alliance are not allowed to campaign even while their competitors are freely working in the field.

Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party candidate from Sangrama Shoab Lone told *The Pioneer*, "the government is providing security to only those candidates who already figure in the list of protectees". He said it is not possible for the security establishment to extend exclusive cover to each and every candidate. Referring to the peoples participation in the DDC polls Lone said, so far people are supporting and attending campaign meetings. "I am praying no untoward incident should happen to dampen the voter's spirit in the run up to the polling day."

A senior PDP leader said, having a

level playing field is the essence of democracy but every effort is being made to stop the contesting candidates of Peoples Alliance for Gupkar Declaration from campaigning by hounding and caging them in the name of security. Is this how democracy is redefined in new Kashmir.

In contrast to this the election scene is hotting up in Jammu region ahead of the first phase of polling. The BJP is running an aggressive campaign to ensure victory for the majority of its candidates. The party leadership supervising the poll preparations are relying on the charisma of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi to woo the voters.

Congress party is the enemy number 1 of BJP and the entire campaign is designed to corner the grand old party and question its double standards over joining hands with the Kashmir based Peoples Alliance for Gupkar Declaration. On its part, the local congress leaders are leaving no stone unturned to expose the divisive politics of the BJP.

Lashing out at the BJP Govt, JKPC President said people have realized as to what BJP has done since it assumed power at Centre and erstwhile J&K State and how it pushed people of J&K to wall for electoral gains.

Addressing a gathering of party workers in Verinag, G.A. Mir assured that Congress Party will continue to work for the wellbeing of the people, despite the concocted and false propaganda unleashed by the BJP against the Party (Congress).

J&K L-G assures political parties of smooth campaigning

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ JAMMU

Responding to the allegations of not allowing level playing field to the contesting candidates belonging to the Opposition parties Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday assured political parties of smooth campaigning for the upcoming local body elections and said the polls would go a long way in strengthening panchayati raj institutions in the Union Territory.

Responding to a letter by CPI(M) leader Mohammed Yusuf Tarigami who had raised the issue of candidates being kept away from their constituencies and not being allowed to campaign, Sinha said he has taken note of the concerns and conveyed "necessary instructions".

Tarigami, a former MLA from the militancy-hit Kulgam district of south Kashmir, had informed the Lt Governor that after filing their nomination papers, the candidates were not allowed to campaign due to "perceived threat to their lives" and had been bundled in "cluster accommoda-

tion". "Confining candidates against their wishes has severely restricted their movement and ability to campaign. Even in some cases, they are not allowed to attend party meetings," the letter said.

Tarigami said that there had been instances that rival candidates were sent in the same vehicle and asked to campaign together. "Several candidates from far-off places were sent to hotels in Srinagar soon after they filed the nomination forms last week. Not just the voters, but the families of the candidates are also concerned," he said.

In his response, the Lt Governor said, "I am sure that the coming elections will go a long way in strengthening the Panchayati Raj Institutions," Tarigami released the former MLA said such arrangements were a big concern and there was a lot of dissatisfaction on ground over it. "Who wins and who loses, the decision must lie on the electorate. Democracy must finally win. For that the process must be made secure and credible, Tarigami added.

Ban on love jihad, cow slaughter in K'taka soon: BJP leader CT Ravi

Bengaluru: A ban on 'Love jihad' and cow slaughter would be a reality in Karnataka very soon, BJP national general secretary C T Ravi said on Friday.

The former Karnataka Minister, who is in-charge of party affairs in Maharashtra, Goa and poll-bound Tamil Nadu, said a law banning both practices would be passed in the coming Assembly session. He said there are serious deliberations going on in government circles as BJP state president Nalin Kumar Kateel has also urged Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa to take steps in this regard.

"Love Jihad and cow slaughter ban has been approved by the BJP core committee.

The clamour to bring in a law banning cow slaughter has grown louder. We intend to do so," the Chikkamagaluru MLA told a press conference.

He pointed out that the Karnataka government has already constituted

a committee to ban cow slaughter. Based on its recommendation, the law will be passed shortly, he said.

Ravi said he had already spoken to Animal Husbandry Minister Prabhu Chauhan to get "The Karnataka Prevention of Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Bill" passed in the cabinet and present it in the coming assembly session.

The law was to have been passed in the previous assembly session, but it did not happen "due to political reasons," he said.

Claiming that there was a ban on cow slaughter during the reign of Mughal emperor Akbar, Ravi pointed out that the existing law was inadequate to check the practice.

"Collecting fines from offenders will not discourage this practice. We will review the provisions in the anti-cow slaughter laws in Uttar Pradesh and other states," Ravi said.

In 2010, the then BJP government led by B S Yediyurappa had got

the 'Prevention of Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Bill', which proposed to replace the 'Karnataka Prevention of Cow Slaughter and Cattle Preservation Act, 1964', passed.

The bill had widened the definition of 'cattle' and imposed a blanket ban on cattle slaughter, coupled with stringent penalty clauses for violations.

However, the Congress government headed by Siddaramaiah that came to power in 2013 withdrew the bill that was before the President for his assent. On 'Love Jihad', Ravi had said earlier this month that on the lines of the Allahabad High Court's order, Karnataka would enact a law banning religious conversions for the sake of marriage.

"We will not remain silent when Jihadis strip the dignity of our sisters," he had said, adding that anyone involved in any act of conversion would face severe and swift punishment. PTI

Love jihad manufactured by BJP to divide India, says Rajasthan CM Gehlot

Jaipur: Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Friday gave a strong statement on 'love-jihad' and said that it is a term manufactured by the BJP to divide the nation.

"Marriage is a matter of personal liberty and bringing a law to curb it is completely unconstitutional," he tweeted on Friday.

Gehlot took to Twitter and unleashed a series of tweets to express his thoughts on 'love-jihad' to say, "Love Jihad is a word manufactured by BJP to divide the Nation & disturb communal harmony. Marriage is a matter of personal liberty, bringing a law to curb it is completely unconstitutional & it will not stand in any court of law. Jihad has no place in Love."

In the second tweet, he said, "They are creating an environment in the nation where consenting adults would be at the mercy of state power. Marriage is a personal decision & they are putting curbs on it, which is like snatching away personal liberty." In the third tweet on 'love-jihad', he said, "It seems a ploy to disrupt communal harmony, fuel social conflict & disregard constitutional provisions like the state not discriminating against citizens on any ground. IANS

UP Home Dept proposes tough law against love jihad: Official

Lucknow: The Uttar Pradesh Home Department has sent a proposal to the State's Law Ministry for a stringent law to deal with the alleged religious conversion of women in the name of marriage, which BJP leaders refer to as "love jihad".

The development follows an announcement by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath during recent election rallies that his government would come out with a law to deal with the "love jihad". A proposal for strict law against "love jihad" has been sent to the Law Department, a government spokesman confirmed on Friday.

Stressing on the need for a strict law to deal with "love jihad", UP Law Minister Brijesh Pathak on Friday told PTI, "There has been a rise in such cases in the state which have caused social disharmony and enmity. These incidents are also bringing a bad name to the state and therefore a strict law is the need of the hour."

"We will do whatever is required as soon as we receive a proposal from the Home

Department as we have already made all necessary preparations," Pathak said.

Addressing by-elections rallies in Jaunpur and Deoria on October 31, Chief Minister Adityanath had said his government would come out with a law to deal with 'love jihad' and had used the Hindu funeral chant 'Ram Naam Satya Hai' to threaten those who don't respect their daughters and sisters.

Welcoming the Allahabad High Court ruling which had declared that conversion for the sole purpose of marriage is not valid, the chief minister had also said posters would be put up of those involved in 'love jihad', a derogatory coinage referring to the alleged campaign of Muslims forcing Hindu girls to convert in the guise of love.

"We will bring an effective law. It is my warning to those who play with the honour and dignity of sisters and daughters by hiding their real names and identities. If they do not mend their ways, their 'Ram Naam Satya' journey will start," Adityanath had said. PTI

Schools, colleges to remain closed till Dec 31 in Mumbai, Thane

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Apprehending a second wave of Covid-19 sweeping the country and Maharashtra, the authorities on Friday announced that all schools and junior colleges in Mumbai and neighbouring Thane would remain closed December 31 as a precaution against the spread of Covid-19.

While the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) ordered the closure of all schools and junior colleges till December 31, Thane's district guardian minister Eknath Shinde directed Collector Rajesh Narvekar to close down all schools and junior colleges in Thane, Navi Mumbai, Kalyan and Dombivli till the end of December 2020.

The Maharashtra government had earlier permitted schools and junior colleges to reopen in phases beginning from November 23 for Class 9 to Class 12, and later for other lower classes. However, the authorities on Friday postponed the reopening of schools and junior colleges till December 31.

"As per the earlier orders of the Maharashtra government, we

were prepared to re-open classes for students from 9th and 12 standards from November 23. Though the Covid-19 situation is very much under control in Mumbai, one cannot rule out the possibility of the second wave of Covid-19 sweeping the country and also Maharashtra. Hence, we need to take extra precautions to check the spread of deadly virus during the next four to six weeks," the BMC stated, while announcing the postponement of reopening of schools and junior colleges till December 31. However, the BMC announced that the SSC (10th standard) and 12th standard (12th standard) examinations will be held as per the normal schedule.

Welcoming the BMC's announcement deferring the reopening of schools and junior colleges till December 31, Mumbai Principals Association (MPA) Secretary Prashant Redij said: "We had suggested to the government to first open schools in green zone, study the impact before allowing other zones. We did not expect more than 15-20 percent students to attend the classrooms starting from Monday."

21-year-old rape 'victim' attempts suicide in Chitrakoot village, accused held

Chitrakoot (UP): A 21-year-old woman, who had accused a youth last week of raping her on the promise of marriage, tried to hang herself to death at her home in Markundi police station area, an official said on Friday.

Following the suicide bid by the woman, police arrested the accused youth. In a note found in the

woman's house after her suicide attempt, she said she was taking the extreme step because none of the accused has so far been arrested, he said. She said she was also fed up of insults heaped on her by villagers, he added. The woman had lodged a criminal case on November 13 against one Surendra Dubey of her village, alleging that he raped her on

the promise of marriage, the police said. The woman attempted suicide on Wednesday by hanging from the ceiling but a Dial 112 team, which rushed to her home on information by family members, saved her by breaking open the door, a senior police official said.

Markundi police station SHO Ramesh Chandra said the woman

was admitted to a Community Health Centre in an unconscious state, but she is now out of danger.

In the FIR, the woman had also alleged that about eight months ago, she was forcibly given pills to abort her pregnancy by four members of Dubey's family when she was called over to their house for talks about the marriage. PTI

Robbery in police officer's house

Aligarh: Cash was stolen from the home of a gazetted police officer posted in the district. This news was kept highly confidential but came out like a fire in the forest. After this, the authorities are tight-lipped about it. The follower is suspected who is under interrogation by the police.

The incident occurred at the civil lines based official residence of a gazetted police officer posted in the city. On Wednesday late evening, the officer was packing bags for going to Allahabad for government work. PNS




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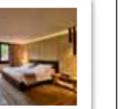

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Kerala records 6,028 new Covid cases

Thiruvananthapuram: Kerala recorded 6,028 Covid-19 cases on Friday, pushing the caseload to 5,49,541, as the death toll is inching towards the 2000 mark, Health minister K K Shailaja said.

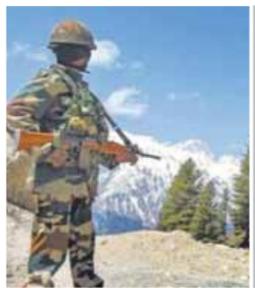
According to the release, 60,365 samples have been sent for testing in the last 24 hours, and the test positivity rate has touched 9.98 per cent. So far, 57,49,016 samples have been sent for testing.

With 6,398 people getting cured of the disease, the total recoveries mounted to 4,81,718 while 67,831 people are undergoing treatment, the minister said in a press release. PTI

The toll has climbed to 1,997 with 28 more deaths. Of the positive cases, 56 are health workers, while 105 people had come from outside the state and 5,213 infected through contact. PTI

China's new game

Bhutan is most certain to emerge as the next flashpoint as Beijing makes territorial ingress near Doklam



China isn't expected to concede any territorial advantage it has along its shared border with India and its continued depredations only prove the predictability of its acquisitive strategies and the futility of expecting talks to tame its expansionist ambition. That's why the report that it had infringed on Bhutan's sovereignty and set up a permanent settlement 2 km within its border, close to Doklam, didn't quite come as a surprise though subsequently this was denied by Bhutan's ambassador. Beijing has anyway mastered the art of smart tradeoffs with our allies. But satellite images have confirmed the report. The news of the Chinese settlement very close to Doklam was first shared by CGTN news producer Shen Shiwei, a media organisation considered to be the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP's) stooge, but was later deleted. He had posted pictures of a neat residential settlement complete with amenities. Perhaps this was part of China's information propaganda war, creating a perception of and the desire for the goodness of the Chinese way of life and intimidating bordering nations to subscribe to territorial and economic transactions loaded in its favour. But that doesn't mean that it has lost sight of either Bhutan, where it has already ingressed into a wildlife sanctuary, or Doklam in particular. And given reports of the Chinese takeover of Nepal's bordering villages, the wolf warrior tactic is playing out both in the strategic and information domain. China will never give up Doklam though it simmered down tension with India after the standoff in 2017. That's because this patch of land is crucial for ensuring its unhindered road connectivity from Chumbi Valley to bordering areas of India and Bhutan. Without this cushion, it would be constricted by both India and Bhutan on either side and wouldn't like their hawk eyes on it. Similarly, the Chinese consolidation around Doklam threatens India's chicken neck access to the Northeast, particularly Arunachal Pradesh that China insists is "south Tibet." Beijing's desperation is evident from the fact that in 1996, it "offered" to "give up" its claims to the 495 sq km of land in the Pasamlung and Jakarlung valleys of Bhutan in return for 269 sq km in Doklam. And despite a breather to India, hoping to continue a frenemy relationship with Narendra Modi than any other Indian leader and, therefore, cooling down till the latter's re-election, it fortified its positions close to the site within a year. Its over-adventurism at Galwan eroded that understanding between the two leaders and its continued intransigence has only worsened equations. In fact, this is a pincer attack of sorts, drawing us to the eastern front and compounding pressure on us to vacate the Chushul heights in Ladakh, a strategic perch that allows us a privileged view of the Chinese road to Aksai Chin. China is revving up defence infrastructure along the Line of Actual Control (LAC). Post-Galwan, it has firmed up positions along the central, Sikkim and eastern sectors. It has been ramping up surface-to-air missile sites, increased the number of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and expanded air bases in Tibet.

Bhutan is most certain to emerge as the next flashpoint as China has never forgotten how the former chose to get close to India during the Tibetan annexation. China further refused to recognise the traditional watershed principle that had decided the boundaries between Bhutan and Tibet. And claimed there were perceptual differences over territory in much the same manner of its argument with India. Since 1981, we have had countless rounds of talks with China at different levels and 22 between Special Representatives alone since 2003. Still we have not resolved our territorial dispute, China now seeking legitimacy for its 1959 claim line. Already, it has browbeaten India at the talks table on Ladakh by calling for a buffer zone, which means our forces cannot patrol up to the points they used to because of the Chinese insistence on a no man's land. This would allow it to build resources on its side unmonitored and reverse any disengagement move at a short notice. This clause also makes Indian vigilance difficult besides stretching our alertness at all times. And now by pushing us off Chushul in exchange for withdrawing from some areas it has claimed, it is forcing us into a deal. India should not agree to any position that doesn't guarantee status quo ante across all sectors of the LAC. Both sides have considerable reasons to de-escalate. India, which is dealing with the pandemic spiral and rebuilding a battered economy, can't afford to devote significant resources to the military at this particular juncture. On the other hand, the Chinese Government wants to focus on its growing GDP, the only major economy to register a growth in a pandemic-hit year. However, earlier in September, after the meeting of the foreign ministers of the two countries, the Chinese Communist Party mouthpiece, *Global Times*, noted that the implementation of the agreement depended on whether India is able to keep up its end of the bargain. It said: "Unless India followed through, this would be little more than what he called paper talk." And on November 12, it claimed that reports of India and China having finalised a detailed disengagement were "inaccurate" at this stage. Till there is no signed agreement between the two sides on the logistics of the retreat, not much can be said. For now, India is being rightfully cautious. China has stepped up aggression in Hong Kong, virtually quietening the pro-democracy activists, is heaving down on Taiwan and is threatening Australia with brutal economic decisions for refusing entry of Huawei in 5G operations and investments. Beijing has never believed in "good faith" diplomacy. It will step up its multi-pronged offensive against us and choke our allies, too. It has already got to Bhutan.

No instant shot

Our pandemic-hit economy will continue to misfire for some time but that doesn't mean analysts can write us off



A report by the global forecasting firm, Oxford Economics, predicting that India will be one of the worst-hit economies even after the worst impact of the pandemic is beyond us, has given Government baiters a new stick to beat it with. However, one must remember that several previous predictions of doom and gloom for India, either in terms of its caseload and number of deaths, have been proven to be premature fear-mongering. While the economic relief packages have been admittedly coming slow and staggered, one must not forget that several prominent economists have argued that India has not rushed into any action and is waiting out to see what long-term impacts the Coronavirus will have before taking major action on reviving aspects of the economy. Currently, some structural reforms have been made to spur development. So one should treat all reports of what will happen four years in the future with a major pinch of salt.

It is true that manufacturing and services have been hard hit by the pandemic and while ratings agencies and the Government might quibble about the exact figures, India's economy will contract by around a tenth this year. Many sectors, such as aviation, travel and tourism, will take a good five-six years to return to prosperity that they had known and we are yet to see the worst of the jobs impact on the economy as various moratoriums come to an end. There are slight glimmers of hope though, including increased car and two-wheeler sales over the past few months. But there is also no doubt that a new tsunami of cases is upon us, whether we recognise it in the data or not, particularly in Delhi where public carelessness might have a fatal impact with specialised hospital beds beginning to run short. This has led to much speculation that Government authorities in India, like their counterparts across Europe, might need to declare a second shutdown. It would be prudent for forecasting firms, none of which saw the pandemic coming, to wait and watch as well and at least wait until the worst of the Coronavirus is past us before sounding the Doomsday alarms.

Seeding a new market

The Indian seed industry, as a sub-sector of the agri-inputs industry, has been the most vibrant in terms of innovation and growth over the past four decades



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The Indian seed industry has made rapid progress over the past 50 years, maturing because of the ceaseless efforts of thousands of men and women, who have created a strong R&D base and given us a competitive advantage in ensuring quality. India is endowed with diverse agro-climatic conditions, high level of technology expertise, trained and skilled manpower, suitable land and abundant sunshine for agriculture. The country, therefore, has immense potential to emerge as the leading provider of seeds to the world. We can export varieties for all kinds of field crops, vegetables, forage crops and flowers.

However, considering the developments in terms of the new and emerging disruptive business operating models and processes aligned with innovative technology interventions, there is a need to invest in concrete initiatives for further strengthening the Indian seed industry as part of "Atmanirbar Krishi."

The Indian seed industry, as a sub-sector of the agri-inputs industry, has been the most vibrant in terms of innovation and growth over the past four decades, contributing to a significant increase in productivity and profitability of farmers in India. The well-balanced seed quality legislative framework, set up by the Seed Act, the New Seed Policy, 1988 and National Seed Policy in 2002, boosted private sector participation in a sector that had its foundations laid by public sector seed systems. However, much needs to be done in terms of further reforms and policy interventions.

The role of new technologies, like molecular-marker based selection approaches to fast-track breeding programmes for development of new/superior plant varieties, needs to be further strengthened as an integral part of the seed industry. Also biotechnological and molecular approaches can improve the quality assurance systems. An emerging area, which utilises biotechnology and nanotechnologies and can contribute significantly to productivity and profitability of farmers, is seed treatment with biological inoculants. This can also be promoted on a large scale as part of seed-applied technologies.

The Indian seed industry can



become a globally competitive, export-oriented and self-reliant industry, especially for several Asian, African, East European and South American countries, which share similar agro-climatic conditions like India as, with respect to international trade, most countries allow seed imports subject to the following: (a) Import permit based on sanitary and phytosanitary certificates and (b) Variety evaluation in the importing country to ascertain its suitability to the agro climatic conditions.

Currently, there are no significant export incentives available to the seed sector though the export potential is estimated at more than \$ 5 billion per year based on various industry estimates. India can offer seeds for export to many countries with suitable sub-tropical and tropical agro-climatic regions in Asia, Africa, Eastern Europe and so on at affordable prices similar to our pharma and agro-chemical sectors. The following incentives can help.

Incentive to the extent of 20 per cent of the seed value that is exported must be considered because in sectors like pharma and garments, similar incentives have been available for a long time to encourage exports in the initial stages. These incentives can be gradually brought down to 10 per cent after five years. A provision of ₹100 crore may be adequate for the next five years and ₹100 crore for the next six to 10 years.

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eign country is a progressive policy. It may be considered here, too, as the seed companies have to incur heavy expenses for variety evaluation, which is a pre-condition for obtaining export orders. This expense needs to be reimbursed at least to the extent of 75 per cent by the Government. A provision of about ₹100 crore may be adequate for the next 10 years for meeting plant variety evaluation expenses for export purposes. Seed manufacturers add to economies of the importing countries and help get more foreign reserves into the country. Hence they should be rewarded with up to 30 per cent subsidy.

India has lacked a seed export promotion council for a long time. The Government, under the trade and export promotion council, should institute one with industry representatives and ensure that seed exports amount to 10 per cent of total agriculture exports.

India has three major seed hubs in the country. But given our vast agro-climate, we can cater to demands from Africa to ASEAN countries. The Government needs to allow Indian and foreign seed companies to breed seeds for export purposes in special agro-zones. These zones may function like SEZs. They need to be equipped with dry docks, good transportation, seed testing facilities and so on to facilitate swift exports. A single window clearance counter can be established for fast tracking permissions.

An "Atmanirbar Krishi" or

self-reliant seed sector needs the SAARC markets and good economic relations between SAARC countries. The Government and industry need to step forward and create a SAARC seed forum, which will help ease-of-doing-business in the sub-continent and also provide avenues for international trading without restrictions. This body should strictly be an economic one for policy and regulatory advocacy among the SAARC countries. The Indian seed sector will grow immensely if we can spearhead this drive.

Finally, climate change is causing a rapid shift in the demands of seeds globally. Very soon, many nations won't have the financial resources to evade this crisis. But we can be a hub for seed research for the world. Our versatile climate allows us to research and co-evolve new varieties that may be suited for many countries. For even one or two varieties at the right time can change the fate of the nation and bring millions of dollars into India. Hence the Government needs to provide development grants to Indian R&D companies so that they can track future challenges, assess demand and create a seed bank for Africa, Latin America and ASEAN countries. The Government may also partner with African nations to outsource their seed R&D to us. This would boost innovation here while providing lesser developed nations an access to cheaper research and seeds.

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SOUND BITE

The Oxford AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine should be available for healthcare workers and elderly people by February 2021 and by April for the general public. It will be 2024 for everybody.

Serum Institute of India, CEO
—Adar Poonawalla



The people of Pakistan and the Government have only one concern and that is what you are feeling in Afghanistan, that we want peace.

Pakistan PM
—Imran Khan

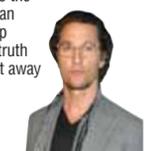
I have always been very connected with the ISL. I have enjoyed it because born in Calcutta and from a very young age, I have seen football only.

Former cricketer
—Sourav Ganguly



I was planning on taking to the road and telling stories in an hour of stand-up. Stand-up comics, they are the best truth tellers we have. If I can get away with this, then I'd love to.

Hollywood actor
—Matthew McConaughey



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Govt must provide free vaccine

It's good news that the world is close to a vaccine for the COVID-19 pandemic. Pfizer and Moderna have achieved a high degree of efficacy at over 90 per cent, using radical technologies which have the potential to tackle other critical diseases. Union Health Minister Harsha Vardhan recently said that the vaccine will be available in three to four months and that India has made arrangements to vaccinate 250-300 million people in the first phase.

However, the politics of the vaccine — especially as major powers seek to derive geopolitical advantage from it — will matter. The procurement of vaccines, especially for India, will hinge on agreements it is able to strike both bilaterally and multilaterally, while leveraging its own domestic production capacity.

The proper storage and distribution of the Coronavirus vaccines will hinge on embarking on a comprehensive partnership using public infrastructure and collaborating with private sector players. The Health Minister has rightly stated that frontline workers and the elderly will be prioritised in administering the vaccine.

repute. Masquerading of vicious hate-mongers as TV anchors is a curse on Indian journalism. Dissemination of falsehoods and post-truths cannot go on without debilitating the country and wrecking its foundational values. It is in this context that "regulation" assumes relevance and becomes an urgent need. Ideally, a democracy should do with the



However, most critically, the affordability of the vaccines will matter the most. It would be wisest for the Government to pay up and provide either discounted or free shots for the people, given that this will not just save lives but act as the single-most important stimulus to bring the economy back on track. Tracking and building each element of the vaccine architecture should be the single-most important governance priority over the next year.

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Bengaluru

voluntary regulation of the Press. But the way some channels go about playing their roles justifies the need for some sort of regulatory oversight by, say, a judicial body or a parliamentary panel. The ruling party's double standard manifests itself in describing journalists who act as their mouthpiece as "nationalists" and independent journalists as "anti-

nationals." The country now needs more of good and ethical journalism for us to be a vibrant democracy.

David Milton
Maruthanode

Cong must wake up

Sir — Three months ago, the Congress "letter writers" shocked

the nation by asking party chief Sonia Gandhi to revitalise the party and restore its organisational democracy, indecisive leadership being their top concern. Sonia Gandhi did a cosmetic rejig of the party, leaving no doubt who was the boss. Now, Kapil Sibal has fired a fresh salvo. In a newspaper interview, he has questioned the "nomination culture" of the party. The Congress Working Committee (CWC) is packed with Gandhi loyalists. Independent-minded leaders have no place in it. So an election to the CWC looks far-fetched. Till men and women with their own mind find a place in the highest decision-making body, the party will continue to find itself in a hole.

Sibal wants more "dialogue" within the party, a tough ask. In Congress, there are no discussions, only orders. After the Bihar election results, it is clear the Congress is satisfied to be an "also ran." How can a national party hope to capture power at the Centre without some of the States in its kitty? This is something the Congress needs to think about.

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FIRST COLUMN

Curb antibiotic pollution, now

Left unchecked, drug-resistant bacteria due to antibiotic pollution have the potential to unleash a much larger and deadlier pandemic



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There was a time when antibiotic resistance in human beings and animal pathogens was not common. But today, multi-drug resistant bacteria have become fairly commonplace, posing a major challenge to our healthcare providers and increasing human fatality rates. Scientific evidence is suggestive of the fact that antibiotic resistance genes and antibiotics in the environment are playing a major role in perpetuating a new health crisis. Some of the major sources are waste from large-scale animal farms, waste water from antibiotic manufacturing firms and refuse from hospitals. Manure, or compost especially, is a worrying source of this antibiotic contamination. With no standardisation or mandatory testing of the end product, the largely locally-produced manure and compost products that are used on a large-scale are replete with antibiotic residues and resistant bacteria.

As COVID-19 rages on, the probability of large-scale drug resistant infections suddenly seems very possible. According to the publication, *Review on Antimicrobial Resistance*, 7,00,000 people die each year globally due to resistant infections and this figure is only set to grow in the coming days. It further estimates that by 2050, a whopping 10 million lives would be at risk globally due to resistant strains of infections that would progressively weaken the immune system to such a level that the human body would find it difficult to defend itself against even small diseases such as urinary tract infections. This is because human bodies will become colonised by these harmful bacteria. Antibiotics also provide a selection pressure for environmental bacteria to maintain antibiotic resistance mechanisms.

Thankfully, there is an increasing awareness the world over concerning the spike in the presence of antibiotic-resistant bacteria in the environment. In the US, urban river bodies and river bed sediments in cities like Baltimore are already showing heightened levels of antibiotics. Following this, the city municipal councils, in association with the environmental authorities in the US, are taking extraordinary measures to contain the pollution in local water bodies. India must look at the global developments and immediately undertake initiatives to understand the depth of antibiotic pollution in its own environment. This is critical because antibiotic pollution-triggered superbug infections are already wrecking havoc, with nearly 60,000 newborns dying each year in the country due to them.

To stem the proliferation of antibiotic pollution, India will need to list all the potential contamination and breeding hotspots. According to studies, antibiotic pollution is the highest in wastewater treatment plants, as this is the place where bacteria from the environment meets with human pathogenic ones, leading to the genesis of new and virulent strains. Apart from this, India, apart from China, happens to be the world's largest manufacturer of antibiotics and is known to discharge high levels of these waste effluents into the air and the water. This contamination has been happening for decades in the country and is understood to be the epicentre of the birth of superbug infections that are resistant to all known medication.

Albeit a little too late, the authorities in the country have woken up to the threat posed by this, especially through river bodies. A draft Bill issued in January seeks to limit the concentration levels of antibiotic waste released by manufacturing units into the environment in order to ensure that the risk to human health is minimised. Though it is late in coming, this development has immediately caught the attention of the international research community specialising in antibiotic pollution of the environment. The Department of Antibiotic Resistance Research at the Gothenburg University called the Indian Government's draft Bill a "great leap forward" to contain the problem.

Though a welcome step in the right direction, the draft Bill still has a long way to go. The Government must initiate stringent crackdown on pharma units engaged in manufacturing antibiotics to regularly reveal the scale, quality and limit of their effluent discharge into the surrounding environment such as water bodies. Additionally, the information must also reflect on the official web portals of the said companies so that international and national clients are aware of the environmental accountability of the firm and transparency of data. Measures such as these will coerce these companies into following environmental and human health norms or be labelled as polluters and pay heavy fines.

Left unchecked, drug-resistant bacteria due to antibiotic pollution have the potential to unleash a much larger and deadlier pandemic. The consequences need to be understood and counter measures taken rapidly to avoid this eventually.

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MARRIAGE IS A PERSONAL DECISION AND THEY ARE PUTTING CURBS ON IT, WHICH IS LIKE SNATCHING AWAY PERSONAL LIBERTY.

—RAJASTHAN CHIEF MINISTER
ASHOK GEHLOT

POINT COUNTERPOINT



THE CM HOLDS THE HOME DEPARTMENT AND THE MATTER IS OF SERIOUS CONCERN. A STRONG LAW SHOULD BE MADE AGAINST LOVE JIHAD.

—BJP MLA
VASUDEV DEVNANI

Manage terror better

As religiously-motivated attacks increase globally, the concept that one man's terrorist can be another man's freedom fighter must be done away with



SUDHIR HINDWAN

The multiple gun attacks in Vienna are the nefarious outcome of a deliberate misinterpretation of religious identity. This kind of narrative has led to the beheading of a history teacher in France and stabbing of three innocents in Nice and so on. All these incidents are clear indicators that post-modern terrorism is likely to haunt the world in general and Europe in particular. These attacks are also a reminder of an array of socio-political and global issues which Europe has to come to terms with. Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz has already hinted towards Huntington's *Clashes of Civilisations* theory coming true. He called the recent gun attack by an Islamist terrorist "an attack of terror driven by hatred of our way of life, our democracy." This upsurge in religiously-motivated hitback attacks has marked the beginning of the pernicious era of terrorism. The rising tide of immigration and human smuggling across the borders in Europe has posed serious logistical and security challenges to France, Germany and Britain. Undoubtedly these are defining moments for the leaders of Europe. It is high time countries developed sophisticated mechanisms to handle the problem head on as it has already caused severe tension between various nations and compounded the problem of human trafficking and refugees across the globe. In certain pockets, the problems of migration and refugees have resulted in a quagmire. The influx of refugees, who have fled due to disturbances in Afghanistan and Uzbekistan, has added a new dimension to the existing problem of violence and crime in Central Asian Republics. In an era of globalisation, the world is becoming small and integrated but due to its inner paradoxes, it is getting fragmented and turning out to be a highly sectarian place.

The recent incidents cannot be viewed in isolation. History bears testimony to various such tragic events. A few years ago, the bombing of civilians in Oklahoma City (which left more than 200 people dead) sent shockwaves around the world. A mysterious gas attack at the main train station in a Tokyo subway, that killed 12 people and left nearly 5,000 hospitalised, also sent dangerous signals. All such acts were a violent culmination of plans that were carefully executed by terrorists. Similarly, most countries of the world, including India, Russia, Spain, the UK, US, Italy, Israel, and China, are suffering due to terrorist activities in one way or another. Although violence in itself is condemnable, very rarely is a terrorist attack a nihilistic act bereft of any deeper undercurrents. And the structure of violence is more often than not located in society and social conditions, which not only create them but also nourish and reinforce them. Recurrence of violence is symptomatic of a society's body politic, torn asunder by varied threats and tensions.

Very often, the social conditions that generate conflict and violence have external coordinates. To many experts dealing with the terror driven by religiously-motivated thinking, it is on account of new challenges the post-modern world is experiencing because of the past mistakes of not calling a spade a spade till the spectre started creating havoc in their own backyard. To many social scientists dealing with terrorism in a globalised world, the matrix of power rests on the highly-visible, unequal structure of the international economy. Such inter-relations between socio-economic conditions in different parts of the world are becoming more and more obvious daily. At another level, the post-Cold War international political-economic order is still a victim of the power

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game that was thrust on the world by the then "Big Powers." The power network woven by the US and its allies in the entire West Asian region has provoked the ire of the opposition forces in almost every State where the US has had an interest-based relationship. Thus, as societies globalise and the curtains of opacity are raised through increased inter-social interaction at the international level, people in the underdeveloped countries are holding the "Big Powers" responsible for their inferior socio-economic positions. There has always been a smooth international network of collaboration among the various terrorist groups supported by a few countries throughout the world. For example, take Pakistan's involvement in orchestrating terrorism in Kashmir and the Japanese Red Army's collaboration with Italy's Red Brigade. It is sometimes the wide coverage by the media which provides the rationale for terrorism and increases the problem by stimulating it. This is a classic example of how astute media management can reduce the level of moral opposition to counter-terrorism. The latest has been the obnoxious nexus between the Al Qaeda, the ISIS and LeT. Their deadly combination has laid siege to peace and security. European nations alone have witnessed more than 8,500 terrorist incidents since 1990, representing about 29 per cent of the total global incidents. The situation has become vulnerable since 2016 and with the increasing rise in the cases of illegal migration across the European countries. The rise of modern terrorism with frightening ramifications has resulted in a demand for strengthening the national law and order machinery. Of late, the pressure on the police and security agencies has been mounting. But the existing laws still pose many problems. The use of police and paramilitary forces for combating terrorism has created an apprehension that it

might lead to the oppression of the general populace. Surprisingly, a proper legal definition of terrorism is yet to be found. The widening gap between the various governments regarding evolving a common strategy for suppression of terrorism needs to be viewed in the context of the potential for threat that it holds. Even the European convention on suppression of terrorism is restricted by Article 5 and Article 13, which refuse the extradition of a terrorist on many grounds. In an environment where terrorist violence is endemic and the world stands hopelessly divided on various laws, all countries should shun their national prerogatives for dealing with terrorism.

Many efforts have been made by a number of nations to control State-sponsored terrorism, such as through economic sanctions, but so far they have not reached a consensus either at the national or global level. During the last two decades, increasing drug smuggling and the unholy nexus between drug smugglers and terrorists have posed a serious problem to the internal State-security networks and compelled various nations to organise themselves and wage a relentless war against such a nexus. But mere implementation of vigorous drug laws cannot become effective unless the judicial procedure is modified for ensuring speedy trials. The continuing uncertainties with regard to terrorism have encouraged various countries to launch psychological warfare against terrorism.

The London Economic Summit Conference, organised by NATO States and Japan a few years ago, proved to be another landmark for the eradication of terrorism, which decided that unless we attack the roots of terrorism, only superficial relief could be seen but violence would increase in the total quantum of its impact. Creation of general awareness and

organisation of public support against terrorist acts could be of immense use.

While it is desirable to allow police and the armed forces to employ better informed judgment about local problems, there is, of course, a danger that this attempt of the Government could dilute the benefits to those deemed deserving and, thus, any possibility of peace and negotiation. Rapid international transportation and use of sophisticated weapons have helped the expansion of terrorist networks globally. Besides, the new suicide squads have left the entire security apparatus shocked.

As religiously-motivated attacks increase globally, the concept that one man's terrorist can be another man's freedom fighter must be done away with. The local populace should cooperate with the law enforcement machinery even at the cost of personal misery while prompt and strict decisions should be undertaken by various nations for controlling terrorists psychologically. In a changing environment, the security apparatus and police need to diversify activities by bringing together technical and professional expertise based on many decades of experience in maintaining internal security. In this regard, the most crucial aspect is to develop the capability to anticipate security needs.

This is possible by conducting specialised courses for monitoring security situations. Unless we attack the roots of terrorism, we would have only superficial relief and terrorism would magnify in the total quantum of its impact. The need of the hour is international cooperation to tackle the menace and forming an integrated team after minutely comprehending the inner dynamics of the problem.

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RCEP or not, India has to revive Plan process

The country needs to reorient policies for a long-term approach without ignoring short-term needs



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Keeping China out is the new trade policy of India. Its primary approach is that anything that opens the door to Chinese products is a "strict no-no." So it's no surprise that India is keeping out of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) free trade agreement (FTA), an initiative New Delhi was engaged in since its inception. Theoretically, it comes at a minimum cost as India already has FTAs with all but three RCEP members.

Home Minister Amit Shah had last month told RCEP member countries that they would have to come around to accepting New Delhi's terms. "Considering India's growing stature, RCEP members can't afford to ignore it for long and will come

around to agreeing to the Government of India's terms. Meanwhile, the country has maintained successful economic relations with ASEAN by the means of FTAs," he said. The RCEP, too, has kept the doors open for India officially, if at all it wants to join the grouping without having to wait for 18 months, as stipulated for new members. As per the RCEP's decision, India can still participate as an observer.

India had taken the decision in November 2019 to keep out of the RCEP, with the partnership being seen as China-centric and due to the perception that it would boost sales of cheap Chinese products and harm the country's industries.

India's approach on the deal is the result of unfavourable trade balances that it has with several RCEP members, with some of which it already has FTAs. The Commerce Ministry says that the Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) in trade with such countries was a mere 7.1 per cent. India has trade deficits with 11 of the 15 RCEP nations. This means that while the partners have access to our market, India has not penetrated

theirs. Hence, it cannot further open up its market for the advantage of others. Still India has agreements with the ASEAN, South Korea and Japan. It is negotiating deals with Australia, New Zealand and Singapore and there are treaties with Nepal and Bhutan. However, there are apprehensions that RCEP could impact the Australia-India-Japan network in the Indo-Pacific region. India and like-minded nations, particularly the Quad countries — Australia, the US and Japan — are keen to have resilient supply chains. Along with New Zealand, South Korea and Vietnam, they are negotiating with each other.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, while delivering the Ramnath Goenka Lecture in 2019, had said that India's stance was a "clear-eyed calculation" of the gains and costs of entering a new arrangement. He also said that India would continue with its "act East" policy. It should also be remembered that the RCEP decision is linked to China's aggressive postures in the South China Sea and on the Line of Actual Control, including the June 15 Galwan incident in which 20 Indian and many

Chinese soldiers lost their lives. It may be recalled that Jaishankar even in January had said that New Delhi's doors to RCEP were not closed. But in September, he said, "You cannot be a rising power without being a rising economy, and to do that you have to build your domestic capacities." His views are not very different from that of the Swadeshi Jagaran Manch, which had been opposing most FTAs and stressing on improving the domestic economy.

It certainly has not been an easy decision. India would have to weigh the gains of a bulk agreement and individual treaties. A similar concern was expressed when New Delhi chose to opt out of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) in 2017. It was said that India might be isolating itself. Now after three years, like-minded democracies appreciate New Delhi for its prudent decision, which many now see as an exploitative Chinese diplomacy. Significantly, many members are not enjoying their stay in the BRI. There is the contrary view as well. It says that India's economic decline occurred even as China's economical and strategically important BRI

went on to cover two-thirds of the world's population.

Beijing dominates the psyche of policymakers. India is highly dependent on China for imports of lithium ion batteries, antibiotics, personal computers, colour TVs, solar cells, toys and so on. Despite the recent initiatives by the Centre to improve domestic production in many of these goods, concerns remain. What China has done is to consolidate its economy since 1979. Thus, production cost is minimum and it has a pricing mechanism that happens to be the lowest in any country in the local currency.

India has to learn the technique of creating a vibrant domestic system with a market across the world. Chinese merchandise today decides international prices. While India successfully blocked imports of idols of Ganesh, Lakshmi and other deities, it could not succeed in lowering the prices of "Made in India" products. This cannot be considered good economy. Possibly for this reason, China looms large in reports submitted by eight Groups of Ministers (GoMs) formed during the ongoing

pandemic. These GoMs have called for a balance between supporting economic performance and geopolitics and most have focused on ways to counter China. They call for contextualising issues like Chinese aggression on communication tools, need for specialised spokespersons on issues like China and the environment and many other dependencies on Beijing.

The obsession with China is too apparent. Of late, despite all efforts, New Delhi's policy approaches are China-centric. India may have to revive the planning process it gave up in 2014 as the NITI Aayog has not been a proper replacement. The country needs to evolve a long-term policy prescription. India has to consider moving out of the growth-centric approach and replace it with progress. So RCEP or not, India has to have a holistic approach towards the economy. It needs a wider vision and approach for progress and has to imbibe policies that could give it an edge. India needs to reorient policies for a long-term approach without ignoring short-term needs.

(The writer is a senior journalist)



FOREIGN EYE



WHY ARE BABUS SO INEPT?

The Nepali bureaucracy is said to be based on nepotism and cronyism. The civil bureaucracy consumes a large portion of national revenue but has failed to perform as expected. It often seems that babus point to partisan politics in violation of neutrality. Unless the bureaucracy is made result-oriented, the structural and executive arrangements at the State and local levels make no sense to the general public.

(TKP editorial)

China will have to play by rules; US to rejoin WHO: Biden

Washington: US President-elect Joe Biden has said that he wants to make sure that China plays by the rules and announced that his administration will rejoin the World Health Organisation.

Biden was responding to a question on Thursday about his remarks during the presidential debates that he wanted to punish China over the way Beijing has been behaving. He was asked if that could include economic sanctions or tariffs on China, the world's second largest economy.

In April, President Donald Trump announced that the US would withdraw from the WHO, accusing the UN organisation for failing to oversee the onset of the coronavirus as it began to spread in China.

"It's not so much about punishing China, it's about making sure China understands they've got to play by the rules. It's a simple proposition," Biden said during a meeting with a bipartisan group of governors in his hometown in Wilmington, Delaware.

He said that is one of the reasons why his administration is going to rejoin the World

Health Organisation.

"We're going to rejoin on day one as well and it needs reform, acknowledge, and rejoin the Paris Climate Accord. And we have to make sure that the rest of the world and we get together and make sure there are certain right lines the Chinese understand," Biden, a Democrat, said.

President Trump's four years in power were the worst phase in China-US relations as the ruling Communist Party of China headed by President Xi Jinping struggled to deal with what Chinese officials say is the most elusive and unpredictable American leader ever since former US president Richard Nixon in 1972 established ties with the Communist nation.

During his tenure, Trump, a Republican, pushed aggressively on all aspects of US-China ties, including with his relentless trade war, challenging China's military hold on the disputed South China Sea, its constant threats to Taiwan and branding coronavirus as "China virus" after it emerged from Wuhan in

December last year.

Chinese strategic experts said Biden entering the White House is expected to provide an opportunity for breakthroughs in resuming high-level communication and rebuilding mutual strategic trust between the two major countries.

A day earlier, Senator Jim Risch, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, published a majority report entitled "The United States and Europe: A Concrete Agenda for Transatlantic Cooperation on China," to advance greater collaboration between the US and Europe on the challenges posed by China.

"We must be prepared to work with our trusted allies and partners to counter an increasingly confrontational China that attempts to undermine prosperity, security and good governance in every region of the globe," Risch said.

According to the report, the US and Europe increasingly agree that China poses significant political, economic, and even security challenges. **PTI**

Biden: Trump sending damaging message to the world by not conceding election results

Washington: US President Donald Trump is sending an incredibly damaging message to the international community by not conceding the election results, President-elect Joe Biden said on Thursday.

Major news networks have declared Biden as the winner of the November 3 presidential elections, weeks ahead of their formal certification by the respective State legislatures.

Trump, however, has refused to concede. He has filed multiple lawsuits in several states challenging the election results alleging that there has been massive voters' fraud and electoral malpractice, a charge denied by state officials and news outlets.

"I think they were witnessing incredible irresponsibility; incredibly damaging messages being sent to the rest of the world about how democracy functions. I do not know his motive, but I just think it is totally irresponsible," Biden, 77, said during a meeting with a bipartisan group of governors in Wilmington.

"What the president is doing now is going to be another incident where he will go down in history as being one of the most irresponsible presidents of America," he said in response to a question.

"We are going to end up making it clear that we won, and but it is hard to fathom how this man thinks. I am confident he knows he has not won and is not going to be able to win, and we are going to be sworn in on January 20..." he said. Responding to another question, Biden said he is "not concerned" that people may question the legitimacy of his administration.

"The vast majority of the American people, they have already—all the polling data has indicated all the Republicans who worry about it is higher, but you know, over 78 per cent of the American people believe it is without question, it is legitimate," he said.

"I think most of the Republicans I have spoken to, including some governors, think this is debilitating. It sends a horrible message about who we are as a country," he added.

The President-elect in response to another question did not rule out taking action against the General Services Administration (GSA), the governmental department which has refused to help him in the transition.

Biden also said that he has already decided on the name of the next Treasury Secretary and will make the announcement around Thanksgiving. **PTI**

Republicans defending Trump's 'bogus' claims of voter fraud as they are intimidated: Obama

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Barack Obama has voiced concern over the Republican leaders' attempts to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election and said that they are defending President Donald Trump's "bogus claims" of voter fraud because they are "intimidated" by it.

Democrat Joe Biden was declared the winner of the November 3 presidential election, but President Trump, a Republican, has refused to concede defeat and has filed multiple lawsuits, challenging poll results in several states.

"I have been troubled, like I think every American, whether you're a Democrat, a Republican or an independent, should be troubled, when you start having attempts to block, negate, overturn the people's vote when there's no actual evidence that there was anything illegal or fraudulent taking place," former president Obama told MSNBC.

He also criticised the conservative-leaning news outlets for giving a platform to Trump's unsubstantiated claims. **PTI**

"And the degree to which you've seen some news outlets that cater to the right and the conservative viewpoint, somehow try to prop up these, you know, bogus claims," Obama, the first Black American president said.

In the last phase of the campaign, Obama had campaigned for former vice president Biden and Kamala Harris in some of the key battleground States of Pennsylvania, Michigan, Florida and Georgia.

The embattled Trump campaign has challenged vote count in Pennsylvania, Michigan and Georgia, among other states. A number of their lawsuits have been dismissed.

"They've been repeatedly rejected by the courts. I'm less surprised by Trump doing this; he has shown only a flimsy relationship to the truth. I'm more troubled that you're seeing a lot of Republican officials go along with it, not because they actually believe it but because they're intimidated by it," Obama said.

Obama said that there is a difference between 2008 and now in 2020.

Biden rules out national shutdown, insists on national mask mandate to combat Covid-19

Washington: US President-elect Joe Biden on Thursday ruled out a nationwide shutdown to fight Covid-19, but insisted on a national mask mandate as part of the efforts to prevent the spread of the deadly virus which has so far taken the lives of 2,50,000 Americans.

"No national shutdown because every region, area and community can be different. And so there is no circumstance which I can see that would require a total national shutdown. I think that would be counterproductive, but there are constraints in which the degree to which businesses can be open," he told reporters in Wilmington, Delaware, after a meeting with a bipartisan group of governors. Biden said he would follow the science.

"I am not going to shut down the economy period. I am going to shut down the virus," he asserted.

"For example, it is one thing to say that you can have in a state that—where the infection rate is not as high, you can have a gymnasium open. It is another thing to say it can be only open four hours a day with X number of people.

"The church I go to, my Catholic Church they do not allow more than 40 per cent of people to come into the church. Those are rational decisions. It is not shutting down everything; it is calibrating based on what the threat is," he explained.

Biden said he discussed the implementation of a national mask mandate in the meeting with the governors. "Ten governors, Democrat and Republican, have imposed masking requirements and recognised the need for universal masking. North, South, East and West. It is not a political statement. It is a patriotic duty," he said. **PTI**

Lawsuit now covers H-1B petitions for market research analyst positions filed by US businesses

Washington: A federal judge has granted class certification in a lawsuit challenging the alleged pattern and practice of the US Citizenship and Immigration Services arbitrarily denying H-1B non-immigrant employment-based petitions for market research analyst positions filed by businesses in this country.

The H-1B visa is a non-immigrant visa that allows US companies to employ foreign workers in specialty occupations that require theoretical or technical expertise. The technology companies depend on it to hire tens of thousands of employees each

year from countries like India and China.

The lawsuit — filed in federal court in the Northern District of California by the American Immigration Council, the American Immigration Lawyers Association, along with law firms Van Der Hout LLP, Joseph & Hall PC, and Kuck Baxter Immigration LLC — seeks to rein in the unlawful adjudication practice the US Citizenship and Immigration

Services (USCIS) uses in determining whether a market research analyst job qualifies as a "specialty occupation." **PTI**

UK PM Johnson backs Priti Patel as Minister despite bullying claims

London: UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Friday backed his Cabinet Minister Priti Patel, despite a Cabinet Office inquiry into allegations of bullying concluding that she had breached the Ministerial Code, albeit "unintentionally".

While ministers are usually expected to resign if they breach the code, it ultimately rests with the prime minister on whether to take any action on the independent Ministerial Code adviser's findings.

Johnson, who has consistently supported Patel ever since the allegations first emerged earlier this year, declared that he still has "full confidence" in the 48-year-old Indian-origin minister, who holds one of the UK's highest political offices as Home Secretary. It has, however, led to the resignation of Alex Allan, the independent adviser on the Ministerial Code, as the decision seems to go against the findings of his report.

"My advice is that the Home Secretary has not consistently met the high standards required by the Ministerial Code of treating her civil servants with consideration and respect. Her approach on occasions has amounted to behaviour that can be described as bullying in terms of the impact felt by individuals," his report notes. **PTI**

Chinese Covid vaccine enters third-stage human trial

Beijing: A leading Chinese vaccine maker said it has commenced phase-3 clinical trials for its Covid-19 vaccine and is planning to recruit 29,000 volunteers across the world.

This is China's first phase-3 efficacy study for a Recombinant subunit Covid-19 vaccine candidate, Anhui Zhifei Longcom Biopharmaceutical, said in a statement on Thursday.

Jointly developed by the company and the Institute of Microbiology under the Chinese Academy of Sciences, the vaccine was issued a clinical research permit from the National Medical Products Administration on June 19.

The company said the research, which plans to enroll up to 29,000 adults aged 18 and up, was launched on Wednesday in Xiangtan County, central China's Hunan Province.

Global trials are expected to begin in Uzbekistan late this month, followed by trials in Indonesia, Pakistan and Ecuador. A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian told a media briefing on Wednesday that five Chinese vaccine candidates are under clinical trials in countries, including the UAE, Brazil, Pakistan and Peru, and phase one and phase two clinical trials of some other vaccines are accelerated.

Researchers started phase-1 and phase-2 clinical trials on June 23, which were randomised, double-blind and placebo-controlled. **PTI**

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UN: Pandemic tough on millions of Mideast, African children

Cairo: The global pandemic and ensuing lockdown have taken their toll on the mental and physical well-being of millions of kids in the Middle East and North Africa, the UN children's agency said Friday.

In a survey of more than 7,000 households in seven countries in the region covering 13,000 children, UNICEF found that more than 90 per cent of respondents believe the coronavirus pandemic has affected their children negatively.

"Restrictions on movement and closure of schools had a severe impact on children's daily routines, their social interactions, and ultimately on their mental well-being," Ted Chaiban, UNICEF regional director in the Middle East and North Africa, said in the report. Its release coincided with World Children's Day.

The agency's survey shows that more than 50 per cent of respondents believe their children have been struggling mentally and emotionally.

Anxiety and stress have been on the rise among confined families, the report said, raising the likelihood of domestic violence, of which women and children are usually the prime victims. **AP**

Spain in diplomatic push over migrant flow to Canary Islands

Madrid: The Spanish government is ratcheting up its response to the steady build-up of migrant arrivals to the Canary Islands from Africa, including a fresh diplomatic offensive.

The ministers in charge of migration and transportation, José Luis Escrivá and José Luis Ábalos respectively, were on Friday visiting the archipelago, whose nearest island is around 70 miles (110 kms) west of Morocco.

They are set to detail a long-awaited plan of action on how to ensure the islands don't become Europe's next migrant hot spot.

Nearly 17,000 people fleeing poverty, violence or other circumstances at home have arrived in the archipelago this year, half of them in the past 30 days. The surge has strained rescue services, police resources, and emergency workers. Meanwhile, migrants and potential asylum seekers remain stranded in a dock for days and under unfit conditions.

Some 6,000 migrants are being temporarily housed in hotels and tourist apartments that are lying empty because of a lack of visitors as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. Normally at this time of year, the islands are one of the most popular holiday destinations in Europe. **AP**

EU gives upbeat assessment of state of Brexit trade talks

AP ■ BRUSSELS

The European Union issued on Friday one of its most upbeat assessments of the state of post-Brexit trade negotiations.

EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said "we've seen in the last days, better progress, more movement on important files."

"This is good," von der Leyen told reporters, in comments that contrast sharply with previous statements over the talks that have dragged on with little progress for months, despite the tight Jan. 1 deadline.

Her comment came a day after a member of the EU negotiating team tested positive for the coronavirus, which led to the talks being suspended.

She said that because legal texts had made such progress, further discussions by video over the next days could progress too "since there is now substance where you can go through line by line."

PIA engineers blamed for 2016 crash in probe report

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Nearly four years after a Pakistan International Airlines' flight crashed in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province, killing 47 people, a probe report has said that the aircraft had three "technical anomalies" for which the airline's engineers were responsible, according to a media report.

The plane crashed near Havelian in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province on December 7, 2016, killing all 47 passengers and crew on board the ATR42 aircraft of the national carrier.

Junaid Jamshed, a singer-turned-preacher, was among the

people killed in one of the most disastrous air crashes in the country's aviation history.

The Aircraft Accident and Investigation Board (AAIB) completed its investigation into the crash and revealed that the aircraft had three "technical anomalies" for which the airline's engineers were responsible, the Dawn News reported.

Head of the AAIB Air Commodore Usman Ghani submitted the report on Thursday to a bench of the Sindh High Court (SHC) after repeated directives by the bench in a petition filed about various incidents involving ATR planes.

Ancient Hindu temple discovered in northwest Pakistan

Peshawar: A Hindu temple, believed to have been constructed 1,300 years ago, has been discovered by Pakistani and Italian archaeological experts at a mountain in northwest Pakistan's Swat district.

The discovery was made during an excavation at Barikot Ghundai. Announcing the discovery on Thursday, Fazle Khaliq of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Department of Archaeology said that the temple discovered is of Lord Vishnu.

It was built by the Hindus 1,300 years ago during the

Hindu Shahi period, he said.

The Hindu Shahis or Kabul Shahis (850-1026 CE) was a Hindu dynasty that ruled the Kabul Valley (eastern Afghanistan), Gandhara (modern-day Pakistan), and present-day northwestern India.

During their excavation, the archaeologists also found traces of cantonment and watchtowers near the temple site.

The experts also found a water tank near the temple site which they believe was used by the Hindus for bathing before worship. Khaliq said that Swat district is home to a thousand-

year-old archaeological sites and the traces of the Hindu Shahi period have been found for the first time in the area.

Dr Luka, the head of the Italian archaeological mission, said this was the first temple of the Gandhara civilisation discovered in Swat district.

Swat district is among the top 20 sites in Pakistan which is home to every kind of tourism like natural beauty, religious tourism, cultural tourism and archaeological sites.

Several places of worship of Buddhism are also situated in Swat district. **PTI**

Mexico tops 100,000 Covid deaths, 4th country to do so

Mexico City: Mexico passed the 100,000 mark in COVID-19 deaths, becoming only the fourth country to do so amid concerns about the lingering physical and psychological scars on survivors.

José Luis Alomia Zagarra, Mexico's director of epidemiology, announced late Thursday that Mexico had 100,104 confirmed COVID-19 deaths, behind only the United States, Brazil and India.

The milestone comes less than a week after Mexico topped 1 million registered coronavirus cases, though officials agree the number is probably much higher because of low levels of testing.

The coverage of the back-to-back milestones has raised the hackles of some government officials.

Mexico's pointman on the pandemic, Assistant Health Secretary Hugo López-Gatell, bristled when asked about Mexico reaching the 100,000 deaths point, criticizing the media for "being alarmist" in the same way he has criticized those who suggest the government is undercounting COVID-19 deaths or providing contradictory and weak advice on using face masks. **AP**

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General public is hereby informed that a girl (depicted in the photo), **Namely: Urvashi @ Varsha D/o Sh. Shiv Kumar R/o H. No. D-369, Gall No. 15, Harsh Vihar, Delhi** has been missing since 02.11.2020 from her house. In this regard a case vide DD No. 61-A dated 05.11.2020 has been lodged at Police Station Harsh Vihar, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

Age : About 24 Years, **Height:** 5'1", **Complexion :** Fair, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing :** Blue colour suit-salwar and white colour hawai chappal in feet.

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Petrol-diesel prices increase after almost 2-month break

PI ■ NEW DELHI

Oil marketing companies (OMCs) on Friday raised the retail price of petrol and diesel after a break of almost two months when auto fuel prices remained static on Covid affected global oil market. The price of petrol has increased by 17 paise per litre in the national Capital to Rs 81.23 from Rs 81.06 a litre on the previous day. Similarly, retail price of diesel has been increased by 22 paise per litre to Rs 70.68 a litre. While India has brought both petrol and diesel out from an earlier administrative price regime and their retail prices are revised daily based on global movement product prices, holding the retail price revision for almost two months

was surprising. At a time when globally prices change by the hour, in India it could be kept static for such a long period. Every dollar increase in price of crude results in retail price of petrol and diesel to be increased by upto 40 paise per litre. This would mean that the fuel prices should be up by at least Rs 1.20 per litre by now. However, oil companies have kept fuel prices static even when there was a need to revise it downwards last month. That saving prevented OMCs from increasing petrol and diesel prices by a higher margin. Now that option is exhausted and regular price revision could restart. With the price revision, the retail price of the two auto fuel has also increased across the

country but the level of increase is different in different cities due to variable taxation structure pursued by the states. The increase in petrol and diesel prices was expected as global oil market had shown signs of firming up after positive news on successful introduction of a coronavirus vaccine soon. Moreover, the demand for oil and falling inventory levels in major consuming markets has also firming up crude price. The benchmark Brent crude price is hovering over \$44 a barrel for some time now while the US WTI crude is also close to \$42 a barrel. The two have remained firm since the beginning of the month after remaining soft in most parts of October at close to \$40 a barrel or less.

Sensex regains footing as bank stocks spurt; logs weekly rise

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Equity indices resumed their upward trajectory on Friday after a day's pause as banking, finance and telecom counters saw robust demand amid mixed global cues. A recovering rupee and unabated foreign fund inflows added to the momentum, traders said. After a choppy session, the 30-share BSE Sensex ended 282.29 points or 0.65 per cent higher at 43,882.25. Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty rose 87.35 points or 0.68 per cent to close at 12,859.05. Bajaj Finserv was the top gainer in the Sensex pack, rallying 9.13 per cent, followed by Titan, Bajaj Finance, Kotak Bank, Bharti Airtel, Nestle India, NTPC and HDFC Bank. Bharti Airtel finished 3.18 per cent higher after Bharti

Infratel and Indus Towers announced the completion of their merger deal to create a mega tower company. On the other hand, Reliance Industries, IndusInd Bank, Sun Pharma, ONGC, Axis Bank, HUL and L&T were the losers, skidding up to 3.72 per cent. During the holiday-shortened week, Sensex rose 439.25 points or 1.01 per cent, while Nifty advanced 139.10 points or 1.09 per cent. "Domestic equities gained amid mixed global cues. A sharp rebound in heavyweight financials on news pertaining to government may be considering corporate and foreign bank participation in privatization of select PSBs led market to move higher. "Additionally, buying momentum in mid-cap and small-caps remained visible in the backdrop of improved

prospects of earnings improvement. We continue to maintain our cautiously optimistic approach about the market as underlying strength of markets remains intact," said Binod Modi, Head Strategy at Reliance Securities. BSE telecom, consumer durables, power, finance, tech, utilities, bank and FMCG indices rallied as much as 4.73 per cent, while BSE energy was the sole sectoral laggard. Broader BSE midcap and smallcap indices soared up to 1.22 per cent. Elsewhere in Asia, bourses in Shanghai, Hong Kong and Seoul ended on a positive note, while Tokyo was in the red. Stock exchanges in Europe were trading higher in early deals. Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, rose 0.41 per cent to USD 44.38 per barrel. PTI

₹ gains 11 paise to end at over 1-week high on foreign fund inflows

Mumbai: The rupee appreciated by 11 paise to settle at over one-week high of 74.16 against the US dollar on Friday, supported by positive domestic equities and sustained foreign fund inflows. At the interbank forex market, the domestic unit opened at 74.15 against the US dollar and touched a high of 74.09 and a low of 74.21 in the day trade. It finally settled at 74.16 against the greenback, registering an increase of 11 paise over its previous close. The rupee had settled at 74.27 against US dollar on Thursday. "The rupee is currently drawing a lot of support from equity inflows and the fact that the dollar globally is on the backfoot," said Sugandha Sachdeva, VP-Metals, Energy & Currency Research, Religare Broking. PTI

TV viewing of IPL shoots up 23% in pandemic time

Mumbai: The recently concluded IPL, played in UAE amid the coronavirus pandemic, witnessed a 23 per cent jump in television viewership at 400 billion minutes. The BARC, which collates data on television viewing, said 405 million viewers watched the tournament for 400 billion minutes as against the 326 billion viewing minutes in the year-ago's edition. The cricket tournament, which is generally played during the summers and had to be staged in the UAE because of social distancing restrictions domestically, was seen as a big succour for the sports, which had been struggling with a lack of action since the onset of the pandemic in March. PTI

Auto LPG sector demands level playing field as air pollution takes centrestage

New Delhi: Despite being one of the cleanest and most easily accessible alternative fuels, Auto LPG remains heavily under-utilised in India because of "almost penalising" policies towards clean fuels and lack of a positive messaging by the government, Indian Auto LPG Coalition said on Friday. As poor air quality takes centrestage in the capital again, the Auto LPG sector is urging the government to provide a level playing field in the interest of the environment, it said in a statement. Suyash Gupta, Director General of Indian Auto LPG Coalition, underscored the need to widen the policy focus

beyond electric vehicles and give all available alternative fuels a level playing field in the market. "Every year at the onset of winter, we witness a resurgence of this air quality debate. Unfortunately, nothing changes and people are left to breathe hazardous air year after year. "What is more frustrating is the fact that we have readily available and clean alternative fuels that can help us achieve a significant gain in air quality in a short span of time. Auto LPG is a readily available fuel with negligible emissions of nitrogen dioxides and PM 2.5, but indifferent messaging and penalising policies have kept it under-utilised," he said.

Solar capacity addition falls 80% in Sep quarter: Report

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India added just 438 Megawatt (MW) solar capacity in September quarter 2020, down 80 per cent from the same period a year ago, according to a report. The country's total solar installed capacity was at 37.4 gigawatt (GW) as of September 30, 2020, Mercom Communications India said in its report on Friday. India added 438 MW solar capacity in September quarter, down 80 per cent from 2,177 MW added in the year-ago period, it said. In June quarter, 205 MW solar capacity was added. "The solar industry in India is glad to see the back of 2020, which will end up as one of the worst years for solar in India as

COVID-19 took a heavy toll on the industry. However, the market is almost back on its feet, and the mood is upbeat as the industry heads to 2021 - one of the best years forecasted for the sector," said Raj Prabhhu, CEO of Mercom Capital Group. The lockdown situation has eased in most parts of the country, and economic activity has resumed steadily, the report said. It further said the coun-

try's solar industry is showing signs of recovery with increased activity compared to the previous quarter. However, the industry still has a long way to go. Several project deadlines have moved to last quarter of 2020, and the commissioning dates for a large number of projects have been postponed to the first half of 2021. According to the report, India still has a robust large-scale solar project development pipeline of 44.7 GW, with another 34.6 GW of projects tendered and pending auction at the end of third quarter of 2020. Mercom Communications India is a subsidiary of global clean energy communications and consulting firm Mercom Capital Group.

RBI panel proposes to allow large corporate houses as promoters of banks

PTI ■ MUMBAI

An internal RBI panel has proposed that large corporates may be permitted to promote banks after necessary amendments to the Banking Regulations Act, as well as raising the cap on promoters' stake in private sector banks to 26 per cent. The panel also suggested the conversion of big non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) into banks. The Reserve Bank of India had constituted an Internal Working Group (IWG) on June 12, 2020, to review extant ownership guidelines and corporate structure for Indian private sector banks. The central bank made the report public on Friday and has sought com-

ments by January 15, 2021 "before taking a view in the matter". The group has recommended that "large corporate/industrial houses may be permitted to promote banks only after necessary amendments to the Banking Regulations Act, 1949 to deal with connected lending and exposures between the banks and other financial and non-financial group entities". It also made a case for the strengthening of the supervisory mechanism for large conglomerates, including consolidated supervision. The approach of the RBI regarding ownership of banks by large corporate/industrial houses has, by and large, been a cautious one in view of seri-

ous risks, governance concerns and conflicts of interest that could arise when banks are owned and controlled by them. For the first time in 2013 the RBI, in its Guidelines for Licensing of New Banks in the Private Sector had prescribed several structural requirements of promoting a bank under a Non-operative Financial Holding Company. Further, well run large NBFCs with an asset size of Rs 50,000 crore and above, including those owned by a corporate house, may be considered for conversion into banks - subject to completion of 10 years of operations and meeting due diligence criteria and compliance with additional conditions specified in this regard, it suggested.

PUBLIC NOTICE:
This is bring to the notice of the general public that three ID Cards of (Mr. Ravi Kant Tripathi), Lucky Pandey & Noor Jahan issued by ICICI Bank Ltd. Having ID card no. 14845, 10190 & 25929 has been found missing and/or lost on 18TH November, anyone who finds the said ID Card, is requested to return the said ID card to the Manager Debt Services & Managements Group, ICICI Bank Limited, S.D Tower Rohini Sec-8 New Delhi-110085. Therefore all the customers of ICICI Bank Limited are hereby notified not to make any payment to any unauthorized person holding the said ID cards nos. 14845, 10190 & 25929 Please take further notice that anybody making payment to any person holding the said ID Card shall do so at his/her own costs risk and peril and ICICI Bank shall not be bound and/or responsible for any payments. Please take further notice that any body making payment to any person holding the said ID Card shall do so at his/her own costs, risk and peril and ICICI Bank shall not be bound and/or responsible for any payment.
Date: 21-11-2020
Place: Delhi For ICICI Bank Limited

Power producers seek relief on funding issues

PI ■ NEW DELHI

The Association of Power Producers (APP) has given a representation to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman regarding funding issues in power sector. The letter by Ashok Khurana, Director, Association of Power Producers (APP) has sought key financial support required for revival of the infrastructure industry. "Unfortunately, the power sector, which would have a pivotal role in achieving the target of a \$ 5 trillion economy by 2024, is presently suffering from stress due to systemic issues and is facing challenges with financing, thereby resulting in waning of investment appetite," Khurana said in the letter. APP has listed key initiatives on the financing side which, when coupled with policy and regulatory changes currently under consideration, can remove stress and re-energize the sector.

Sahara: SEBI is in contempt of court

PI ■ NEW DELHI

The Sahara India Parivar on Friday refuted the Securities and Exchange Board of India's (SEBI) claim on it and said that the market regulator has committed contempt of court. "There is a clear order of Hon'ble Supreme Court which says that Sahara should deposit which is around ₹24,700 crore out of which Sahara has already deposited ₹22,500 crore (including interest). This is absolutely wrong demand by SEBI and it has mischievously added 15 per cent interest on the principal amount so they are very wrongfully mentioning ₹62,600 crore," Sahara said in a statement. Sahara said the reason is clear that the SEBI, despite giving four rounds of advertisements in 154 newspapers in last 8 years across the country, has repaid only ₹107 crore to the

investors. In its last advertisement that was published around a year ago, SEBI made it clear that it would not entertain any further claim thereafter. "It means that for SEBI there is no more claimant at all. How can there be claimants since Sahara has already paid back, long time back. SEBI is acting biased. It is a typical case of double payment. As per the directives of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, this amount of ₹22,500 crore will eventually come back to Sahara after due verification," Sahara said in the statement. The SEBI has petitioned the Supreme Court to direct Sahara Group chief Subrata Roy to pay ₹62,600 crore immediately, or cancel his parole if he doesn't yield. The markets regulator said the outstanding liability of the Sahara India Parivar group's two companies and the group's chief Roy stand at ₹62,600 crore, including interest.

₹2 lakh cr investment in 5,000 compressed bio-gas plants in offing

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India will see an investment of ₹2 lakh crore in setting up 5,000 plants that will produce gas from bio and crop wastes by 2023-24, Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said on Friday. To boost the availability of affordable and clean transport fuel, an agreement was signed for setting up 900 compressed bio-gas or CBG plants by companies such as Adani Gas and Torrent Gas. Under the Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT) initiative, the government is looking at setting up of 5,000 CBG plants by 2023-24 with a production target of 15 million tonnes, an official statement said. Speaking on the occasion, Pradhan said, "We have developed a clear-cut roadmap for SATAT. Letter of intent for 600

CBG plants have already been given and with today's signing of MoUs for 900 plants, a total of 1500 CBG plants are at various stages of execution." As much as ₹30,000 crore investment is envisaged in these 900 plants, he said. "A total of 5000 CBG plants with an approximate investment of ₹2 lakh crores are envisaged." The gas produced at CBG plants can be used as fuel to power automobiles. Biofuels have the potential to reduce fuel import bill by Rs 1 lakh crore, he said without elaborating. Pradhan said SATAT provides for generating gas from municipal waste as well as forest and agri waste. Animal husbandry and marine wastes are also included. The policy provides for guaranteed offtake of the gas produced at the CBG plants by the state-owned firms.

Cong flays Centre over DA freeze for CPSUs' staff

PI ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress on Friday flayed the Centre over the decision to freeze the additional Dearness Allowance of Central public sector undertakings employees and said it is "yet another sign of a sinking economy". "Food inflation rises to 11.1 per cent. But the Modi government is freezing DA instead of increasing it for central PSU employees. While the condition of government employees is poor, the capitalist 'friends' are happy," Congress leader Rahul Gandhi tweeted.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the 36th Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held on Wednesday, 16th December, 2020, at 12:00 Noon at the Works Office of the Company at 14 Kms, Gurugram Pataudi Road, Village Jhund Sarai Veeran, Sector-95 Gurugram, Haryana, to transact the businesses as set out in the Notice of the AGM.

Members are hereby informed that the Notice of the Meeting and aforesaid documents are available on the Company's Website (www.uililtd.com) and the copies of the said documents are also available for inspection at the Registered Office of the Company on all working days (except Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays) during business hours up to the date of the Meeting.

A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote on a poll instead of him and the proxy need not be the member of the Company. The Instrument appointing the proxy should however be deposited at the Registered Office of the Company not less than 48 hours before the Commencement of Meeting.

Members are informed that pursuant to the provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, as amended, and Regulation 44 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Company is providing to its members facility to exercise their right to vote by electronic means on Resolutions proposed to be passed at the meeting.

The Register of Members and Share Transfer Book in respect of Equity Shares of the Company will remain closed from 10th December, 2020 to 15th December, 2020 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The e-voting will be open from 9.00 a.m. (IST) on 13th December, 2020 to 5.00 p.m. (IST) on 15th December, 2020 in terms of Rule 20(3)(VI) of Companies (Management and Administrative Rules) 2014. During this period shareholders' of the Company, holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on the cut-off date (record date) of 09th December, 2020, may cast their vote electronically.

Shareholders are requested to visit <https://instavote.linkintime.co.in> for E-voting and the manner for casting vote through E-voting is prescribed in the Notice of AGM.

For and On behalf of the Board
United Leasing and Industries Limited
Sd/-
V.K. Batra
Director

Place: Gurugram, Haryana
Date: 19/11/2020

Form No. URC-2
Advertisement giving notice about registration under Part I of Chapter XXI (Pursuant to section 374(b) of the companies Act, 2013 and rule 4(1) of the companies (Authorised to Register) Rules, 2014

1. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 366 of the Companies Act, 2013, an application has been made to the Registrar at NCT of Delhi and Haryana that Reboot Wellness LLP a Limited Liability Partnership may be registered under Part I of Chapter XXI of the Companies Act 2013, as a company limited by shares.

2. The principal objects of the company are to provide mental wellness and emotional support services both offline and online, whether in India or abroad and all principal objects of the LLP.

3. A copy of the draft memorandum and articles of association of the proposed company may be inspected at the office at E-162, Kalka Ji, New Delhi-110019.

4. Notice is hereby given that any person objecting to this application may communicate their objection in writing to the Registrar at Central Registration Centre Plot No. 6.7 & 8, IICA Campus, Sector-5, IMT-Manesar, Gurugram, Haryana, within Twenty one days from the date of publication of this notice, with a copy to the company at its registered office. Dated this 21st day of November 2020.

Name(s) of Applicant
1. Saloni Malhotra
2. Astha Ahluwalia

200 small drinking water supply sources to be solarized at a cost of ₹8 cr

Renewable Energy Corporation will pay dividend of ₹1.29 crore to State Government

Jaipur: The 111th meeting of the Board of Directors of Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation was held at the corporation headquarters under the chairmanship of Dr. Subodh Agarwal, Chairman and Managing Director. In the meeting, Dr. Agarwal informed that the corporation has earned a net profit of Rs 23.36 crore in the financial year 2019-20. The Board of Directors has recommended a total of 10 per cent of the paid-up capital of the corporation as a dividend of Rs 1.29 crore to the State Government. He said that in the series of implementation of Rajasthan Solar Energy Policy-2019 and Budget Announcement 2020-

21 released by the state government, such rural areas of the state where there is no availability of electricity or lack of continuous supply of electricity or local The bodies are unable to pay electricity bills, where 200 small drinking water supply sources will be selected and solarized as a pilot project by Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation. Dr. Agarwal said 2 HPs are required at every small drinking water supply source. From 12.5 hp solar pumps of capacity will be installed. With this scheme it will be possible to ensure the availability of drinking water in rural areas smoothly. He said this scheme will be implemented by the corporation in coordination with Public Health Engineering Department and it is likely to cost about Rs 8 crores, which is allowed to be borne by Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation in the 111th meeting of the board of directors of the corporation has been.

No coercive action against Chanda Kochhar in ICICI-Videocon loan case, ED assures SC

PI ■ NEW DELHI

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta on Friday assured the Supreme Court that no coercive action will be taken against former ICICI Bank Chief Executive Officer Chanda Kochhar in the ICICI-Videocon loan case. Mehta, representing the Enforcement Directorate (ED), made the submission before a bench headed by Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul and also comprising Justices Dinesh Maheshwari and Hrishikesh Roy, during the hearing of a petition by Kochhar on behalf of her husband, Deepak Kochhar, challenging his arrest. Chanda Kochhar moved

two pleas -- one connected to her husband and the other on her behalf under Article 32. Former Attorney General Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for Kochhar, said her husband's pending bail petition in the top court may affect the bail plea listed in the trial court. The top court noted that the regular bail petition of Deepak Kochhar is listed in the trial court for Monday, and the pendency of the case here will have no effect on the trial court proceedings. During the hearing, Justice Kaul told Rohatgi: "You have a sword hanging on your head. But at least you have protection..." The pleas are likely to listed next week for further hearing. Earlier this month, the ED had filed its first chargesheet in the ICICI-Videocon loan case, naming former Chanda Kochhar, her husband Deepak Kochhar, Videocon group chief Venugopal Dhoot and seven firms in a money laundering case. According to ED sources, the financial probe agency has named Chanda Kochhar, Deepak Kochhar and Venugopal Dhoot along with seven firms, including Videocon International Electronic Limited (VIEL), Videocon Industries Ltd, NuPower Renewables Ltd and Supreme Energy Pvt Ltd, among others.

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD /CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT / BMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	UHBVN, PANCHKULA	FLOATING OF RFP FOR EMPANELMENT OF THIRD PARTY INSPECTING AGENCY/PROJECT MANAGEMENT AGENCY (PMA) FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE, INSPECTION AND MONITORING OF PROJECTS IN UHBVN	CLOSING DATE 10.12.2020	1 LACS	www.uhbvn.org.in	cepo@uhbvn.org.in

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Tender No: Dy CE(C)-775(R)1
Name of work: Mahim- Bandra Construction/ strengthening of cast iron screw piles (bridge No 20);
Placement of precast RCC box segments between south abutment and pier No.1 and strengthening of piers and other Misc works, Mumbai Division, W.Rly NIT Cost in ₹: 6.14,46,942/-
EMD in ₹: 4.57,200/-
Bid submission closing on: 11/12/2020 at 15.00 Hrs.
Instruction to tenders: Only e-tenders submitted online through e-tender portal will be considered. Please note that printed offers will not be entertained. The date of tender, terms & conditions and scope of work are uploaded and are available only in electronic format on our website www.ireps.gov.in
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SHORT CIRCUITS

AYUSHMANN KHURRANA

The pandemic hasn't been easy for anyone, especially children, who've become more vulnerable to violence. We can prevent this by being alert and protecting them. As men and boys, we have to be better role models because we know, often, men are perpetrators of violence. I committed to this cause.



KANGANA RANAUT

I don't like to multi-task but in these times one needs to go back to the beginning. In the old times when I used to work like a horse. So along with filming *Thalaivi*, I started action rehearsals with Jason NG for *Dhakaad* as well. It is so lovely to see my charming director @RazyGhai.



ROHIT SARAF

I don't think I have enough superlatives to tell you how much fun it has been to work with Prajakta Koli. Interestingly, when I met her for the first time during auditions, I didn't think we would get along, because it seemed like she is not someone who would open up in the first meeting.



BADSHAH

My experiences have shaped the music that I make today. It is the expression of what I've been through. I feel so loved and honoured that my listeners are so invested in my music. It's nice to hear that fans have been eagerly waiting for this song (*Awaara*, alongside Reet Talwar).

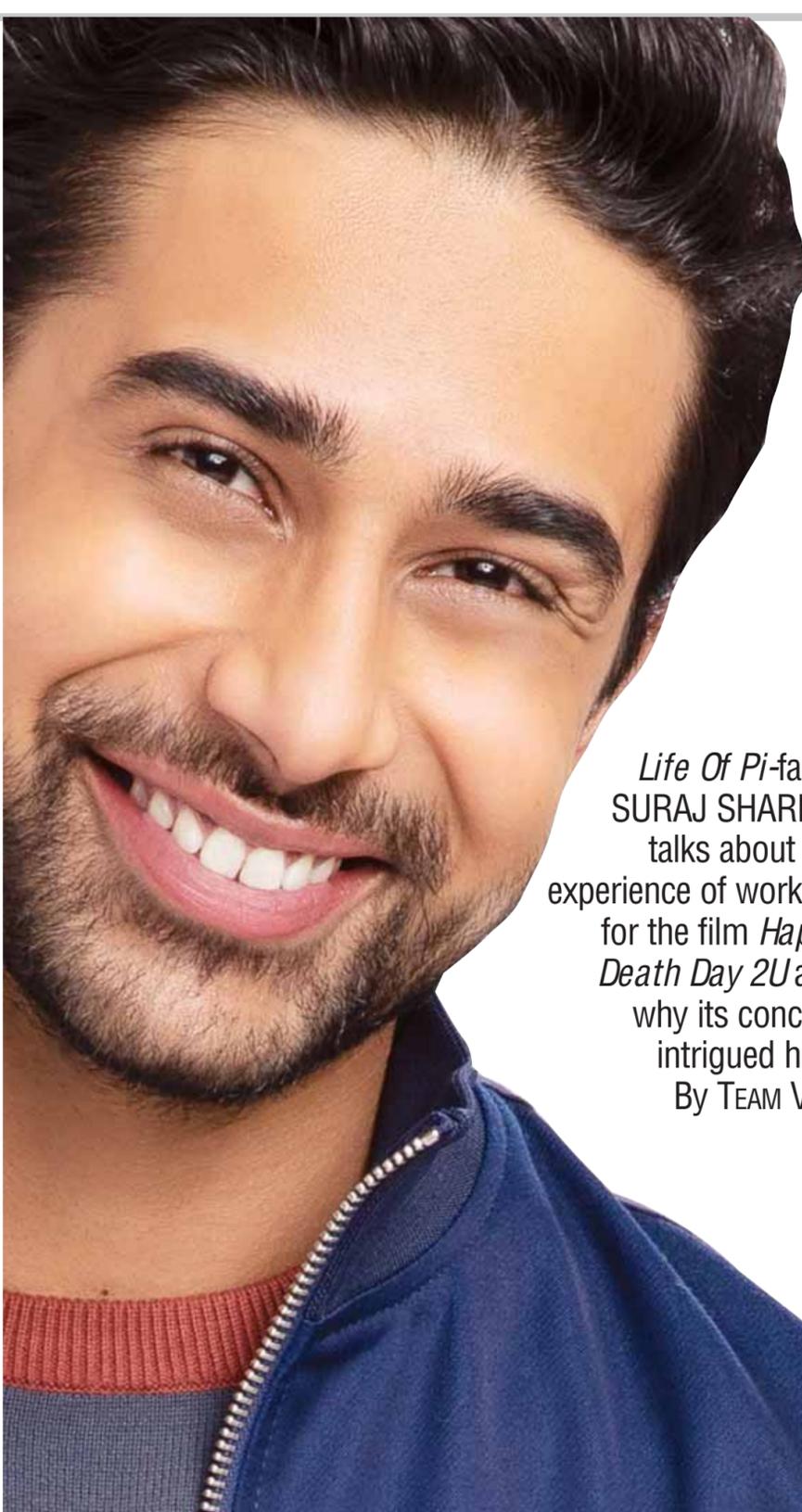
MATTHEW McCONAUGHEY

I haven't shared this with many people but stand-up is a no-filter communication, which is why I'm interested in doing stand-up comedy. What I do as an actor is my raw expression which goes through four filters before it gets to the screen. I'll be now at the Russell Howard Tour.



CONVERSATION 45 MINUTES

'ACTING WAS NEVER MY AGENDA'



Life Of Pi-fame SURAJ SHARMA talks about his experience of working for the film *Happy Death Day 2U* and why its concept intrigued him. By TEAM VIVA

How did you land up in Hollywood? Was that always on the agenda?

I was in the USA and did a random audition for the film *Life Of Pi* and that took me on a track. Later, I studied film and now I am just trying to work here in the US. Acting was never on the agenda. I feel that it's been on the agenda for the past eight to nine years. When I was a kid nobody used to think that being an actor is a real thing one could pursue. So I never thought I wanted to act and go ahead in this field. Luckily, life gave me this chance and I realised that I really enjoy this.

Your first film *Life Of Pi* became a huge success? What was your reaction?

In terms of expectations, I didn't know anything. I didn't think of expectations or what this is supposed to be. They put me in this environment, and I believed it so much. They gave me so much guidance that I didn't think about the outcome. It was just too great to be there and be doing the things I was doing. Afterwards, I knew that this film is going to achieve something and it did! Then I realised that I have been given this chance... so I started acting.

You have worked in Hollywood as well as Bollywood, how is the work culture different?

If we talk about similarity, they are alike in the sense that if they need to get something done then they get it done no matter what. They try to tell stories which represent a life that people wish to believe. Hollywood as well as Bollywood have begun to rise because of all the new ways to watch content. New voices are coming to the forefront, new visions are being proposed and it is happening in India as much as it is happening in the US. It is really exciting to see. It says that something is changing. It is great to watch this change happening. I would also say that they are different too. In the US, things are far more scheduled, chances of things going wrong are far less but in India, things are more 'go with the flow' kind.

Are you doing the kind of roles you want to do? If not, then what kind of work are you looking for?

I think I am very lucky with what I am trying to do. Of course, I want to do much more. I have certain things in my mind that I need to get up on my list such as dark comedy. However, I feel that gradually, I am getting closer to the things I really desire. I have also started writing scripts myself so that I can make something good. It's something that I always wanted to do. I feel super lucky that I get what I want but I wish to achieve more in life. I need to get better as an actor, learn more about this industry and touch

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new heights.

You mentioned dark comedy as a benchmark. Films that you really love in that space?

I do have a couple... The thing is that they aren't really popular films. There's this film called *Lobster* by Yorgos Lanthimos, *In Bruges* and *Death at a Funeral*. *Bheja Fry* is a good one too.

Your films have received a lot of critical acclaim. Do you think box office hit is more important than that?

Well, it is neither. For me, it is my time spent working with the people and the experience that I gain. That's the most important thing to me. From my first film onwards till now, I feel really blessed to have

worked with some amazing bunch of people. Not only as professionals but as individuals. So it'll always be about the people with whom I am being creative with.

Who do you look up to for inspiration in Bollywood or Hollywood?

In Bollywood, I'd say Adil Hussain, Naseeruddin Shah and Manoj Bajpayee. I feel they can do so many different unimaginable type of roles. Fortunately, I got to work with two of them — Adil Sir and Naseer Sir. In the US, it would be Al Pacino or Robert Ni Ro. I look up to people who have weight in their words as they have the power to both destroy and heal.

You mentioned that you have worked with Adil Hussain and Naseeruddin Shah. Is there something you took away from them?

Adil sir is like my mentor. I can't even explain how many things I have learnt from him. Me, my brother and him would go to Hampi, wake up around 5 am and do some slow-motion acting workshops. Those experiences taught me a lot about how to be aware, how to live in the present and how to capture the moment. From Naseer sir (Naseeruddin Shah), I have definitely learnt how to stay true to the character. No one does a scene like he does. He has this habit of doing everything with perfection. I admire that. The weight of his performance is just commendable. I was in a scene with him, I just kept on listening to him because the way he uses his voice is beyond comparison.

What made you say yes to the film *Happy Death Day 2U*? How was that experience?

The experience was lovely. It was an amazing place to be in. The people were fantastic to work with. What made me interested was the concept of film, which was — would you change something if you were to live the same day over and over again? What can you learn from it? And how do you make yourself better at it? What can you take from what you have done in the past? That idea really inspired me. Of course, I have watched the first part. The film was really endearing. I spoke to the director Chris Landon and did the film. (*The film premieres on November 22 at 9 pm on Sony PIX.*)

READING LIST

Through Penelope's pen

A Thousand Ships, a book by NATALIE HAYNES, retells the stories of the Trojan War through an all-female perspective and leaves the reader with more aching questions than you realised could exist, says KAVITHA MURALI

Our secondary school syllabus carried an abridged version of Homer's *Iliad* replete with chapters dedicated to Achilles (notably, his heel), Odysseus (and a bit about his ten year odyssey), and a two pager on Helen of Troy (technically of Sparta). As I grew up, I learnt more about these Greek 'heroes', and the Trojan ones, notably Hector, adeptly played by the handsome Eric Bana in the film *Troy*.

A thousand ships isn't about these people and men. Not so much about Helen either, over whom a ten year war was fought on earth, leading to the destruction of an entire city and the deaths of countless people. This book is about Hector's mother Hecabe and Odysseus' wife Penelope, it is about Achilles' slave Briseis and her slave-time friend Chryseis. It is about Oenone, Paris' wife, who is abandoned for Helen. It is

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about Cassandra with her cursed tongue, Andromache with her life on the edge and Iphigenia, the forever bride. It's about wives who die for their husbands, wives who die because of their husbands and wives who kill their husbands. It's about the women left

behind, waiting behind the walls of Troy, waiting in faraway Ithaca, captured as slaves, beheaded as offerings to the gods, the list goes on.

Penelope gets the most air time in the book, possibly because she suffers the longest, through the ten year war and Odysseus' ten year drive home. The man stops at many places, battling monsters and giants, sleeping with nymphs and goddesses. Penelope's life through those years, written as letters to her husband, is the wittiest and funniest segment of the book, tragicomic though it is. The rest of the book is, well, just tragic.

If mythology is your cup of tea, pick this book. If feminism is your cup of tea, pick this book. Either way, you will be left deeply satisfied but with more aching questions than you realised could exist at the beginning of the book. For, this is the *Iliad* on the women.

IMMERSIVE 30 MINUTES

A rivetting experience

Actor MOHAMMED ZEESHAN AYYUB says that his dark comedy web series, *A Simple Murder*, gave him a chance to explore new emotions

Actor Mohammed Zeeshan Ayyub says the forthcoming dark comedy web series, *A Simple Murder*, gave him a chance to explore new emotions, and he enjoyed the process.

"Playing the character of Manish was definitely new and exciting for me. He is someone who is low on self-confidence and constantly striving to find a sense of dignity and respect throughout his journey," Zeeshan said.

"This character gave me a chance to be someone new, different from the characters I have played earlier. I had a lot of fun playing him. We are extremely excited to see how this turns out and we are hoping for the best," he added.

The web series shows how greed becomes instrumental in driving the characters to entangle in a chain of crazy events.

Talking about the web show, actor Sushant Singh said, "I have always believed in



playing characters which add value to the story, break the mold, and enable me to explore a finer nuance in me as an actor. Upon narration, *A Simple Murder* struck a chord with me at one go for its fast-paced script that offered the right mix of character-building and humour. The show gave me an opportunity to work with some seasoned actors and I definitely had an enriching experience."

For director Sachin Pathak, the series "dwells in a space, not much explored on the web and thus is novel in its approach."

"I am thankful to my cast, a fine mix of age and experience, for delivering such stupendous performances and making filming look so easy. Shooting amid lockdown was another rivetting experience and I hope the efforts come alive on screen," he added.

(*The show can be streamed on SonyLIV.*) —IANS

STUDIO CHAT 30 MINUTES

GOOD NIGHT, SWEET DREAMS

Slight deviations in your daily routine can make you restless at night. Sleep specialist Dr NIMISH SHAH talks about how a lack of sound sleep can affect us in the long run.

By TEAM VIVA

How can one measure the quality of sleep, whether it is good or bad?

A good quality of sleep is very important. However, people often mistake quantity for quality. Many complain that even after getting a sleep for eight to 10 hours a day, they don't feel fresh and energetic enough. Well, the actual way to track your sleep — the gold standard — is by doing a 'polysomnography' or in layman's terms, a sleep study where you attach a few wires onto the head. It actually tracks your brain activity and also monitors your eye movements, etc. We can actually see what stage of sleep you're at and whether you're getting deep or REM (rapid eye movement) sleep again, which is very important.

Usually, the first question I ask my patient is, "Are you getting enough sleep?" Some people underestimate themselves saying that they just need three to four hours of sleep, post which they function very well. But then, you know, over a period of time, that takes a toll on your body. And, obviously, that clearly tells that you're not getting sufficient sleep. The other question that we generally tend to ask is, "Do you wake up at night for any reason?" There are multiple sleep disorders because of which people tend to get up in the middle of the night. So, if a person has frequent awakenings at night during a sleep period that tells us that their quality of sleep is poor. Certain people tend to sleep through the night without any problems. But if they are still sleepy or drowsy, lethargic, tired throughout the

day, then it could probably mean that their underlying sleep quality is not good enough. For an adult, about six to eight hours sleep is mostly recommended.

What are some of the sleep-related issues and how can they affect our health?

The most common things which are associated with sleep disorders are snoring and sleep apnea. They are the most common but it's very important for people to understand the difference between them. Snoring is a kind of noise/sound that comes from the upper airway at the back of the throat. It is generally managed by a set of muscles. For some people, the airway is slightly narrow and when they go to sleep, their body rests, their brain relaxes and shuts off and so do their muscles. Everything becomes sloppy as they sleep. And for certain people, when the back of the throat muscles relax, it may not be enough for them to keep the airway open for the air to pass through and that's when we hear their snoring sound.

So the best analogy I can give you on is that if you if you're on the



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expressway or on a highway, and you roll down the glasses by an inch, you get a certain noise. And that is because the air is passing through a small passage. It's the same with snoring. The air passes through resistance because the upper part of your airway is not open enough.

What are the top reasons that lead to lack of sleep?

The biggest problem why people don't get enough sleep at the moment is, unfortunately, their lifestyle. With everyday advance-

ments and evolution, we are just sitting at one place and hooked on to a screen. A lot of work, which involved physical movement earlier, has now shifted to staying at home. For instance, things like going to the office or shopping centre; these chores can very much be done at home, online and without movement. Our screen time has exponentially increased. The blue light that radiates from the screen is the one that highly disrupts our sleep because it stimulates the brain to keep one awake. These days, people usually switch to

watching TV or social media content at night after their work. Well, that is the worst thing to do!

Would you like to share any tips for having a sound sleeping schedule?

Here are some points to maintain a good sleep cycle:

- Sleep as much as you need to feel fresh and healthy during the day. Don't oversleep as it will lead you to another continuous cycle of not getting enough sleep and feeling tired. One should sleep as per body requirements. Try and stick to a regular sleeping and waking up time.
- Fixed amount of exercise everyday can help you get better deep sleep. Not necessarily at night, you should always try and exercise during the early part of the day.
- The ambience in your room is very important. Avoid loud noises. Some people are light sleepers who can get disturbed with even the slightest of sounds. If you have the capacity, then try and soundproof your room.

- Another important aspect is the room temperature. It makes it easier to have a sound sleep. You sleep better when you are in a cooler environment. Heat is known to fragment your sleep.
- Hunger and overeating both can cause sleep problems. Make sure that you've had adequate amount of meal so that you don't feel hungry or stuffed up at night.
- Sleeping pills are not a good for the long run. After a point of time, your dependency on them can increase, which can ultimately increment your doses, too.
- Avoid consuming caffeine after 4 pm.
- Avoid excessive alcohol. It might make you sleep very easily and early but at the same time, it can completely destroy your sleep architecture.
- Consuming tobacco can disturb sleep as the effect of cigarettes last for close to 40 minutes. Try and avoid smoking or oral tobacco use in the evening or prior to bed time.

(The show premieres on November 23 at 8 pm on Sony BBC Earth.)

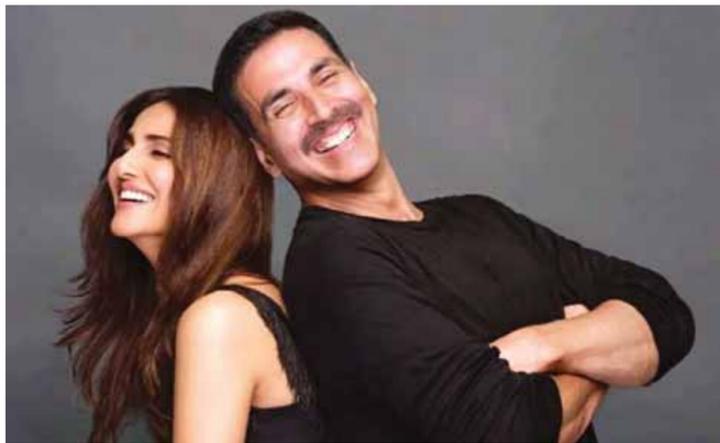
CELEB TALK 15 MINUTES

Akshay Kumar can ace any genre: Vaani

Actor Vaani Kapoor, who will next be seen in *Bellbottom* alongside Akshay Kumar, has praised her co-actor for his work.

Vaani said, "For me, Akshay sir is a superstar in every possible way. He is such an enthralling actor and I am really grateful to be sharing screen space with him. He is so fascinating. He can pull off action, comedy, romance, thriller and be the best in everything. Really, Akshay Kumar can ace any genre. He is so talented and experienced and one can only observe and learn from him all the time."

She added, "For me, it's the sheer joy of sharing screen space with him and getting to work at least once in my life with him that's making it special. The experience has been lovely! He couldn't have been



kinder and wonderful than he was. He is somebody who is very friendly on set. I am

someone who would otherwise go back to my hotel room and not interact too

much because I like being in my own space but he is someone who ensured that we all

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sit together and have lunches/dinners, get to know each other and be very involved like a close-knit family. I cherish this a lot because we actually felt like a family on the sets of *Bellbottom*."

On the work front, Vaani is currently in Chandigarh shooting her next with Ayushmann Khurrana titled *Chandigarh Kare Aashiqui*.

SALE NOTICE

The under mentioned Assets will be sold through auction on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for recovery of dues as per court orders, in the following cases:-

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CS (COMM) No.1208/2020, ICICI Bank Ltd Vs PAUL GOMES	Vehicle no- DL 1VB9530, Manu yr- 2016, Make and Model- GM Chevrolet enjoy
CS (COMM) 2338/19, ICICI Bank Ltd Vs SANJEEV KUMAR	Vehicle no- DL 1ZB2383, Manu yr- 2017, Make and Model- GM Sail
CS (Comm) No 1677/19 ICICI Bank Ltd Vs PIYUSH SHARMA	Vehicle no- DL1RTOC995, Manu yr- 2017, Make and Model- MARUTI UDYOG LTD WAGON R
CS (COMM) No 775/19, ICICI Bank Ltd Vs POONAM BALA	Vehicle no- DL2CAX9409, Manu yr- 2017, Make and Model- MarutiCelerio
CS (COMM) NO. 502/20, ICICI Bank Ltd Vs SANJAY SEHRAWAT	Vehicle no- HR29AK8871, Manu yr- 2015, Make and Model- GM Beat
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CS SCJ 1152/18, ICICI Bank Ltd Vs BHARAT MIGLANI	Vehicle no- HR51BP8125, Manu yr- 2017, Make and Model- Nissan Datsun
CS SCJ 1056/18, ICICI Bank Ltd Vs GOURAV KUMAR	Vehicle no- UP14FT7430, Manu yr- 2016, Make and Model-MARUTI WAGON R Lxi
CS NO 628/19, ICICI Bank Ltd Vs RAKESH PATEL	Vehicle no- BR09V7234, Manu yr- 2017, Make and Model-GRAND 110
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Case no- 6/18., ICICI Bank Ltd Vs CHAND SAIFI	Vehicle no- UP16ET2968, Manu yr- 2016, Make and Model- NISSAN GO T
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Auction Date: 07-Dec-2020 From 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM
Venue: Godara Yard, Khewat No: 166/1, Near AtulKataria Chock, Behind Gyan Devi School, Sec-17, Sukhrali, Gurugram- 122022.
Contact Person - Rajeev Ranjan (8584874809)/ Jitendra Kumar (7304914763)

And auction of below mentioned one vehicle will be conducted at Shriram Automall- Narela.

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Terms of Sale
The particulars of the said asset specified herein above have been stated to the best of the information and knowledge of the undersigned, who shall however not be responsible for any error, misstatement or omission in the said particulars. The interested participant/s are therefore requested, in their own interest, to satisfy himself / themselves/ itself with regard to the said asset and other relevant details pertaining to it before submitting the bids.
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The intending bidders may visit at ICICI Bank Ltd, 1st Floor, SD Tower, Community Center, Plot no-7, Rohini Sector-8, New Delhi- 110085, for details and inspection of the said hypothecated vehicle.

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Be it known to all concerned that my client Sh. Surender Patwa & her Wife Smt. Rekha Patwa both R/o 11/10, Shakti Nagar, Delhi - 110007 have disowned & severed their all relations with their married daughter Smt. Ritu Patwa & her husband and her children. My clients have also debarred them from their all moveable & immovable properties & here after shall not be responsible for their acts, deeds & things whatsoever.
Arvind Bansal (Advocate)
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I, Sanju Prabha R/o CGX071, Tower 22, Ph-3, DLF Capital Green, Moti Nagar, Delhi-110015, the registered holder(s) of below mentioned shares of above said company, hereby give notice that the share certificate in respect of the below said shares have been lost and I have applied for duplicate shares. Any person having any objection to my aforesaid claim should lodge his response with the Company at its above referred address within 15 days from this date, else the Company will proceed to issue duplicate shares or credit my demat a/c. No further claim will be entertained by company.
Folio No.: C0088719, Certificate No.: 60740
Distinctive No.: 81278482 to 81278631, No. of Shares:150
Sanju Prabha
NAME OF SHAREHOLDER(S)
New Delhi
Date 21/11/2020

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Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/RS/NOA, Dum Dum Car Depot Complex, Metro Railway, Kolkata-700090 for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-tender for the following work : **Name of Work:** Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract for RMPUs of Lloyd, Sidwal and Intec make fitted in 13 Nos. ICF-BHEL AC Rakes (MR-301, MR-302, MR-303, MR-304, MR-305, MR-306, MR-307, MR-308, MR-309, MR-310, MR-311, M-312 and MR-313 Rakes) for one year and Periodical Overhauling of RMPU of Sidwal make fitted in MR 303. **Tender Value :** Rs. 5,23,84,712.10 only. **Earnest Money :** Rs. 4,11,900/- only. **Date and Time of Closing :** Up to 15.00 hours (IST) of 23.12.2020. **Notice Board Address :** Office of the Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/RS, Dum Dum Car Depot Complex, Metro Railway, Kolkata-700090. **Website particulars:** <https://www.ireps.gov.in>

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CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA VERSUS **APPLICANT**
MR. SURINDER PAL & ORS. VERSUS **RESPONDENT**
To, DEFENDANT
3. M/s AMRAPALI CENTURIAN PARK PVT. LTD.
REG. OFFICE 307, 3rd FLOOR NIPUN TOWERS PLOT NO.-15 COMMUNITY CENTRE KARKARDOOMA, NEW DELHI- 92
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Whereas the above named applicant (s) has/have instituted a case for recovery of Rs. 30,42,713/- (Rupees Thirty Lakh Forty Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirteen Only) against you and where as it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in the ordinary way therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in the Tribunal on 19.03.2021 at 10.30 A.M.
Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before the mentioned, the case will be heard and determined in your absence.
By order of the Tribunal For Registrar, DRT-II, Delhi.

PRESTOLITE OF INDIA LIMITED
Regd. Office : 16/4, Main Mathura Road, Faridabad - 121002, Haryana, (India).
CIN: U34300HR1962PLC005921

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Body Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held on Monday the 21st day of December 2020 at 11:00 AM at the Registered Office of the Company at 16/4, Main Mathura Road Faridabad, Haryana -121002. to transact the following business:

ORDINARY BUSINESS:

1. To receive consider and adopt the Balance Sheet as at 31.03.2020 and the annexed Profit and Loss Account for the period ended as on that date together with the Report of Director's and Auditor's thereon.
2. To declare dividend.
3. To Reappoint Mr. Surjit Singh Sahni, as Managing Director of the company for a further period of Five Years.
4. To ratify the appointment of M/s Goel Mintri & Associates. (firm Reg. No- 013211N). Chartered Accountants as statutory Auditors of the Company from the conclusion of this Annual General Meeting until the conclusion of next Annual General Meeting of the company, at such remuneration as may be decided by the Board of Directors.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF THE DIRECTORS FOR PRESTOLITE OF INDIA LIMITED

Date : 21/11/2020 (SURJIT SINGH SAHNI) Director
Place : Faridabad Director
DIN - 00815479

KL good enough to fill up for Rohit: Maxi

Aussie all-rounder feels Hitman's absence will help hosts but backs his IPL teammate to perform well

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Rohit Sharma's absence from the upcoming white ball series is a big "positive" for Australia but KL Rahul is as good a player to fill in the void, feels dashing batsman Glenn Maxwell.

Rahul will be Virat Kohli's deputy in the white-ball leg since regular vice-captain Rohit is recuperating from a hamstring injury sustained during IPL.

"He (Rohit) is a class performer, so consistent as an opening batsman with a couple of (three) double hundreds. So anytime he is not in the line-up against you, it is a positive," Maxwell said.

The three-match ODI series begins on November 27 followed by a T20I series.

For Maxwell, KL Rahul is as good a back-up as any team can wish for.

"But in saying that, India have still got back-ups, more than capable of playing that role. We saw KL Rahul, the performance that he put on during the last IPL was extraordinary. Whether he opens the batting or not, I am sure he will be just as good a player," Maxwell added.

In Rohit's absence, it is expected that Mayank Agarwal will open the innings along with Shikhar Dhawan as Rahul, who will keep wickets is expected to bat middle-order.

However Maxwell is a big fan of Agarwal-Rahul opening pair that did really well during the first phase of IPL.

"Well, I would say they (Mayank-Rahul) are the two lovely guys, I have



Indian limited overs Vice-captain Rohit Sharma chats with KL Rahul during India's match against Windies in 2019

ever met. It was a pleasure to spend the change room (with them), two very good players, they score all-round the wicket and have got very limited weaknesses," Maxwell was all praise

for them. But Maxwell sounded out a warning for his IPL teammates that Australia's bowling attack will certainly put them under pressure.

"I suppose ODI cricket might be a bit different (compared T20). Hopefully, with our bowling attack, we can put some pressure on them and with bounce in the pitches and bigger

grounds as well, they play into our hands. They are good performers, and good players," a confident Maxwell asserted.

For India, key in the upcoming series will be Mohammed Shami's skills as both a "new ball and old ball" bowler.

"A guy like Mohammed Shami, whom I have played with in the recent IPL and played with him in Delhi, as well. (I) saw the skill that he has.

"He has got good skills at the end (death overs) as well as with the new ball. His ability to get moving on pitches will be key to them," said Maxwell.

According to Maxwell, he along with another in-form player Marcus Stoinis, would be the two all-rounders as well as designated finishers in the batting line-up.

"...The way we are probably going to set our team up is myself and Marcus Stoinis or potentially another all-rounder making up for the other 10 overs (for fifth bowler), the one without our four front-line bowlers.

"I suppose I can contribute wherever I can with the ball. With the bat, as it was against England, I will be trying to finish off games and do as well as I can down the order," he said.

Steve Smith didn't play the away ODI series against England due to concussion suffered during a net session and his presence is sure to increase Indian team's headache, said the Victorian all-rounder.

"To have someone like Steve Smith coming back to our side, it is going to be a big plus for us, a big headache for India. Smith has always scored runs against them," he said.

Keeping Kohli quiet key to success: Cummins

PTI ■ SYDNEY

Australia speedster Pat Cummins expectedly considers Virat Kohli the "big" wicket he would target in the upcoming series against India and said that keeping the visiting captain quiet would be crucial to the home team's chances.

"I think every side has that one or two batters and they are the big wickets. Most teams have their captain — Joe Root for England, Kane Williamson for New Zealand. You feel like if you get their wickets that goes a long way in winning the game," Cummins told Fox Cricket.

"He (Kohli) is always a big one. You commentators talk about him non-stop, so hopefully, we can keep him quiet," he added.

Cummins, who has been named in both the white and red-ball squads as vice-captain, is one of the 11 Australian players currently quarantining in Sydney after returning from the UAE where he played for Kolkata Knight Riders in the IPL.

Their quarantine period will end

on the eve of the opening ODI against India at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Cummins said Australia is well prepared to give India a tough fight in the series.

"It's going to be huge. Obviously, we're back here on home soil. Other than spending a lot of times in hotels and bubbles I feel like our preparation has actually been really good.

"We went over to the UK and had a good tour there. Most of the boys here have been playing 14 T20 matches in the last few weeks and the other guys coming in will be playing shrewd cricket. So, it feels like we are all firing up and got a lot of stuff behind us," he said.

The imposing pacer said that over the last couple of years, he has developed as a bowler.

"I was probably a bit quicker a few years ago but I feel like in the last couple of years I got better, learning different tempos within the game and also when I am bowling.

"I feel I got a bit more control on swing and seam," Cummins said.

"Whatever conditions we come up with, I have got a couple of tools I can go to."



Bowlers will decide fate of Ind-Oz series: Zaheer

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Former left-arm pacer Zaheer Khan believes bowlers will decide the fate of this summer's India-Australia contest as both the teams boast of some of the world's finest bowlers in their squads.

With the likes of Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammad Shami, Mitchell Starc and Pat Cummins, to name a few, up their ranks, both India and Australia have formidable bowling attacks.

"The Australian pitches have always had good bounce and pace, so I think the area which will decide the ODIs, T20Is and Tests will be the bowlers and how well the team bowls as a unit to restrict the opponent to a lower total on the scoreboard," said Zaheer, who was part of the 2011 World Cup winning Indian team.

"When someone talks about the top line bowlers in the world right now, the names of the players that come to our mind will all be on the pitch in this series," he added.

Zaheer also said that India are set to face a stern test in Australia this summer due to the presence of Steve Smith and David Warner.

India had defeated Australia 2-1 in their last Test series Down Under in 2018-19 in the absence of Warner and Smith, as both the players were serving a year-long ban.

"Now with the return of

Steve Smith and David Warner to the Australian side, the Indian team is definitely going to face a stiffer competition than their previous tour Down Under," the former India fast bowler said.

"There are no favourites going into the series as both the sides have quality batting and bowling line-up in their squad and that is what will make the upcoming tour interesting and exciting to watch."

Zaheer's thoughts were echoed by Australian pace legend Glenn McGrath, who also feels that the Virat Kohli-led side will face a tough competition this time around.

"The Indian cricket team will face a much tougher Australian team now that Smith and Warner are back but the Indian team is equally strong and have an aggressive mentality and determination to win the series," said McGrath, who has staggering 563 Test wickets.

"The current Indian team has got the confidence of playing in Australian conditions now and they know how to do it as they've been successful here in the last tour."

Former India batsman Sanjay Manjrekar too feels the same.

"Australia's Test team will be stronger than it was on India's previous tour. The experience of Smith and Warner will add muscle to the Aussie side but I believe India's bowling attack is ready to have their names carved in the history of Indian cricket by winning a consecutive series Down Under," he said.

Split captaincy cannot work in our culture: Kapil

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

"An MNC cannot have two CEOs", said former India skipper Kapil Dev on Friday, making his stance clear on the raging debate over whether the national cricket team should go for split captaincy.

Ever since Rohit Sharma guided Mumbai Indians to a fifth IPL title, a debate on split captaincy has gathered momentum with several former players suggesting that the opener be handed the leadership of at least the T20 side.

"In our culture it is not going to happen that way. In one company you make two CEOs? No. If Kohli is going to play T20s and he is good enough. Let him be there. Even though I would like to see other people coming out. But it's difficult," said Kapil.

"Our 80 per cent, 70 per cent of the team across formats is same team. They don't like captains having different theory. It may bring more differences between the players who look up to the captain.

"If you have two captains, players might think he is going to be my captain in Tests. I will not annoy him."

Talking about the art of fast bowling, the 1983 World Cup-winning former skipper said fast bowlers opting for too many variations saddens him.

"I am not happy with fast bowlers (these days). The first ball cannot be cross seam. Players in IPL realised that swing is more important than pace. Sandeep (Sharma), who bowled 120 kph, was tougher because he was moving the ball," he explained.

"Bowlers have to understand it's not the pace, it's the swing. They should learn but are running away from art. T Natarajan was my hero of IPL. Young boy was fearless

and bowling so many yorkers," the legendary all-rounder said referring to the two Sunrisers Hyderabad pacers.

Kapil feels variations are a

waste if one doesn't know how to swing the ball.

However, the battery of pacers that India possesses now pleases Kapil immensely.

"I read somewhere that Lara said he (would) rather prefer face Kapil Dev but not Lara. Our fast bowlers are brilliant.

"Look at Shami, Bumrah.

As a cricketer, it gives me a lot of happiness to say that today we depend on our fast bowlers. Our bowlers are capable of taking 20 wickets in

a match. We've had spinners — Kumble, Harbhajan, but today no country would like to say give them bouncy wickets."

Djoker downs Zverev, sets up semi with Thiem

AFP ■ LONDON

Novak Djokovic out-battled Alexander Zverev to qualify for the last four at the ATP Finals on Friday, staying on track to match Roger Federer's record of six titles at the end-of-season event.

The Serbian top seed, who was beaten comprehensively by Daniil Medvedev in his second round-robin match, was again below his best at London's O2 Arena but did enough to win 6-3, 7-6 (7/4).

The five-time winner finishes second in Group Tokyo 2020 behind Medvedev and will play third-seed Dominic Thiem in the semi-finals on Saturday.

Second-seed Rafael Nadal, seeking his first win at the elite eight-man event, will face Medvedev in the other semi-final after finishing second in Group London 2020.



Germany's Zverev at the first time of asking in the empty stadium and raced into a 3-0 lead, threatening to run away with the match — a repeat of the 2018 final, which Zverev won in straight sets.

The 33-year-old looked focused after his uncharacteristic mauling by Medvedev, serving himself out of trouble when he found himself trailing 15-40 in the seventh

game.

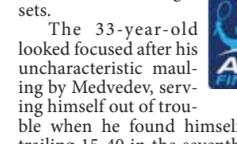
That proved to be the last chance for Zverev in the set and 17-time Grand Slam winner Djokovic hammered a backhand winner down the line to take it 6-3.

Djokovic handed Zverev a break point in the fourth game of the second set after double-faulting but the German could not capitalise.

The 23-year-old fifth seed saved two break points on his serve in the following game, letting out a roar as he kept his nose in front.

The set went to a tie-break. Zverev earned an early mini-break but Djokovic levelled and the pressure was back on the German, who faltered to hand the Serbian victory.

The O2 Arena is hosting the event for the 12th and final season before the championships move to Turin.



EAST BOUND FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS

ON 21.11.2020 & 22.11.2020

In order to clear extra rush of passengers during on-going festival season, Northern Railway in coordination with other Zonal Railways has planned to run following East bound Festival Special Trains from Delhi area stations on 21.11.2020 & 22.11.2020 as per the schedule given below:-

Festival Spl. No.	Station From	Dept. Time	Station to	Arr. Time	Accommodation	Stoppages
LIST OF EAST BOUND TRAINS FROM DELHI AREA ON 21.11.2020 (SATURDAY)						
02550	Anand Vihar (T)	06:45	Kamakhya	16:35	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Aligarh Jn, Tundla Jn, Etawah, Kanpur Central, Fatehpur, Prayagraj Jn, Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patliputra, Barauni Jn, Begu Sarai, Khagaria Jn, Mansi Jn, Naugachia, Kathar Jn, Barsol Jn, Kishanganj, New Jalpaiguri, Jalpaiguri Road, New Cooch Behar, New Alipurduar, Kokrajhar, New Bongaigaon, Barpeta Road & Rangiya Jn Stations
04428	Anand Vihar (T)	09:00	Jogbani	13:15	Second Seating (Reserved)	Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Varanasi, Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara, Patliputra, Hazipur, Barauni Jn, Begusarai, Khagaria, Naugachia, Kathar, Purnia Jn, Aranyia Court & Forbesganj Stations
04434	Anand Vihar (T)	11:00	Jaynagar	13:35	Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Varanasi, Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar, Ara, Patna Jn, S Bakhtiyarpur Jn, Mokameh Jn, Barauni Jn, Samstipur Jn, Darbhanga Jn & Madhubani Stations
03258	Anand Vihar (T)	13:30	Danapur	07:30	Second Seating (Reserved)	Moradabad, Lucknow, Varanasi Jn, Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar & Ara Stations
04424	Anand Vihar (T)	15:20	Kathir Jn	19:55	Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Khurja Jn, Aligarh Jn, Hathras Jn, Tundla Jn, Firozabad, Etawah, Kanpur Central, Unnao Jn, Aishbagh, Badshahnagar, Barabanki Jn, Gonda Jn, Mankapur Jn, Basti, Khalilabad, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Maiwa, Siwan Jn, Chhapra, Dighwara, Sonpur Jn, Hajipur Jn, Muzaffarpur Jn, Dholi, Khudiram B Pusa, Samastipur Jn, Barauni Jn, Begu Sarai, Khagaria Jn, Mansi Jn, Thana Bihpur Jn, Naugachia, Kibh, Kursela & Karagola Road Stations
04092	New Delhi	09:20	Jaynagar	11:15	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gonda Jn, Basti, Gorakhpur, Narkatiaganj Jn, Raxaul Jn, Sitamarhi, Darbhanga Jn & Madhubani Stations
02398	New Delhi	12:10	Gaya	03:20	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Aligarh Jn, Kanpur Central, Bharwari, Prayagraj Jn, Vindhyachal, Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Chandauli Mjhrw, Bhabua Road, Kudra, Sasaram, Dehri On Sone, Anugraha N Road, Rafiganj & Gurur Stations
02582	New Delhi	22:35	Manduadih	11:10	First AC, AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn & Gyanpur Road Stations
04030	Delhi Jn	13:45	Muzaffarpur Jn	08:00	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Siwan, Chhapra & Hajipur Stations
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02550	Anand Vihar (T)	06:45	Kamakhya	16:35	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Aligarh Jn, Tundla Jn, Etawah, Kanpur Central, Fatehpur, Prayagraj Jn, Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patliputra, Barauni Jn, Begu Sarai, Khagaria Jn, Mansi Jn, Naugachia, Kathar Jn, Barsol Jn, Kishanganj, New Jalpaiguri, Jalpaiguri Road, New Cooch Behar, New Alipurduar, Kokrajhar, New Bongaigaon, Barpeta Road & Rangiya Jn Stations
04432	Anand Vihar (T)	11:10	Saharsa	11:30	Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Hapur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Hardoi, Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Siwan Jn, Chhapra, Hajipur Jn, Muzaffarpur Jn, Samastipur Jn, Dalsingh Sarai, Barauni Jn, Begu Sarai, Khagaria Jn & S Bakhtiyarpur Stations
03258	Anand Vihar (T)	13:30	Danapur	07:30	Second Seating (Reserved)	Moradabad, Lucknow, Varanasi Jn, Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar & Ara Stations
04424	Anand Vihar (T)	15:20	Kathir Jn	19:55	Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Khurja Jn, Aligarh Jn, Hathras Jn, Tundla Jn, Firozabad, Etawah, Kanpur Central, Unnao Jn, Aishbagh, Badshahnagar, Barabanki Jn, Gonda Jn, Mankapur Jn, Basti, Khalilabad, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Maiwa, Siwan Jn, Chhapra, Dighwara, Sonpur Jn, Hajipur Jn, Muzaffarpur Jn, Dholi, Khudiram B Pusa, Samastipur Jn, Barauni Jn, Begu Sarai, Khagaria Jn, Mansi Jn, Thana Bihpur Jn, Naugachia, Kibh, Kursela & Karagola Road Stations
04426	Anand Vihar (T)	16:25	Raxaul Jn	22:10	Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Ghaziabad, Pilkhuwa, Hapur, Amroha, Moradabad, Raja Ka Sahasr, Chandauli Jn, Aonla, Shahjehanpur, Hardoi, Alamnagar, Lucknow, Nihalgarh, Musafir Khana, Sultanpur, Lambhua, Srikrishn Nagar, Jaunpur City, Varanasi Jn, Varanasi City, Aunhar Jn, Nandganj, Ghazipur City, Yusufpur, Ballia, Suraimanpur, Chhapra, Dighwara, Parmanandpur, Sonpur Jn, Hajipur Jn, Muzaffarpur Jn, Runnisaidpur, Sitamarhi, Baigania & Ghorasahan Stations
04422	Anand Vihar (T)	11:10	Lucknow	04:20	AC 2 Tier & AC 3 Tier	Ghaziabad, Moradabad & Bareilly Stations
02398	New Delhi	12:10	Gaya	03:20	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Aligarh Jn, Kanpur Central, Bharwari, Prayagraj Jn, Vindhyachal, Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Chandauli Mjhrw, Bhabua Road, Kudra, Sasaram, Dehri On Sone, Anugraha N Road, Rafiganj & Gurur Stations
04410	New Delhi	14:55	Patna Jn	09:00	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn, Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara & Danapur Stations
04004	New Delhi	18:00	Patna Jn	13:00	Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Rae Bareilly, Gauriganj, Amethi, Partapgarh Jn, Varanasi, Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar & Ara Stations
02582	New Delhi	22:35	Manduadih	11:10	First AC, AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn & Gyanpur Road Stations
05116	Delhi Jn	14:00	Chhapra	13:20	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Delhi Shahdara, Ghaziabad, Hapur, Amroha, Moradabad, Chandauli Jn, Aonla, Shahjehanpur, Hardoi, Lucknow, Faizabad Jn, Akbarpur, Shahganj Jn, Jaunpur Jn, Kirakat, Dohri, Aunhar Jn, Ghazipur City, Yusufpur & Ballia Stations
04412	Delhi Jn	23:00	Saharsa	20:00	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & Second Seating (Reserved)	Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Sitapur, Gorakhpur, Chhapra, Hajipur Jn, Barauni Jn & Khagaria Jn Stations

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