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## SHUN POLITICS OVER VACCINE: PM

Modi asks States to work out block-level plan for speedy distribution of vaccines when available

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday slammed "politics" over the availability of anti-coronavirus vaccine while asking States to work out "block-level plan" for speedy distribution of the vaccine as and when it is available in the country. The PM held a review meeting with eight worst Covid-19 affected States after new surge in cases.

Addressing Chief Ministers, Modi asked them to send a detailed plan to the Centre on how much cold-storage needed for the anti-Covid-19 vaccine.

Modi said he cannot say when the vaccine would be available and sought that it should not be "politicised".

"Stop politics over vaccine... its delivery is at hands of the scientists," he was quoted as saying in the CMs' meet.

The PM, however, made it clear in the meeting that the timeline and the cost of vaccine has not yet been finalised.

Modi repeatedly warned against showing "carelessness" which he said caused spike in numbers. He asked States to bring down coronavirus positivity to four per cent.

The meeting took place in view of a surge in the number of cases due to onset of winter, festival seasons, and casual approach in the public.

The interaction was two-phased — first with the worst-affected States and second with all States on laying out a plan for the smooth distribution of

the vaccines.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, Maharashtra CM Uddhav Thackeray, Gujarat CM Vijay Rupani, Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot, Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel and Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal were among those present at the meeting, held via video conference.

Punjab CM Amarinder Singh skipped the video conference meet.

Modi took stock of spike in casualties and spoke on the need for the Centre and States to work with better coordination, devise new containment strategy and need to put in place a system for the distribution of the vaccine as and when it was available for the distribution across the country



Prime Minister Narendra Modi holds virtual meeting with the Chief Ministers of States where Covid-19 cases have seen a sudden spurt after the festive season, in New Delhi on Tuesday

in coming months.

The Prime Minister said 160 new oxygen plants are being started to augment supply of oxygen and all demands of States are to be met through PMCare fund. He asked CMs to form steering committees at the State, district and block-

level with regular meetings, monitoring and training for the vaccine distribution at a mass scale in the country.

The Prime Minister assured States all help from the Centre and sought them to detail their needs.

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## Govt bans 43 apps, mostly from China

For activities prejudicial to sovereignty and integrity of India

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre on Tuesday blocked 43 mobile apps, including Alibaba Workbench, AliExpress, CamCard and many dating apps, mostly from China.

Earlier in June the Centre blocked 59 Chinese apps including Tik Tok, and in September again it blocked 118 Chinese apps, including PUBG.

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology said it issued the order under section 69A of the Information Technology Act blocking access to 43 mobile apps.

"This action was taken based on the inputs regarding these apps for engaging in activities which are prejudicial to sovereignty and integrity of India, defence of India, security of State and public order. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has issued the order for blocking the access of these apps by users in India based on the compre-



hensive reports received from Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre, Ministry of Home Affairs, said the Ministry in a statement.

AliSuppliers Mobile App, Alibaba Workbench, AliExpress-Smarter Shopping, Better Living, CamCard - Business Card Reader, CamCard-BCR (Western), Soul-Follow the soul to find you, Chinese Social - Free Online Dating Video App & Chat, Date in Asia - Dating & Chat For Asian Singles, WeDate-Dating App, Free dating app-Singol, start your date!, TrulyAsian - Asian Dating App, ChinaLove dating app for Chinese singles, DateMyAge: Chat, Meet, Date Mature Singles Online, First Love Live-super hot live beauties live online, Rela - Lesbian Social Network are the popular apps blocked in 43 banned apps list.

**Covid-19 IN INDIA**

**TOTAL**

**CASES: 92,16,049**

**DEATHS: 1,34,661**

**RECOVERED: 86,37,126**

**ACTIVE: 4,42,176**

STATES	TOTAL CASES	DEATHS	RECOVERED
Maharashtra	17,89,800	46,683	16,58,879
Karnataka	8,76,425	11,695	8,40,099
Andhra Pradesh	8,63,843	6,956	8,43,863
Tamil Nadu	7,73,176	11,639	7,49,662
Kerala	5,71,873	2,096	5,05,238
Delhi	5,40,541	8,621	4,93,419
Uttar Pradesh	5,28,833	7,582	4,97,475
West Bengal	4,63,463	8,121	4,30,462
Odisha	3,15,271	1,724	3,07,374
Telangana	2,65,049	1,437	2,52,565
Rajasthan	2,50,482	2,200	2,23,085
Bihar	2,31,697	1,233	2,25,447
Chhattisgarh	2,27,326	2,767	2,01,744
Haryana	2,22,292	2,249	1,99,278
Assam	2,11,839	976	2,07,646
Gujarat	2,00,409	3,892	1,82,573

### KUMBH MUST BE A PRIORITY IN VACCINE DISTRIBUTION PLAN IN UTTARAKHAND: CM

Dehradun: Haridwar Kumbh should be a priority in the vaccine distribution strategy for Covid-19 in Uttarakhand considering the huge workforce that will be engaged in organising the fair, Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat said on Tuesday. He said a steering committee at the state level and task forces in all districts have been set up for vaccination and their meetings are being held regularly.

### RUSSIAN VACCINE SPUTNIK V HAS EFFICACY OF OVER 95%: RDIF CEO

New Delhi: The Russia-developed Sputnik V vaccine against coronavirus has been found to be over 95 per cent effective, CEO of the Russian Direct Investment Fund (RDIF) Kirill Dmitriev said on Tuesday. In a virtual conference from Moscow, Dmitriev said Sputnik V is not only "one of the most effective" but also among the "affordable" vaccines in the world.

### Delhi graveyard running out of burial space

New Delhi: The biggest Muslim graveyard in the national Capital near ITO is running out of burial space amid rising Covid-19 deaths with coronavirus victims from other NCR areas also being buried here, an official managing it said on Tuesday.

### ONE CRORE FRONTLINE HEALTHCARE WORKERS IDENTIFIED TO RECEIVE VACCINE IN FIRST PHASE

New Delhi: An estimated one crore frontline health workers will receive the first dose of Covid-19 vaccine whenever it becomes available, with around 92 per cent of Government hospitals and 55 per cent of private hospitals across all states and UTs providing data identifying the workers, official sources said.

## Allahabad HC overrides earlier order on inter-religious wedding

Bench upholds right to choose partner, girl's conversion to Islam for marriage

PTI ■ ALLAHABAD

Amid a row over "love jihad", the Allahabad High Court has ruled that the right to choose a life partner "irrespective of religion" is intrinsic to the right to life and personal liberty.

The bench contradicted a high court judgment in September and another in 2014 against marriages performed after alleged conversions, saying that the two rulings were not good in law.

Justices Pankaj Naqvi and Vivek Agarwal made the observations while quashing an FIR lodged by a man against his

daughter's husband, whom she married after conversion to Islam. "Interference in a personal relationship would constitute a serious encroachment into the right to freedom of choice of the two individuals," they said.

The ruling comes amid plans by UP and some other States to enact laws to curb alleged conversions in the guise of marriage, which BJP leaders call "love jihad".

While allowing the writ petition by Salamat Ansari and Priyanka Kharwar, alias Alia, of Kushinagar, the judges cited Article 21 of the Constitution on personal liberty.

"To disregard the choice of a person who is of the age of majority would not only be antithetical to the freedom of choice of a grown up individual but would also be a threat to the concept of unity in diversity," they said.

"We do not see Priyanka Kharwar and Salamat as Hindu and Muslim, rather as two grown up individuals who out of their own free will and choice are living together peacefully and happily for over a year," the bench said.

Ansari and Priyanka Kharwar, alias Alia, had sought quashing of an FIR lodged on August 25, 2019 under several sections of the IPC, including illegal confinement and inducing a minor into sex. The FIR had also invoked the POC SO Act.

The petitioners argued that they are adults and competent to choose a person of their choice as their partner. The counsel for the woman's father argued religious conversion only for sake of marriage is prohibited and such marriage has no sanctity in law.

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## UP passes Ordinance against 'love jihad'

5-year jail, ₹15,000 fine for unlawful religious conversion in name of marriage

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Uttar Pradesh became the first State in India to approve the "Love Jihad" Ordinance called "Ordinance to Prevent Unlawful Religious conversions" which attracts a penalty of 5 years of jail term and fine of ₹15,000.

State Cabinet Minister and Government spokesperson Siddharth Nath Singh said the Cabinet has given its approval to prevent unlawful religious conversions in the name of marriage. The Cabinet meeting was held on Tuesday under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

According to the new law

the inter faith couple will have to give notice of two months before the marriage and District Magistrate (DM) permission is required for the marriage.

"Inter religion marriage without permission will attract jail from 6 months to 3 years and a minimum cash fine of ₹10,000," the spokesman said.

Concealing the original name and religion before marriage will attract 10 years of imprisonment.

The new law said any violation of the law or conversion will attract one to 5 years of jail and minimum fine of ₹15,000. In case of minor or SC/ST girl, the punishment will be between 3 and 10 years and minimum fine of ₹25,000. Mass conversion will attract 3 to 10 years jail with a minimum fine of ₹50,000, the Government spokesman said.

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## Improved version of Brahmos missile test-fired successfully

Enhanced 450km target range gives Indian Army edge over adversaries

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Against the backdrop of a security situation at the Line of Actual Control (LAC), India successfully test-fired an improved version of the Brahmos missile on Tuesday. More such drills will be carried out in the coming days.

The test is part of the validation firing carried out by the scientists in the last few weeks of a whole range of missiles, including Akash and Nirbhaya, besides the indigenously designed and manufactured Brahmos missile.

The latest test of the land



sonic missile, jointly produced with Russia, within the country was 290 km. The latest test has given the Army an edge over the adversaries with a range of more than 450 km, sources said here.

Incidentally, some batteries of the highly lethal missile rated to the fastest system in its class in the world are already deployed in some crucial sectors of the LAC facing China including Ladakh and Arunachal Pradesh.

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) in the last three months tested the new and existing Brahmos missiles apart from the Shaurya missile system. It has the capability of destroying a target at more than 700 km and technology demonstration vehicles for hypersonic missile technology.

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## Abdullahs encroached State land to construct palatial house: Record

Jammu Div Com uploads list of encroachers

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

More than two decades after former J&K Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah had constructed his palatial house in the thickly forested area of Sunjan village in Bahu tehsil of Jammu district, the Union Territory administration on Tuesday made a startling revelation that the same was built on an illegally occupied piece of State land measuring 7.7 Kanals (roughly 1 acre).

The revelation came to light after the office of Divisional Commissioner Jammu made public a list of State land encroachers on its website. Names of Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah figured on top of the list.

"Farooq Abdullah and his son Omar Abdullah had illegally occupied State land measuring 7 Kanals and 7 Marlas under Kharsa No 4,5,6 in village Sunjan of Bahu Tehsil in Jammu district," the list said. A residential house has been constructed there, it added.

Abdullah's name surfaced in the list of those violators who had encroached State Land (Physically encroached but not shown in Revenue Record).

The list included names of two other beneficiaries including hotelier Mushtaq Chaya and Ashfaq Mir son of a retired Justice Ali Mohd Mir. Reacting to the development the twitter handle of Jammu & Kashmir National Conference posted a brief statement which read as, "The news attributing to sources that Farooq Abdullah is a beneficiary of the Roshni Act is completely false and is being spread with a malicious intent".

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## TN, Puducherry brace for Nivar to minimise damage

Public holiday in TN, Section 144 imposed in Puducherry as cyclone likely to hit areas soon

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

After the India Meteorological Department (IMD) predicted that cyclone Nivar may cross Tamil Nadu-Puducherry coasts Karaikal and Mamallapuram as a very severe cyclonic storm in the late evening on November 25, public holiday has been declared in Tamil Nadu on Wednesday while authorities in Puducherry clamped prohibitory orders (section 144) till Thursday 6 am.

According to IMD's director general Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, Nivar is likely to make landfall between 8 pm and 12am. The wind will blow at 120-130 km per hour with gusting up to 145 kph.

The cyclonic storm is centred about 380 km east-south-east of Puducherry and 430 km southeast of Chennai. There was heavy rain overnight in several coastal districts of Tamil Nadu, including Chennai, and Puducherry.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday spoke to the

Chief Ministers of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry and assured them of all possible support from the Centre.

"Assured all possible support from the Centre. I pray for the safety and well-being of those living in the affected areas," he tweeted.

Several trains have been cancelled in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu in the wake of cyclonic storm.

The Tamil Nadu Government has declared a public holiday on Wednesday. Heavy rain in Chennai and several other districts led to water logging. Southern Railways cancelled a few train services and inter and intra bus-services, including those of private buses, have been suspended in seven districts.

People in low-lying and flood-prone areas have been asked to move to safer places and district authorities are shifting them to relief camps with food and necessary medical aids.

Chief Minister Palaniswami has urged people



Fishermen cover their boats at Marina Beach during heavy rain triggered by Cyclone Nivar in Chennai on Tuesday

to avoid going out for the next three days. Authorities have warned of damage to thatched roofs, kuchcha roads, water logging, suspension of electricity and uprooting of trees

due to the severe cyclone. The last cyclone to make a landfall in Tamil Nadu was Gaja (very severe cyclonic storm) during the north east monsoon in mid-November 2018.

Authorities in Puducherry clamped prohibitory orders and said only milk shops, petrol stations and pharmacies will be allowed to operate.

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## CAPSULE

### RAM TEMPLE TRUST CHIEF ON OXYGEN

Lucknow: Ram Janmbhoomi Teerth Kshetra trust president Mahant Nriyaya Gopal Das, who is admitted to a hospital here, was put on oxygen support on Tuesday after he complained of breathing difficulty.

### FARM PROTESTS: HARYANA SEALS PUNJAB BORDER

Chandigarh: Ahead of the farmers' protest march to Delhi against the Centre's farm laws, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Tuesday said the State borders with Punjab will remain sealed on November 26 and 27.

### AIIMS DOCTOR KILLED AS CAR FALLS INTO CANAL

Muzaffargarh: An AIIMS doctor was killed while two went missing when their car fell into the Ganga canal in this Uttar Pradesh district on Tuesday, police said. Another doctor, who was travelling in the car, has been rescued and hospitalised.

### VETERAN ACTOR VM BADOLA DIES AT 84

Mumbai: Veteran actor Vishwa Mohan Badola has passed away due to age-related ailments. He was 84.

# Not allowed to cross Hry, farmers threaten to block highways

**Chandigarh:** After a large number of farmers from Punjab, who are heading for indefinite 'siege' of Delhi from November 26 over their demand to revoke the Central farm laws, were not allowed to enter Haryana owing to travel restrictions there, farmers' bod-

ies on Tuesday threatened to block the highways. Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) President Balbir Singh Rajwal said Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has sealed borders for Punjab farmers to prove that "Punjab is not part of India".

"We will peacefully block the routes to Himachal and Jammu and Kashmir. Will start dharna on the roads," he tweeted. Rajwal questioned Khattar for refusing to give passage to the farmers to go to the national capital.

"Can't the high court take suo moto notice to give justice to the peaceful farmers," he asked. To avoid the movement of farmers, Khattar on Tuesday announced that the state will seal its borders with Punjab for two days.

Reports said a large number of tractor-trailers carrying farmers were lined up on the borders of Haryana. At least one member from each household in village in Punjab is gearing up to seek the axing of the farm laws following the 'Delhi Chalo' slogan and

the growing resentment against three agricultural laws passed by the Parliament in September. A movement has been gaining ground at the grassroots level across Punjab, which comprises 75 per cent of the farming community, against the 'draconian' laws that the farm-

ers fear will not allow them to earn even the minimum support price (MSP) fixed by the government and besides getting exploited at the hands of the corporate houses. However, the Central government has been trying to convince the farmers saying the

new laws will help increase their income and free them from the middlemen. The Centre has invited farmers' unions to Delhi for the second round of ministerial talks on December 3 to resolve the differences. IANS

## DELHI RIOTS Court takes cognisance of supplementary chargesheet against Khalid, Imam

**New Delhi:** A Delhi court on Tuesday took cognisance of the fresh supplementary charge sheet filed against former JNU student Umar Khalid, university's research scholar Sharjeel Imam and Faizan Khan in a case related to the alleged conspiracy in the communal violence in northeast Delhi in February. "After perusal of the charge sheet and accompanying documents, there is sufficient material to proceed against accused persons," Additional Sessions Judge Amitabh Rawat said in the order. The court has directed the counsel of the accused to collect the soft copy of the charge sheet on December 2 afternoon. Faizan, who is on bail, has been summoned on December 22. "Since two accused persons, namely Sharjeel Imam and Umar Khalid, are present today with their counsel through Webex app, hence, there is no need to issue summons," the court said. On Sunday, the Delhi Police had filed a supplementary

charge sheet, running into 930 pages, against the trio. The case pertains to a 'conspiracy' to incite the riots, which had left 53 people dead and 748 injured. The police has claimed that the communal violence was a pre-meditated conspiracy allegedly hatched by Khalid and others. The charge sheet against the three accused was filed under the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and sections related to criminal conspiracy, murder, rioting, sedition, unlawful assembly and promoting enmity on the grounds of religion, language, caste under the Indian Penal Code. The first 17,500-page charge sheet in the case against 15 people was filed by Delhi Police two months ago. It named Tahir Hussain, Safoora Zargar, Gulfusha Khatoun, Devangana Kalita, Shafa-ur-Rahman, Asif Iqbal Tanha, Natasha Narwal, Abdul Khalid Saifi, Ishrat Jahan, Meeran Haidar, Shadab Ahmad, Talsim Ahmad, Saleem Malik, Mohammed Salim Khan and Athar Khan. IANS

## G Noida residents get state-of-the-art infra

**Greater Noida:** Greater Noida Authority has provided state-of-the-art infrastructure to the residents of Greater Noida city, said officials. Continuous efforts are being made to provide better and latest technical facilities. Advisor/Consultant has been appointed for professional and time-bound works of land accounts department regarding the selection of an agency to assist Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority in land acquisition activities, said the release. The work done by the



authority for implementation of various projects according to nature, specification and requirement in time periods

for short term (from 3 months to 9 months), for medium term (from 4 years to 3 years) and for long term from 6 years, advisors have been appointed for projects for 40 years so that the projects / services of the authority can be implemented / completed in a better and professional manner. In addition to the above, the Greater Noida Authority is another innovative experiment of the Department of Land Accounts The work is going to start with the intention of better, professional and timely disposal. Modern procedures and techniques for the works of the

Bhulekh Department by Greater Noida Authority It has been decided to adopt. Under which the selection of an agency to assist Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority in Land Acquisition is going to be executed. The agency selected for the works of the Land Accounts Department will be able to execute the process of the department in particular, survey, land acquisition process, direct land purchase, compensation distribution, acquisition of the acquired land, etc. at the earliest.

## Abdullahs...

**From Page 1** "Farooq Abdullah has not availed of the Roshni Scheme for either his residence in Srinagar or in Jammu and any one who says otherwise is lying. The fact that they are using sources to plant this story shows that it has no legs to stand on," the National Conference statement said. Late Monday evening, names of several former Ministers, retired bureaucrats too had surfaced in the list of beneficiaries of the Roshni Scheme. Former Finance Minister Haseeb Drabu and his three relatives Shahzada Banoo, Ajaz Drabu, Ifkhar Drabu, prominent businessman and Congress leader KK Amla, Rachna Amla, Veena Amla, Mushtaq Ahmad, former bureaucrat Muhammad Shafi Pandit and his wife Nighat Pandit, Syed Muzaffar Aga are among the beneficiaries of Roshni Act. In Jammu, the list of encroached land other than Roshni which is physically encroached but not shown in revenue records includes Syed Akhoun, political leader National Conference (NC), MY Khan, Abdul Majid Wani, ex-Minister Congress, Aslam Goni, political leader, Haroon Choudhary, political leader NC, Sajjad Kichloo, ex-Minister of the NC. The list includes the names of several Government employees and businessmen.

The lists were made public by the divisional administration, both in Kashmir and Jammu regions, in accordance with the October 9 directive of the High court which has declared Roshni Act "illegal, unconstitutional and unsustainable" and ordered a CBI probe into the allotment of the land under this law. Issuing the first list of 35 beneficiaries, the divisional administration Kashmir showed that National Conference headquarters, several hotels and over a dozen commercial buildings at prime locations in and around Lal Chowk have been regularised under the controversial Roshni Act. In a separate list, a total number of 383 people were shown under possession of over 483 acres of encroached land in Maria Mandrian tehsil of Jammu district, while 854 beneficiaries having possession of over 370 acres in Jammu south and 15 others in Jammu west. Names of retired police officers also figured in the list. As many as 419 people, majority among them farmers, have been vested powers of 405 acres of agriculture land under Roshni Act in Khowal tehsil and 97 others in Nazool tehsil over over four acres of land, the list highlighted.

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निम्न कार्य हेतु निविदा ऑन लाईन वेबसाइट <https://mptenders.gov.in> पर आमंत्रित की गई है। निविदा प्रपत्र दिनांक 20.11.2020 से दिनांक 09.12.2020 सायं 05.30 बजे तक क्रम तथा दिनांक 20.11.2020 से दिनांक 09.12.2020 सायं 05.30 बजे से ऑन लाईन प्रस्तुत किये जा सकते हैं। निविदा खतून की दिनांक 11.12.2020 दोपहर 01.00 बजे से है।  
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06	63/19.11.2020	2020_PHEDED_115089_1	ग्वालियर	विकासखण्ड भितरवार के ग्राम गौहिदा, केरुआ, की नल जल प्रदाय जल जीवन मिशन अन्तर्गत रेट्रोफिटिंग कार्य।	262.12 लाख	262120.0	15,000.0	प्रथम
07	64/19.11.2020	2020_PHEDED_115090_1	ग्वालियर	विकासखण्ड भितरवार के ग्राम मसूर, मायटा, रिछरीकला की नल जल प्रदाय जल जीवन मिशन अन्तर्गत रेट्रोफिटिंग कार्य।	253.64 लाख	253640.0	15,000.0	प्रथम
08	65/19.11.2020	2020_PHEDED_115091_1	ग्वालियर	विकासखण्ड भितरवार के ग्राम सांखी, बामरोल की नल जल प्रदाय जल जीवन मिशन अन्तर्गत रेट्रोफिटिंग कार्य।	216.69 लाख	216690.0	15,000.0	प्रथम
09	66/19.11.2020	2020_PHEDED_115092_1	ग्वालियर	विकासखण्ड डबरा के ग्राम मिनागेरी, बरागां, पुट्टी, जरागां की नल जल प्रदाय जल जीवन मिशन अन्तर्गत रेट्रोफिटिंग कार्य।	256.37 लाख	256370.0	15,000.0	प्रथम
10	67/19.11.2020	2020_PHEDED_115093_1	ग्वालियर	विकासखण्ड डबरा के ग्राम कल्यानी, सूखापाटा, लदेरा, लखनपुर की नल जल प्रदाय जल जीवन मिशन अन्तर्गत रेट्रोफिटिंग कार्य।	329.18 लाख	329180.0	15,000.0	प्रथम
11	68/19.11.2020	2020_PHEDED_115094_1	ग्वालियर	विकासखण्ड डबरा के ग्राम खडबई, भोहे, अजयगढ़, लखनौली की नल जल प्रदाय जल जीवन मिशन अन्तर्गत रेट्रोफिटिंग कार्य।	279.56 लाख	279560.0	15,000.0	प्रथम
12	69/19.11.2020	2020_PHEDED_115095_1	ग्वालियर	विकासखण्ड डबरा के ग्राम लोहागढ़, गुल्काई, सिरोल दफाई की नल जल प्रदाय जल जीवन मिशन अन्तर्गत रेट्रोफिटिंग कार्य।	202.39 लाख	202390.0	15,000.0	प्रथम
13	70/19.11.2020	2020_PHEDED_115096_1	ग्वालियर	विकासखण्ड घाटीगांव के ग्राम दौरा, पवा, बरारहना, डगौरा, दामतोर खालसा, डबका, चराईपौलखाना की नल जल प्रदाय जल जीवन मिशन अन्तर्गत रेट्रोफिटिंग कार्य।	340.84 लाख	340840.0	15,000.0	प्रथम
14	71/19.11.2020	2020_PHEDED_115098_1	ग्वालियर	विकासखण्ड घाटीगांव के ग्राम मिलावटी, नयागांव निरावली, की नल जल प्रदाय जल जीवन मिशन अन्तर्गत रेट्रोफिटिंग कार्य।	185.48 लाख	185480.0	15,000.0	प्रथम
15	72/19.11.2020	2020_PHEDED_115099_1	ग्वालियर	विकासखण्ड मुरार के ग्राम बेहट, दोग्यापुरा, बड़ेरा फुटकर की नल जल प्रदाय जल जीवन मिशन अन्तर्गत रेट्रोफिटिंग कार्य।	332.94 लाख	332940.0	15,000.0	प्रथम
16	73/19.11.2020	2020_PHEDED_115100_1	ग्वालियर	विकासखण्ड मुरार के ग्राम डबका, लोहासपुर, गंधारा, फुसावली, आरीरा, जिनानिया की नल जल प्रदाय जल जीवन मिशन अन्तर्गत रेट्रोफिटिंग कार्य।	380.35 लाख	380350.0	15,000.0	प्रथम
17	74/19.11.2020	2020_PHEDED_115101_1	ग्वालियर	विकासखण्ड मुरार के ग्राम रनागां, गडदौली, धुसागां की नल जल प्रदाय जल जीवन मिशन अन्तर्गत रेट्रोफिटिंग कार्य।	222.04 लाख	222040.0	15,000.0	प्रथम
18	75/19.11.2020	2020_PHEDED_115102_1	ग्वालियर	विकासखण्ड मुरार के ग्राम रोरा, रवाई, दुगागां की नल जल प्रदाय जल जीवन मिशन अन्तर्गत रेट्रोफिटिंग कार्य।	254.56 लाख	254560.0	15,000.0	प्रथम
19	76/19.11.2020	2020_PHEDED_115103_1	ग्वालियर	विकासखण्ड मुरार के ग्राम उडीला, बहानीखुर्द, गुरी, दिहोली की नल जल प्रदाय जल जीवन मिशन अन्तर्गत रेट्रोफिटिंग कार्य।	429.95 लाख	429950.0	15,000.0	प्रथम

G-1577/20 जब तक कारोना की दवाई नहीं, तब तक खिलाई नहीं। कार्यपालन यंत्री, लोक. स्वा. यां. खण्ड ग्वालियर

## Improved...

**From Page 1** The land, air and sea versions of the highly sophisticated missile are already inducted into the Army, Navy and the IAF. The Navy last month test fired the missile with a range of about 400 km from INS Chennai in high seas. Known for its precision strike capabilities, the speed of the missile is 2.8 Mach or almost three times the speed of sound, they said. In the next few days, the IAF and the Indian Navy are scheduled to carry out separate test-firing of the new version of the air-launched and naval versions of the supersonic cruise missile respectively. In the last two-and-half months, India has test fired a number of missiles including an anti-radiation missile named Rudram-1 which is planned to be inducted into service by 2022. On October 18, a naval version of the BrahMos missile was successfully test fired from an indigenously-built stealth destroyer of the Indian Navy in the Arabian sea. The IAF on October 30 test-fired the

air launched version of the weapon from a Sukhoi fighter aircraft in the Bay of Bengal. The BrahMos missile provides the IAF a much-desired capability to strike from large stand-off ranges on any target at sea or on land with pinpoint accuracy by day or night and in all weather conditions. The IAF is also integrating the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile on over 40 Sukhoi fighter jets which is aimed at bolstering overall combat capability of the force. Meanwhile, reports from China indicated that it may deploy more squadrons of its multi-role strike fighter jets J-16 on the LAC. "A brigade attached to the PLA Western Theatre Command (WTC) Air Force recently conducted a confrontational air-to-air combat exercise in order to examine and enhance the unit's comprehensive combat capability," the State-backed nationalist tabloid Global Times reported citing an article on the official WeChat account of the PLA WTC. The J-16 is a third-plus generation fighter jet.

## Allahabad HC overrides...

**From Page 1** But the court held that on attaining majority a person is statutorily conferred a right to choose a partner. "The courts and the constitutional courts in particular are enjoined to uphold the life and liberty of an individual guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution of India," the ruling said. "Right to live with a person of his/her choice irrespective of religion professed by them, is intrinsic to the right to life and personal liberty. Interference in a personal relationship would constitute a serious encroachment into the right to freedom of choice of the two individuals," it said. The bench also referred to the Priyanshi case in September and the Noor Jahan case in 2014, in which the court ruled that conversions for the purpose of marriage are unacceptable. It said there was no doubt that the women in the two past cases could not authenticate their alleged conversion as they

were unable to show knowledge of the basic tenets of Islam. But the courts were still obliged to ascertain the desire of the women as they were above 18. The judges said the court had then not dealt with the issue of life and liberty of two mature individuals in choosing a partner or their right to freedom of choice about whom they would like to live with. "We hold the judgments in Noor Jahan and Priyanshi as not laying good law," the court observed.

FORM NO. INC-28 (Pursuant to Rule 30 of Companies (Incorporation) Rules 2014) Advertisement to be published in Newspaper for the change in Registered Office of the Company from one state to another Before the Central Government Northern Region Bench, Delhi in the matter of sub-section 4 of section 13 of the Companies Act 2013 and clause (a) of sub-section (5) of Rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules 2014 And In the matter of Adapts Media Private Limited having its Registered Office at A-67, Kranti Marg, Gulmohar Park near the Walden School New Delhi South West Delhi 110016 India Notice is hereby given to General Public that the company proposes to make the application to the Central Government under section 13 of the Companies Act 2013, seeking confirmation of alteration of Memorandum of Companies of the company in term of special resolution passed at Extra ordinary General Meeting held on Wednesday the 11th day of November, 2020, to enable the company to change its Registered Office from "State of Delhi" to "State of Haryana". Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change, may deliver either on MCA portal ([www.mca.gov.in](http://www.mca.gov.in)) by filling investor complaint form or cause to be delivered or supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and ground of opposition to the Regional Director at the Address A-67, Kranti Marg, Gulmohar Park near the Walden School New Delhi South West Delhi 110016 India within 14 Days of date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company at its registered office at the address mentioned below: Address of Registered Office: A-67, Kranti Marg, Gulmohar Park near the Walden School New Delhi South West Delhi 110016 India For and on behalf of applicant Mr. Hanuman Prasad Gupta, Chairman DIN: 08210005 For Adapts Media Private Limited

## SHUN...

**From Page 1** In the recently concluded Bihar elections, the promise of "free-distribution" of vaccine by the BJP had come up for a sharp criticism from the Opposition parties with the latter accusing the ruling party of politicising the vaccine when there is none around. Modi in the meeting said the frontline health workers would have the first claim on the vaccine, besides military, paramilitary forces and senior citizens. The Prime Minister said India has a great "experience" in vaccine and his Government was "looking at all aspects of its development". "Two Indigenous vaccines are ahead in the race," he said. While emphasising need to reach everyone in the country, Modi said the exercise needs to be smooth and systematic as it would be a long-drawn one. "Greater coordination and team-work between the Centre and the States would be needed," he said. Modi said guidelines of World Health Organisation on the distribution of the vaccine also to be followed. Striking caution to people going "careless," he said there should be no let up in the bat-

tle against coronavirus. He reminded people that "they should be careful as there is no vaccine now". The Prime Minister said India "fought Covid bravely" and assured States all help from the Centre and sought them to detail their needs. The West Bengal CM wanted the Prime Minister that the Centre pays her State's GST dues to help ramp up its finances. She said Covid situation in her State is in control. The Rajasthan CM said his State has ramped up testing and health infrastructure. The Gujarat CM said the PM discussed with all CMs plan for the fast distribution of the vaccine. Most of the States wanted more ventilators and ways of more oxygen supply. Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal informed PM Modi that Delhi saw a peak of 8,600 Covid-19 cases on November 10 in the third peak. "Since then cases and positivity rate are steadily decreasing. The high severity of third wave is due to many factors including pollution," said Kejriwal in the meeting. The Delhi CM sought Modi's intervention to get rid of pollution due to stubble burning from adjoining States especially in view of recent bio

decomposer. Kejriwal urged the Prime Minister for the reservation of additional 1,000 ICU beds in Central Government hospitals till third wave lasts. Maharashtra CM Uddhav Thackeray informed PM Modi that he is in constant touch with Adar Poonawalla of Serum Institute and that the State has formed a task force to ensure timely distribution of vaccine and executing the vaccination programme. In view of new wave of coronavirus, Maharashtra has made compulsory carrying Covid-19 negative test for all those flying or travelling to Maharashtra from Delhi, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Goa. The test negative has to be done 72 hours before landing in Maharashtra. The PM-CM meeting comes a day after the Supreme Court said that the Covid-19 pandemic has worsened in Delhi and gone out of control in Gujarat. The top court direct-

## UP passes...

**From Page 1** Singh told the media that the new law has been brought to give justice to the women in the State. "In the State there are at least 100 such incidents where women were forced to convert after their marriage as the husband concealed their original names," he said.

THE PIONEER CLASSIFIEDS CHANGE OF NAME I, Md. Ekramul Haque S/O Late Abdul Rahman Ansari, Vill. Mandura, Post. Sahangi, Dist. Bhojpur (Ara) Bihar-802203 Army service no. JC764506M, sub MTeCh (COMN) declare that my wife's name is Shahjahn Khatun incorrectly written in my service record. Correct name is Shahjahn Khatun. Please correct for all future purposes. PD(881)A

# Covid 3rd wave severity due to pollution, Kejriwal tells Modi

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal during a meeting with the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said the number of covid-19 cases as well as the positivity rate in the national Capital is steadily decreasing since November 10 when 8,600 cases of coronavirus were reported in Delhi.

The Chief Minister told the Prime Minister that the high severity of the third wave of Covid-19 in the national Capital is due to many factors and pollution being an important one. "The pollution from stubble burning in the neighbouring states has been a significant contributor in making the third wave of corona more dangerous. The Chief Ministers of the neighbouring states should work as a team to eliminate stubble burning under the leadership of the PM," he told during the meeting.



Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal also demanded the intervention of the Prime Minister to resolve the issue of stubble burning with the help of bio-decomposer technology. He said, "We want that under your leadership, the Chief Ministers of Delhi, Punjab, and Haryana should work

together as a team to eliminate stubble burning. In view of the rise in corona cases across the country, Prime Minister interacted through video conferencing with the Chief Ministers of eight states. The meeting comes a day after the Supreme Court expressed concern over the surge in number of Covid-19 cases across the country. The court asked the Centre and all States to file within two days status reports detailing the steps taken to deal with the situation.



Kejriwal also briefed the Prime Minister about the measures being taken to combat the situation. "There are sufficient numbers of non-ICU COVID beds available in Delhi but there is a shortage of ICU beds. He appealed to the Prime Minister to reserve 1000 ICU beds in the central government hospitals located in the city for Delhiites.

"Out of the total beds reserved for COVID patients in all government and private hospitals across Delhi, 9400 beds are occupied while 8500 beds are still vacant. We have adequate number of non-ICU beds. Out of the total ICU beds available across Delhi, around 3500 ICU beds are occupied and 724 ICU beds are still vacant. If the Central Government decides to reserve 1000 beds in central government hospitals like Safdarjung and AIIMS, it will be a great support to us. We are thankful for all the help that we and the people of Delhi have received from the Central Government during the time of epidemic," he said in a statement.

Kejriwal further told the PM that the first wave of corona in Delhi came in June, during which 20,000 samples were collected every day across the city. "The Delhi Government had increased the sample collection in September to 60000 per day. The third wave of Corona is still going on in Delhi. The positivity rate in Delhi has been constantly declining but the rising mortality rate is a matter of concern. We hope that the mortality rate will also reduce along with the declining positivity ratio in the coming days," he said.

Delhi recorded 4,454 fresh Covid-19 cases and a positivity rate of 11.94 per cent on Monday, while 121 more fatalities pushed the death toll due to the disease to 8,512 in the city. This was the sixth time in 12 days that the daily number of deaths crossed the 100-mark in the national capital. Authorities reported 121 deaths due to Covid-19 on Sunday, 111 on Saturday, 118 on Friday, 131 on November 18, the highest till date, and 104 on November 12.

## Elderly Afghan refugee's killing by bike-borne men goes viral

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A 70-year-old Afghan refugee was shot dead allegedly by two unidentified bike-borne men outside his house in west Delhi's Vikaspuri area. A video of the incident also went viral on social media.

The deceased has been identified as Attam Singh, a resident of Vikaspuri area.

According to Deepak Purohit, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), West district, around 5.20 pm on Monday, the police received information about a firing incident near house number H-358, Vikaspuri, following which a police team was dispatched for the spot.

"Singh was rushed to the Sehgal Hospital on Outer Ring Road, where he was declared brought dead. He received a bullet injury on his head," said the DCP.

"During initial investigation it was revealed that two men, wearing helmets, on a bike were seen near Singh's residence around the time of the incident. When the deceased stopped his car near his home, the pillion rider allegedly fired at him and subsequently, the duo fled the spot," said the DCP.

"The post-mortem examination of the deceased will be conducted at the Deen Dayal Updhyay (DDU) hospital on Tuesday. Singh came to India from Afghanistan 28 years ago and settled here. He used to do "sewa" at a gurdwara at Anandpur Dham, Karala village," said the DCP.

"He was a property dealer and used to deal in the sale and purchase of property near the gurdwara," said police adding that his recent deals are being looked into. The younger son of the deceased runs a mobile phone shop at Gaffar Market.

"A case under sections 302 (murder) and 34 (common intention) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and the Arms Act was lodged at the Vikaspuri police station," said the DCP.



People through Delhi's Sarojini Nagar market in New Delhi on Tuesday

Ranjan Dimri | Pioneer

## 46-year-old man held for cheating PNB to tune of ₹24.13 crore

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of Delhi Police has arrested a 46-year-old man for allegedly cheating Punjab National Bank (PNB) to tune of ₹24.13 crores.

The accused has been identified as Pradeep Kumar Mittal, a resident of Harsh Vihar in Delhi's Pitampura area.

According to Dr OP Mishra, the Joint Commissioner of Police, EOW, the complainant Punjab National Bank (PNB) has alleged that in 2013 Bhumika Inspat Udyog Private Limited had availed various loans amounting to Rs 24.13 crores through its directors by hypothecating stock of raw material, semi furnished and unfinished goods, goods in transit, goods lying in the company's godown and factory.

"The accused agreed to submit the statement of stocks and book debts regularly to the bank. In the year 2014 when the alleged company failed to submit the statement of stock and book debit to the complainant bank, the bank visited the factory premises/godown and found very negligible stock lying there and the unit was found non-functional and closed," said the Joint CP.

"Thus directors of the alleged company have sold out the hypothecated stock and siphoned off the amount without the knowledge of the complainant bank. The amount involved in the present case is Rs 24.13 Crore," said the Joint CP.

"The accused, Mittal, who is also the director of the alleged company was also arrested and he was released on bail by the local Court," said the Joint CP.

## Make bio-decomposer tech must for all States: AAP Govt submits petition to Air Quality Management Commission

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Government on Tuesday submitted a petition to the 'Air Quality Management Commission' (AQMC) and demanded the commission to make uses of bio-decomposer technique mandatory for all the States like Punjab, Haryana, UP and Rajasthan.

Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai said that the technique will stop stubble burning and also help the farmers to develop the quality of farmland from the produced manure. In the petition submitted to the commission, it was also described the successful implementation of the bio-decomposer to stop stubble burning in the national capital. The Government has requested the commission to take cognisance of the assessment report on the usage of the bio-decomposer technique.

Rai said that due to massive stubble burning which affected the air quality of Delhi in the past few days the Covid situation of the capital has also significantly worsened. "Pollution situation in Delhi has been very critical in the last few days. If we look at the NASA images we will also

find out that the stubble burning in the neighbouring states of Haryana and Punjab have increased significantly. We also know that COVID-19 is a kind of disease which affects the lungs of the people. In the amalgamation of the increasing number of stubble burning cases, pollution and other issues the Covid situation in Delhi is also becoming very critical. We believe that a moral responsibility of not only of the Delhi government but also of the central government and all the other agencies," he said.

"We believe that it is the time when a permanent solution of the stubble burning should be found out. In Delhi, the state government with the collaboration of Pusa Institute has developed a bio-decomposer by which stubble can be converted into manure. We have seen that by using this solution nearly 90 per cent of the stubble got converted into manure," he added.

Rai said, "The Delhi government has filed a petition in front of the central government agency on Sunday to monitor air pollution named as AQMC. We have informed the commission regarding how this solution has been successful in Delhi. We have also submitted

## CM failed to check spread of Covid-19, alleges Cong

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Expressing concern over the spiraling Covid-19 cases in the national Capital, Delhi Congress president Anil Kumar said Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has "failed" in checking the spread of the virus.

Accusing the AAP-led Delhi Government, he said that there was "zero fight" by the Delhi Government against the Covid-19 pandemic. "Delhi Congress has been demanding for the past three months to ramp up RT-PCR testing to one lakh per day but the government instead of tackling the issue at a war-footing, tried to give a communal twist to the Covid spread.

Kumar said that the Arvind Government was not only hiding the exact number of Covid



cases but also deaths due to it as the number of Covid dead bodies reaching the crematoriums and burial grounds of Delhi are much more than what the Government data reveals. He said that one Covid death was happening every ten minutes, and out of the five daily Covid deaths across the country, one is in Delhi.

The Congress leader said that Delhi was recording 80 per cent less tests than required and people are paying a heavy price for such laxity. Kumar had suggested at an all-party meeting with CM recently, saying that the urgent need was to increase testing to two lakh per day to identify the virus-affected and assess the spread of the pandemic so that the Government can take effective steps to stem the Corona tide.

Kumar also pointed out Niti Ayog's warning in which it said that Delhi will report 15,000 Corona cases per day by December. He demanded the resignation of Health Minister Jain for his utter "failure" to take prompt measures to check the Corona spread and accused the CM of enacting in his house in the first three months of the Corona pandemic crisis.

## BJP-ruled MCDs harassing people by increasing property tax: AAP

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Chief Spokesperson Saurabh Bhardwaj on Tuesday accused the BJP-ruled municipal Corporations of harassing the common people by bringing proposal to increase residential property tax by 34 per cent.

Bhardwaj said that instead of giving any relief to the citizens of Delhi in the time of Covid-19 pandemic the BJP ruled municipal Corporations arbitrarily increased property tax. He said that the BJP ruled MCD has decided to sell various prime lands for like Novelty cinema land and other; BJP is trying to sell the MCD before going out power.

Bhardwaj also said, "The corporations are



looting common men, small business owners by increasing taxes, and on the other hand, they are introducing a new scheme for called parking and advertising mafia which is filled up to the brim with corruption.

## AAP appoints ex-MLA Sarita as incharge of Delhi women's wing

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Aam Aadmi Party has appointed former MLA Sarita Singh as in-charge of the Delhi women's wing to ensure increased women's participation in the upcoming Delhi Municipal elections. Sarita Singh has been associated with

the party since the time of AAP's Jan Lokpal movement.

On being appointed as the in-charge of the Delhi women's wing, Sarita Singh said, "I wholeheartedly thank Chief Minister and AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal for entrusting me with the responsibility of handling the party's women wing.

## Woman fires at shop over mobile phone, held

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A 28-year-old woman was arrested for allegedly firing at the closed shutter of a shop in northeast Delhi's Chauhan Bangar area in order to threaten its owner.

The woman has been identified as Nusrat. A video clip of the incident also went viral on social media, in which a burqa-clad woman is seen firing four times at the closed shutter of a shop. She is also seen abusing in the video. In the video, the woman claims that she is the sister of Nasir.

According to a senior police official, Shahrukh, who was known to the woman, had mortgaged his mobile phone to a grocery shop owner, Fahim.

"While the former wanted his phone back, the latter was not returning it to him. Around 11.30 pm on November 18, Nusrat went to the shop and allegedly fired a few shots. She also allegedly abused and threatened the shop owner," said the senior police official.

"A case under relevant sections of Indian Penal Code (IPC) was registered and the woman was arrested on Monday," he said.

## Haryana issues traffic advisory amid farmers' 'Dilli Chalo' protests

PARVESH SHARMA ■ GURUGRAM

In view of the 'Dilli chalo' call given by various farmers' outfits against three agriculture-related Bills, the Haryana Government on Tuesday issued a comprehensive travel advisory to help commuters.

Commuters may face traffic blockages at entry points from Punjab into Haryana on November 25 and November 26, and on entry points from

Haryana into Delhi on November 26 and November 27.

Sharing details in this regard, a spokesperson of the Haryana Police said that adequate arrangements have been made by the civil and police administration for November 26 and 27 as per directions of the state government for maintaining proper law and order, traffic and security arrangements in the state.

The primary objective of

these arrangements is to maintain law & order to prevent any untoward incident, violence, and to facilitate smooth movement of traffic and public transport and to ensure public peace and order.

The instructions in force due to the COVID-19 pandemic have also been kept in mind.

The spokesperson further said that according to reports, a large number of protestors are likely to enter Haryana from

Punjab side through various border entry points, for onward journey towards Delhi.

Apart from this, the main focus points of the protestors originating from within Haryana shall be the four major National Highways leading towards Delhi, i.e. Ambala to Delhi, Hisar to Delhi, Rewari to Delhi and Palwal to Delhi.

A specific call has been given by protesting organizations for congregation at Shambhu Border in district

Ambala, Mundhal Chowk in district Bhiwani, Anaj Mandi in Gharanda, district Karnal, Tikri Border near Bahadurgarh, district Jhajjar and Rajiv Gandhi Education City, near Rai, district Sonapat.

The spokesperson said that to ensure appropriate law & order arrangement it is likely that the traffic diversion or roadblocks by the police may be put into place on the following roads/points on November 25, 26 & 27.

"There will be a diversion on various road entry points from Punjab into Haryana in the districts of Panchkula, Ambala, Kaithal, Jind, Fatehabad & Sirsa. Also, Four major National Highways leading towards Delhi, i.e. Ambala to Delhi, Hisar to Delhi, Rewari to Delhi and Palwal to Delhi will also have traffic diversions or roadblocks. Specifically, at Shambhu Border, district Ambala, Mundhal Chowk, district Bhiwani, Anaj Mandi,

Gharanda, district Karnal, Tikri Border, Bahadurgarh, district Jhajjar and Rajiv Gandhi Education City, Rai, district Sonapat," the spokesperson said.

The spokesperson said all the citizens are being informed about these arrangements made by the police department in advance so that they can plan their trip in advance for the said days or to avoid any inconvenience.

Meanwhile, the Gurugram Police have also claimed that

they have increased vigils in the border area.

"An educate police force has been deployed at all Gurugram borders in view of farmers' protest. Gurugram shared its boundaries with, Jhajjar, Palwal, Nun, Rewari and Delhi. In these areas heavy police forces have been deployed to avoid any untoward incident. Also, we will not allow any to breach law & orders situations in Gurugram," Gurugram police commissioner K K Rao said.

# Centre invites farmers' bodies for talks on Dec 3

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Agriculture has invited representatives of 32 farmers' organisations for a second round of talks on December 3, at Vigyan Bhawan here. But the farmers' organisations are already gearing up for their "Delhi Chalo" march on November 26-27 against the agriculture laws even as the Central trade unions on Tuesday said that about 25 crore workers are expected to participate in the nationwide general strike on November 26.



December 3 at Vigyan Bhawan, as it was agreed by both sides that discussions on various farmers' issues will continue. The first round of talks was held on November 13, but it remained inconclusive but both sides had agreed to continue negotiations in the future.

On the other hand, farmers across Punjab are getting ready for their protests "Delhi Chalo" on November 26. Enter any village and there's only one thing in the air, "Delhi Chalo". From illiterate elderly women to young graduates, all are putting in their all energy to mobilise maximum support for the protest in the national capital. Tractor-trailers fitted with speakers are playing Punjabi songs to ignite passion against the farm laws and collecting ration and other necessary items. Holding flags, youngsters roam villages to disseminate required information. Rural women are busy organising "jago" singing anti-Central Government songs during the daytime; at night, farmers are organising "mashal" marches.

To support farmers' cause, 10 central trade unions, employees' unions in insurance, banking, Railways and State and Central Government institutions will take part in the bandh, which will begin from November 25

midnight and end on November 26 midnight. A statement has been issued by a joint forum comprising ten central trade unions -- Indian National Trade Union Congress (INTUC), All India Trade Union Congress (AITUC), Hind Mazdoor Sabha (HMS), Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU), All India United Trade Union Centre (AIUTUC), Trade Union Co-ordination Centre (TUCC), Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA), All India Central Council of Trade Unions (AICCTU), Labour Progressive Federation (LPF) and United Trade Union Congress (UTUC). Notably, cabs, auto-rickshaws, trucks, and other private transportations in Telangana will back the nation-wide bandh.

In a related development, despite their assurance to lift rail blockade for 15 days, a farmers' body on Tuesday blocked a rail track at the Jandiala railway station, 25 km from Amritsar, which forced the railways to divert several Amritsar-bound trains on Tuesday despite that they have agreed to lift blockade for 15 days two days ago.

A letter from Sudhanshu Pandey, secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, addressed to farmers' representatives stated that minister Narendra Tomar "would like to invite them for the next round of talks on

# Cong flays RBI's proposal to allow corporate houses into banking sector

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress on Tuesday condemned the proposal of the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Internal Working Group (IWG) recommending the entry of business houses into the banking sector, saying it has the "fingerprints of Modi Government written all over it". The party called upon all the people of India and all political parties and trade unions to join in resolutely opposing the retrograde idea of allowing corporates and business houses to enter the banking sector and set up banks.

Former Finance minister P Chidambaram said the proposal, along with some other recommendations by the IWG, is part of a deeper game plan to control the banking industry by the NDA Government at the Centre. If implemented, the proposal will "completely reverse the enormous gains made in the last 50 years of retrieving the banking sector from the clutches of business houses", Chidambaram noted.

"If business houses are allowed to own banks, they will, with a small equity investment, control very large amounts of the nation's financial resources. This must not happen and Congress will strive its utmost to ensure that this will not happen," Chidambaram said at an AICC Press conference.

Last week, an IWG set up by the RBI made various recommendations, including that a large corporate may be permitted to promote banks only after necessary amendments to the Banking Regulations Act. The proposal drew criticism from former Reserve Bank

Governor Raghuram Rajan and ex-Deputy Governor Viral Acharya, who said that all the experts consulted by the IWG except one "were of the opinion that large corporate/industrial houses should not be allowed to promote a bank".

Chidambaram said both Rajan and Acharya have given convincing reasons why the proposal will lead to concentration of economic and political power.

"Just as the RBI was the cat's paw of the government in the saga of Demonetisation, the RBI is being used by the government to push through its dangerous agenda. This is another example of the Modi government pandering to the aggrandizement and acquisitive ambitions of the business houses of India. If the proposal goes through, it is no secret which politically connected business houses will get the first licences and increase their monopolistic power," Chidambaram said.

"We call upon all the people of India and all political parties and trade unions to join us in resolutely opposing the retrograde idea of allowing corporates and business houses to enter the banking sector and set up banks," he added in presence of AICC chief spokesman Randeep Surjewala.

Rajan and Acharya have raised concerns that if the industrial houses are allowed into the banking sector, they could get the financing easily with no questions asked as they would have an in-house bank. It would also lead to further concentration of power with certain business houses, they had warned.

# Option to purchase vegetable oil enriched with Omega-3 fats at affordable rate soon

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

Soon, you will have the option to purchase at an affordable rate vegetable oil enriched with Omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids (n-3 PUFA), which have immense health benefits linked to heart and brain.

The top food regulator, Food Safety Standard Association of India (FSSAI), is in the process of issuing a notification wherein vegetable oil manufacturers will be allowed to blend the oil produced by them with Chia seed and flaxseed/linseed oil, the richest plant source of alpha linolenic acid, one of the most important Omega-3 fatty acids, which are essential fats having ability to curb non-communicable diseases which are on increase in India as well as in the world.

The blending will be

allowed up to 5 per cent, said sources in the FSSAI. When contacted, FSSAI CEO, Arun Singhal said that a notification will be issued in this regard soon. He said that the move aimed to ensure availability of healthy oil at the affordable prices.

Last year, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) through intense research had worked on improvement of the quality of the linseed oil to make it fit for human consumption in both pure as well as blended form.

Linseed oil was otherwise more suitable for industrial application and not as a cooking oil because of high content of alpha-linolenic acid.

However, ICAR found a solution to improve the quality and shelf life of linseed oil by lowering its linolenic acid content, thus making it suitable for cooking.

"The ICAR tested genotype variety of seed (TL99), which has less than 5 per cent linolenic acid, during last year. It also got good results from the experiment of blending linseed oil with other edible oils to enhance shelf life of the oil," the research body said in its latest report.

It found that "cold pressed linseed oil" can be used in preparation of several food items like banana chips, papad, pakoda, puri and bhajji," it said.

ICAR also found that products prepared from 'blended oil' were acceptable in terms of taste, quality and shelf life. "Hence, linseed oil is now almost ready to join the group of edible oil in both pure as well as blended form," it added.

The FSSAI notification will allow bottled vegetable oils to be blended with omega-3 fatty acids and unsaturated fats rich linseed and Chia oil.

# Missing girl case: CBI arrests one

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Tuesday arrested an accused, Arun Pal, in an on-going investigation into a case relating to a missing girl who has also been found now.

The CBI had registered a case on January 1 against an accused and others in compliance of the orders of High Court of Madhya Pradesh, Gwalior Bench and taken over the investigation.

It was alleged that the complainant (father of the missing girl) had informed that his minor daughter was taken away on motor cycle by the said accused and another person,



both residents of village Dhuta, of Jalaun (Uttar Pradesh) and when he chased the motor cycle, he was threatened, the CBI said in a statement.

The local police had arrested a friend of accused, whose bike was allegedly used in the incident. After thorough investigation including search of bank accounts in several banks,

the accused was traced at Rajpura in Punjab, the CBI said.

The linked mobile number with the said bank account was allegedly in third person's name, it said.

The arrested accused will be produced before the Competent Court for transit remand on Wednesday.

# Russian Sputnik V vaccine 95% effective, cheaper



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Russia developed Sputnik V covid-19 vaccine against Covid-19 is 95 per cent effective and will be charged less than rival vaccines as Moscow aims to produce more than 1 billion doses at home and abroad next year, CEO of the Russian Direct Investment Fund (RDIF) Kirill Dmitriev said on Tuesday.

The news augurs well for India as pharma giant Dr

Reddy's Laboratories is conducting clinical trials of the Sputnik V vaccine as well as its distribution.

"Cost of Russia's two-shot Sputnik V vaccine will be less than USD20 per person for international markets with each shot costing less than USD10," Dmitriev said at a virtual conference from Moscow.

The Sputnik V vaccine has been developed by the Gamaleya National Research Center of Epidemiology and

# Govt asks States/UTs to be ready for tackling vaccination-related issues

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Even as the vaccine against Covid-19 is in the trial stages, the Union Health Ministry has asked all the States/UTs to be ready with vaccination-related Adverse Events Following Immunisation (AEFI) surveillance plan as a safety measure.

"The preparations are underway for conducting Covid-19 vaccinations in the States/UTs.

Among key initiatives to strengthen AEFI surveillance system for Covid-19 vaccination include roping in medical

specialists such as neurologists cardiologists, respiratory medicine specialists in addition to paediatricians in the state and district AEFI committees.

The Ministry feel that since, the vaccinations will be given to adults, many of whom may have comorbidities, events due to pre-existing comorbidities (stroke, heart attacks etc) may be reported as AEFIs.

Russia but (also) for the world," Dmitriev said adding that talks are on with regulators in countries where clinical trials are being done. He said the trials are being done on 42,000 volunteers in Russia and other

countries.

Dmitriev said the clinical trial data will be also published in international journals and peer-reviewed by the international community.

"We have achieved the industrial production of the dry form of the vaccine that will allow us to distribute it and use it at temperatures of plus 2 to plus 8 degrees Celsius.

Amid a global race to come out with an effective vaccine to check the pandemic that had ravaged the world, Pfizer Inc and its German partner BioNTech too had announced that their vaccine appears 95 percent effective at preventing mild to severe COVID-19 disease in a large, ongoing study.

US-based biotechnology giant Moderna also announced that its COVID-19 vaccine has shown to be 94.5 percent effective in preventing the deadly disease.

Microbiology and RDIF. Sputnik V Covid-19 vaccine is the world's first clinically approved vaccine against the novel coronavirus.

The RDIF CEO said the vaccine can be stored in tem-

peratures ranging from 2-8 degrees Celsius which is a very important factor in facilitating easy distribution.

"The efficacy of the vaccine is over 95 percent which is great news not only for

# 'Sahakar Pragma' an innovative step towards AtmaNirbhar Bharat

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With an aim to help primary cooperative societies play bigger roles in AtmaNirbhar Bharat call given by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Agriculture Ministry on Tuesday launched Sahakar Pragma, an innovative capacity building initiative for the farmers associated with such entities in the country.

Unveiling the programme here online, Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar said that farmers in primary cooperatives in rural areas of the country would be trained under Sahakar Pragma by the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), an autonomous body under the Ministry.

This is in keeping with the Prime Minister's vision to make farmers in primary cooperatives in rural areas atma nirbhar (self-reliant) in the post-Covid economic reconstruction, he added.

Sundeeep K Nayak, Managing Director of NCDC explained that Sahakar Pragma will be implemented through an elaborate network of 18 Regional Training Centres across the

country. These Centres are run by the Haryana-based Laxmanrao Inamdar National Academy for Cooperative Research and Development (LINAC) under the NCDC.

Under Sahakar Pragma, forty five training modules for transferring knowledge, skills and organisational capacities have been prepared, said Nayak, pointing out that LINAC has chalked out a plan to train about 5,000 farmers in cooperative societies in a year.

"The 45 dedicated training modules would equip the cooperative societies to run their affairs in professional business terms of market economy," Nayak said, asserting that Cooperatives have a major role in the AtmaNirbhar Bharat initiative.

Currently, India has a network of over 8.50 lakh cooperative societies with about 290 million members. Ninety-four per cent of the farmers in the country are members of at least one cooperative society. Cooperatives lend strength to farmers to minimise risks in agriculture and allied sectors and act as shield against exploitation by unscrupulous traders, said the official.

# SC trashes sacked BSF jawan's plea against rejection of nomination papers to contest polls against PM

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday rejected the plea of sacked BSF jawan Tej Bahadur against the rejection of his nomination papers to contest the 2019 Lok Sabha polls against Prime Minister Narendra Modi from the Varanasi constituency.

A bench comprising Chief Justice S A Bobde and justices A S Bopanna and V Ramasubramanian, which had reserved its verdict in the case on November 18, upheld the Allahabad High Court judgment dismissing Tej Bahadur's election petition against the poll panel's decision to reject his nomination papers.

On May 1 last year, the returning officer had rejected



the nomination papers of Tej Bahadur, a Samajwadi Party (SP) candidate, who was dismissed from the Border Security Force (BSF) in 2017 after he posted a video online

complaining about the quality of food served to the troops.

The high court had upheld the returning officer's decision to reject his nomination.

# India seeks 'ahead of the curve' approach in ties with West Asia, Gulf: MEA official

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

With the West Asia and Gulf region, India seeks to supplement its strong traditional ties with an "ahead of the curve" approach, which embraces technology and national priorities in a future-

oriented action plan, a senior official of the Ministry of External Affairs said on Monday.

In his remarks at the 13th India-Israel Forum, MEA Secretary (CPV&OIA) Sanjay Bhattacharyya said the West Asia and Gulf region has seen

its fair share of conflict.

"Despite progress and development across the region, economic growth eluded many and religious radicalisation and extremism played a role in the spread of violence and terrorism," he said.

# SC seeks Centre's response on PIL for fixing max rate for RT-PCR test for Covid-19

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court Tuesday sought the Centre's response on a PIL seeking direction for fixing the maximum rate for the RT-PCR test for Covid-19 uniformly all over India.

A bench comprising Chief Justice S A Bobde and Justices A S Bopanna and V Ramasubramanian issued notice to the Health Ministry and listed the PIL filed by lawyer Ajay Agrawal for hearing after two weeks.

The bench, in a hearing conducted via video conferencing, said that the plea would be heard with another pending plea pertaining to the cost of treatment for COVID-19.

It took note of the submission of Agrawal that the plea needed an urgent hearing.

The petition has sought a direction to the governments to fix the maximum rate for the RT-PCR (real-time reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction) test to ₹400 uniformly across the country, instead of

₹900 to ₹2,800 as fixed by different state governments, Union Territories and NCT of Delhi.

"There is a big loot by laboratories and they are minting money to the tune of crores and crores of rupees. The margin of profit is so high as it is as high as 1,400 per cent in Andhra Pradesh and 1,200 per cent in Delhi," said the petition filed by advocate Ajay Agrawal.

It claimed that the RT-PCR kits are presently available for less than rupees 200 in the Indian market.

"There is no other cost as the machines used for the RT-PCR test are already there with the laboratories as they conduct a large number of tests.

"And the matter is concerned with 135 crore citizen of the country as everybody worried about the coronavirus and forced to get their test done at this exorbitant price," it said.

It alleged that the owners of the private laboratories and hospitals are using the calamity into opportunities for minting crores and crores of rupees.

# No coercive action will be taken against slum dwellers along railway tracks in Delhi: Govt to SC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre Tuesday told the Supreme Court that deliberations on the issue related to removal of around 48,000 slum dwellings along the railway tracks in Delhi were going on and no coercive action would be taken against them.

A bench headed by Chief Justice S A Bobde was told by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta that he had made a statement before the apex court on September 14 that authorities are going to take a decision on the issue and till then no coercive action would be taken against these slum dwellers.

"The deliberations are going on. We are not taking any coercive steps," Mehta told the bench, also comprising Justices A S Bopanna and V Ramasubramanian.

The bench, while taking note of Mehta's submission, said it would hear the matter after four weeks," Solicitor General states that govern-

ment is deliberating on the issue. Stand over for four weeks," the bench said.

The top court on August 31 had directed the removal of around 48,000 slum dwellings along the railway tracks in Delhi within three months and said there shall not be any kind of political interference in execution of the plan.

On September 14, Mehta had told the top court that Ministry of Railways, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and the Delhi Government are going to take a decision on the issue and till then they will not take any coercive action against the slum dwellers residing along the around 140 km railway tracks in the national capital.

The apex court is hearing the applications, including the one filed by senior Congress leader Ajay Maken who has sought rehabilitation of these slum dwellers prior to their removal.

# AIIMS doc killed, 2 missing as car falls into Ganga Canal

Muzaffarnagar (UP): An AIIMS doctor was killed while two went missing when their car fell into the Ganga canal in this Uttar Pradesh district on Tuesday, police said. Another doctor, who was travelling in the car, has been rescued and hospitalised.

Circle Officer Kuldeep Kumar told PTI that the incident occurred when four doctors of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi -- Priya, Arti, Praveen and Nitin Kumar -- were on their way to Delhi from Rishikesh in Uttarakhand in a car (registration number DLSCJ 4293).

On receiving information about the vehicle falling into the canal near Kamheda village within the Purkazi police station limits, police rushed to the spot and res-

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cued Priya. However, Arti lost her life in the incident while Praveen and Nitin Kumar were missing, the police said.

Priya was rushed to a hospital in a serious condition, they added. All four doctors were in their early 30s, the police said. **PTI**

# HC grants Kangana interim protection from arrest

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The Bombay High Court on Tuesday granted "interim protection" to Bollywood actress Kangana Ranaut and her sister Rangoli Chandel in a case registered against them for alleged sedition, creating "hate" and "communal tension" and other charges, but directed them to appear before the Mumbai police on January 8 for questioning.

Hearing a petition filed by Ranaut and her sister seeking to quash the FIR filed against her by the Mumbai police on the basis of an order passed by a Bombay court directing the police to investigate a complaint filed against them, a HC division bench of Justices S.S. Shinde and M.S. Karnik granted interim protection to the actress and her sister from the arrest.

"We are of the prima facie opinion that interim protection till the matter is heard at length deserves to be granted. The police shall not take any coercive action

including arrest against the applicants (Ranaut and Chandel)," the HC bench noted.

However, the high court disapproved of the act of Kangana and her sister not to respond to the summons issued by the Mumbai police for questioning. "Three summons were issued by the police and the same need to be honoured," the judges said.

Subsequently, Ranaut and Chandel's advocate Rizwan Siddique then assured the court that Kangana and her sister would appear before the Mumbai police in Mumbai on January 8 from 12 pm to 2 p.m. for recording of their statements. The high court accepted their statement.

Earlier, both Chief Public Prosecutor Deepak Thakre and the complainant's lawyer Merchant opposed the grant of interim relief to Kangana and her sister by the high court in the matter.

Kangana and her sister approached the high court through their lawyer after the Bombay

issued them third summons last week, asking them on November 23 and 24 in connection with the investigations into an FIR registered against them for allegedly creating "hate" and "communal tensions" between Hindus and Muslims.

In addition, Munawarali Sahil A Sayyed -- on whose complaint a case has been registered against Kangana and Rangoli -- has also accused the two sisters of indulging in sedition (section 124 A of IPC).

In fresh summons issued to the two sisters on Wednesday last, the Bombay police asked Kangana to appear before them on November 23, while they summoned Rangoli to remain present at the police station for questioning on November 24.

This time around, the Bombay police also summoned Kangana's aide Amruta Dutta for questioning in the same case on November 25.

The Bombay police had issued

first summons to Kangana and her sister Rangoli on October 26 and 27. However, the two sisters had bought time from the police by saying that they would not be able to respond to the summons as they were busy with their brother's wedding.

Subsequently, the Bombay police issued fresh summons to Kangana and Rangoli to appear before them on November 10 and 11. Apart from facing the charge creating "hate" and "communal tensions" between Hindus and Muslims and that Kangana had tried to lower the image of Maharashtra chief minister Uddhav Thackeray and created disaffection among the people against the Maharashtra government.

"Perused the complaint, heard the advocate of the complainant along with the documents filed on record. On prima facie perusal of complaint and submission I have found a cognizable offence has been committed by the accused,"

Magistrate Ghule had noted, while directing the Bombay police to register an FIR against Kangana and her sister Rangoli.

under section 156(3) of CrPC into a complaint filed against Kangana and her sister Rangoli Chandel by Bollywood casting director and fitness trainer Munawarali alias Sahil A. Sayyed.

Sayed had among other things alleged that both Kangana and Rangoli had tried to create "hate" and "communal tensions" between Hindus and Muslims and that Kangana had tried to lower the image of Maharashtra chief minister Uddhav Thackeray and created disaffection among the people against the Maharashtra government.

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

# Andhra adds 1,085 Covid-19 cases, tally rises to 8.63 lakh

Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh reported 1,085 fresh cases of coronavirus on Tuesday, taking the gross positives so far to 8,63,845. In the 24 hours ending 9 am on Tuesday, 1,447 patients got cured and eight more succumbed in the state, the latest bulletin said.

The state COVID-19 table showed 8,43,863 total recoveries and 6,956 deaths, with 13,024 active cases.

Krishna district has been showing a rather upward spiral in daily cases as it added 224 in 24 hours, the

highest in the state. It also reported two more COVID-19 deaths.

West Godavari, East Godavari, Guntur and Chittoor reported less than 150 new cases each while Kadapa and Visakhapatnam added between 50 and 100 each.

Six other districts reported less than 50 new cases each, with Anantapur adding the lowest ten. Six districts saw one fresh fatality each in 24 hours, the bulletin said. After 97.27 lakh sample tests so far, the overall infection positivity rate in the state stood at 8.88 per cent. **PTI**

# Lover arrested for 'rape' as woman kills self a day before his marriage

Muzaffarnagar (UP): A 26-year-old woman has killed herself here alleging that she was sexually exploited by a man who had promised to marry her but refused to do so subsequently, police said Tuesday.

They said the woman consumed poison outside the man's house on Monday, just a day before he was set to marry another woman. She was declared dead by the doctors at a hospital, they said, adding the man has been arrested on the charges of rape.

Ramraj Police Station House Officer Satyendra Nagar said the woman had filed an FIR against the 27-year-old man on

November 20 in which she had claimed the two were in love for the past seven months. She had also alleged in the FIR that the man raped her by promising that he would marry her, but he refused to honour his words, the SHO said.

After filing the complaint, the woman came to know that the man was going to marry another woman on November 24.

Upon learning this, she went to the man's Jamalpur village and consumed poison outside his home, police said.

She was rushed to the district hospital where the doctors declared her dead, the police said. **PTI**

# Didi demands Modi to clear Bengal's dues

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday renewed her demand for the central dues including the ones from Goods and Services Tax and the State's extraordinary expenses in fighting the corona pandemic.

Speaking during a virtual meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi --- where the former was reviewing the pandemic situation in various states --- Banerjee reportedly reminded the former about the GST dues that the Centre owed to the State Governments.

Besides Banerjee also raised the issue of central help in fighting the corona crisis saying New Delhi had paid only Rs 193 crore to fight the situation compared to Rs 4,000 crore already spent by the State.

The Chief Minister briefed the Prime Minister about the current pandemic situation

assuring him that the State had created a robust infrastructure to handle the crisis and it was prepared to fight the crisis in case of a surge. Bengal had reported 4,59,918 corona cases with a fatality of about 8,072.

At a different forum addressing a public meeting at Bankura the Chief Minister launched a scathing attack on the Centre holding its "destructive" farm laws responsible for the current rise in prices of onion, potato and other eatables.

Banerjee said that the new farm laws had only encouraged hoarding and black-marketing of potato and onion. "Today potato and onion has gone into the hands of the hoarders and the central law is responsible for this hoarding and resultant price rise,"

Banerjee said adding how the "Centre is looting the common people through its laws."

The Centre in September enacted the Essential Commodities (Amendment)

Act, 2020, which removed cereals, pulses, oilseeds, edible oil, onions and potatoes from the list.

In Bengal while onion is selling for anywhere between Rs 70 and Rs 80 per kg potato is priced at about Rs 45 a kg which more than double than what these items sold for even a couple of months ago.

"Earlier we used to keep a check on prices of these essential food items but the central Acts have robbed the states of their powers."

This has caused losses to farmers as well as consumers," Banerjee said adding the State Governments must not be blamed for the rising prices of potato and onion.

Incidentally Bengal BJP president Dilip Ghosh had accused the TMC Government for the rising prices of eatables saying "it is the cut-money raj that has led to the rising prices as the Trinamool leaders are accumulating funds for fighting the next year's elections."

# Indefinite strike against resettlement of 6K Brus in Tripura 'temporarily' called off

Agartala: Seven days after an indefinite strike was launched by a forum in protest against resettlement of 6,000 Brus from Mizoram in Kanchanpur sub-division of Tripura, it was "temporarily" called off on Tuesday following an understanding reached between the government and the agitators.

Local MLA Bhagaban Das, who initiated the dialogue with the Joint Movement Committee (JMC) said, talks were held in two phases on Monday and were fruitful.

"We have demanded Rs 20 lakh compensation for our supporter killed in the police firing, a government job for his next of kin as per the qualification, treatment for those injured in the clash and a financial package for repair of damaged vehicles and property in the incident," JMC convenor Sushanta Baruah said.

The JMC was given the assurance that their demands would be taken care of at a meeting with the elected public representatives and the government officials.

"The discussion concluded that both sides will have to sacrifice something and the

indefinite strike was withdrawn today", the legislator said.

The "temporary" calling off the strike comes three days after two persons died when protestors, who had blocked vital NH-8 locally called "Assam road" that connects Tripura with outside, clashed with the security personnel at Panisagar in the sub-division.

The Joint Movement Committee (JMC) comprising Bengalis and local Mizos had launched agitation since November 16.

The Bru issue had started in September 1997 following demands of a separate autonomous district council by carving out areas of western Mizoram adjoining Bangladesh and Tripura.

About 30,000 Bru tribals had then fled Mizoram due to the ethnic tension there and took shelter in refugee camps in Tripura.

The first attempt to repatriate the Brus was made in November 2009 by the Centre along with the governments of Tripura and Mizoram.

However, the effort had met with little success. **PTI**

# Nagaland reports 75 new Covid cases, total rises to 10,931

Kohima: Nagaland's COVID-19 tally rose to 10,931 on Tuesday as 75 more people tested positive for the infection, Health minister S Pangnyu Phom said. "79 +ve cases of # COVID-19 detected today. Kohima - 61, Peren - 9, Dimapur - 8, Mon - 1. Also, 50 +ve patients have recovered. Dimapur - 41, Kohima - 5, Peren - Mokokchung - 2 each," the minister tweeted.

Of the total 10,931 COVID-19 cases, 9,291 people have recovered from the disease, while 1,471 are active cases, he said.

The COVID-19 recovery rate in the state is 84.99 per cent on Tuesday, he said.

The COVID-19 death toll in the state is 63, of which 55 are confirmed to be due to contagion, six had comorbidities while the cause of two deaths is yet to be ascertained, said Director of Health Department, Dr Denis Hangsing in the daily COVID-19 bulletin.

A total of 106 patients have migrated to other states, he said. The district-wise distribution of confirmed cases - Dimapur (6,053), Kohima (3,251), Mon (579), Peren (470), Tuensang (202), Zunheboto (140), Mokokchung (120), Phek (144), Wokha (29), Kiphire (25) and Longleng (18).

Of the confirmed cases, the segregated data comprises 4,504 armed forces or security personnel, 4,156 traced contacts, 1,758 returnees from other states and 513 frontline workers, he said.

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# ED raids 10 premises of Sena MLA Pratap Sarnaik, detains son

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Simultaneous raids on the residence and nine other premises of influential Shiv Sena MLA Pratap Sarnaik and detention of his son by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) sparked a political controversy in Maharashtra on Tuesday, as the ruling MVA partners slammed the BJP for "misusing" its official machinery to get at them on the occasion of their government celebrating first anniversary in office.

Within hours after the ED carried out raids at ten Sarnaik's family premises, including son Vihang Sarnaik's residence at Hirandandi Estate, at Thane and Mumbai, NCP chief Sharad Pawar joined other MVA leaders, including Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut and Maharashtra Congress president Pratap Thorat in accusing the BJP of using the central investigating agencies for settling its political scores.

Accompanied by a huge posse of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel, ED officials carried out searches at the residences of Sarnaik's son Vihang and Puvash and eight other premises belonging to Sarnaik. Pratap Sarnaik was not present when the raids took place.

After the raids, the ED officials detained Vihang whom they took to their office where they questioned him for more than six hours, before letting him off late in the evening.

Forty-six-year-old Pratap Sarnaik is a three-time MLA from Ovala-Majiwada constituency in Thane, and is the Chairman of Vihang Group of Companies with interests in varied sectors.

Dubbing the ED raids on Sarnaik's premises as an act of "political vindictiveness", Shiv Sena spokesperson and MP said: "The raids carried out on the premises of Sarnaik were an act of political vindictiveness. If you want to arrest our people, please go ahead and do. We are not scared of any one. If you (BJP) have guts, please fight against us openly rather than using the central investigating agencies over people."

Without naming the BJP, Raut said that the party should forget about its dream of returning to power in Maharashtra for the next 25 years "no matter how much pressure it exerts on us or spreads terror through agencies"

"This action is definitely a political vendetta. The ED can definitely probe and take any action if it has evidence. But, the ED or other agencies should not work as if a branch of a political party," Raut said.

"But, you are out harassing our people related to the ruling party and the state government. These actions will boomerang on you. And I think that time is nearing. If you have begun today, we know how to end it," the Sena spokesperson said.

# Preparation on for election to 881 gram panchayats in UP

PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH

Arrangements of Panchayat elections, called as the semi-finals of UP's 2022 Assembly elections, have begun. This time there will be elections for Pradhans in a total of 881-gram panchayats in the district.

The Panchayat Raj Department has sent a proposal for the delimitation of Panchayats to the government. New Panchayats have been proposed in Manzoorgadi, Ramgarh Panjipur and Maheshpur, which have been included in the limit of Nagar Nigam. In such a situation, the possibility of starting the reservation process is also being started soon.

In 2015 three-tier panchayat elections were held. Among these, 902 gram pradhans, 1054 area panchayat members and 52 district panchayat members were voted in the district. About 2.5 years later, the government included

# Akhilesh: BJP should promise free Covid-19 vaccination in UP

Lucknow: The government "should not play with lives" of the people and increase COVID-19 testing, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav said on Tuesday, demanding that the BJP dispensation in Uttar Pradesh should promise "free vaccination".

In a tweet in Hindi, the former Uttar Pradesh chief minister also said the BJP government should ensure that the coronavirus vaccination does not become "a victim of corruption".

"The government should not play with the lives of the people and increase the testing of Corona and bring out the true figures. The BJP government in UP should promise free vaccination in the interest of the state and immediately get ready in advance by making a task force," Yadav said in a tweet. **PTI**

# PM likely to visit Bengal next month

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to visit Bengal sometime in December, State BJP sources said adding the dates had yet not been finalized by the Prime Minister's Office.

The Prime Minister's visit is in addition to the ones that are likely to be paid by Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP chief JP Nadda every month till the elections.

While Shah is scheduled to visit Bengal twice every month, Nadda is likely to come to this State thrice in as many days.

Meanwhile the BJP has chalked out a detailed phase-wise plan to step up its campaign for the next year's Assembly elections. Accordingly in the first phase the party will launch special programme from December 1 to 12. A senior party leader said that the saffron workers would embark on a door-to-door contact programme from the next month.

"Our workers will visit each and every house in all the 294 Assembly segments as a part of the mass contact programme," the leader said adding the people will be told about the BJP Government's achievements and the "need to bring down the Trinamool Government to unleash a new phase of development in the State so that Bengal can be restored to its former glory."

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This is to inform general public that Mrs. Kavita Kapahi is the owner of Entire Ground Floor, with front and rear balcony, "said floor", built on Property bearing No. C-44/B, area measuring 142 sq. yds, situated at Kalkaji, New Delhi vide Reinquisition Deed dated 20.02.2015 registered as Document No.1271, on 21.02.2015. Now, Mrs. Kavita Kapahi is mortgaging the above property with Shri Ram Housing Finance Ltd. & in case anyone has any objection, the same may be raised within 15 days of this publication to Mr. Muneesh Dhawan/Mr. Sudhir Jain (Advocates), Law Veritas, Unit no 405, 4th Floor, GD-ITL Northex Tower, (A-09), Netaji Subhash Place, Delhi-110034 or contact at 9066707172/9818228636 (M).

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**NOTICE**

In view of the continuing Covid-19 Pandemic, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has vide its circular dated May 5, 2020 read with circulars dated April 8, 2020 & circular dated April, 13<sup>th</sup> 2020 permitted the holding of AGM through Video Conference or Other Audio-Visual Means (OAVM). In compliance with these Circulars and the relevant provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the upcoming AGM of the Company will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 11.00 a.m. through VC/OAVM.

As per aforesaid circulars, the Notice of AGM along with the Annual Report for FY 2019-2020 has to be sent only by electronic mode to those Members whose E-mail ID are already registered with the Company's Depositories. The Company is also providing e-voting and remote e-voting facility to all its Members similar to earlier practices.

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Send a request to Registrar and Transfer Agents of the Company, MAS Services Limited at [info@masserv.com](mailto:info@masserv.com) providing Folio number, Name of the shareholder, scanned copy of the share certificate (Front and Back), PAN (Self attested scanned copy of PAN Card), AADHAR (Self attested scanned copy of Aadhar Card) for registering email address.

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**For OK Play India Limited**  
Sd/-  
Meenu Goswami  
Company Secretary

**Place: New Delhi**  
**Date: 24.11.2020**

## Freedom of choice

Allahabad HC dismisses case alleging love jihad, upholds the right to personal liberty of mature adults but UP pushes ordinance



Unfortunately, it is left to the courts these days to defend personal liberties of citizens. For politics brazenly tramples them. And given the implications of proposed legislations by certain State Governments to criminalise inter-faith marriages, ostensibly to stop conversions in the guise of love, the Allahabad High Court did some tough talking. Denouncing a previous single-judge bench decision that declared religious conversions only for the sake of marriage as unacceptable, it said such a ruling was "bad in law" because it overrides the right to life and personal liberty of mature adults. Defending the right of a Hindu

girl to marry a Muslim man, who converted to Islam voluntarily and whose parents filed the case, the Bench made it clear that two mature individuals were entitled to a freedom of choice under Article 21 of the Constitution. No doubt the court foresaw what attributing ulterior motives to every inter-faith relationship and subjecting each to societal perception could do. For example, even if the partners were to choose conversions on their own, could their disagreeing and vindictive families stop them with a new love jihad law? The court even warned how such obstructive norms on inter-religious marriages could affect "unity in diversity." And then came its most scathing observation that targeted the Islamophobia implicit in all such proposed legislations: "We fail to understand that if the law permits two persons even of the same sex to live together peacefully, then neither any individual nor a family, nor even the State can have an objection to the relationship of two major individuals who out of their own free will are living together." And by consistently highlighting that adults were entitled to live free without being monitored by societal malice, the court sought to douse the fire around the growing love jihad campaign. Of course, the ruling did not deter the Yogi Adityanath Government from issuing a punishing ordinance the same day to check forced conversions and marriages based on them.

The worst affected will be women, who continue to fight against and are killed by the devil called family or community honour, the terms of which are framed for the convenience of a patriarchal society. If as an adult, she loses the right to choose her kind of life, nothing could be more disempowering. And laws on love jihad anyway are built on the assumption of young women being impressionable than decisive. For example, both the UP ordinance and the Madhya Pradesh Government's Dharma Swatantrya Bill 2020 make coercing an individual into marriage a punishable offence, non-bailable in nature, deserving of a five-year rigorous punishment. Question is how would you prove coercion if the girl in question is already hostage to her dissenting family and cowering in fear? How would she give her independent opinion? This is why the Supreme Court in the Kerala love jihad case separated the 24-year-old girl from both her family and husband before respecting her choice. The Kerala High Court had handed over Hadiya's guardianship to her parents, who locked her down for 11 months and discontinued her studies at a college in Salem, fearing her husband Shafin was indoctrinating her. The apex court appropriately prioritised individual freedom of an adult while separating the particularities of whether all of her choices were born of her freewill or were they imposed, given her supposed "conversion", or indeed if she had the ecosystem to decide for herself, free of pressure and insinuation. That's why it freed Hadiya from her parents, even kept her away from her husband. And in the end found that her relationship was genuine. It proved that the rights of two adult people to be together cannot be infringed upon on the ground of societal taboos, an alleged threat perception or external bogeyism. But even if the court respects the couple's choice, where is the security guarantee? For example, the UP ordinance says that in case someone wishes to convert after marriage voluntarily, s/he will have to apply to the district magistrate two months in advance. In MP, that sanction has to be taken from a collector. In a society that is yet to come out of the revenge code of honour killings, would not a public declaration of love and conversion invite a hitback? We just saw the backlash following an advertisement campaign by a jewellery brand of an inter-faith marriage, where none of the partners were shown as changing their religion. If that had to be taken down, imagine what could happen to two people making independent choices. It is not that there aren't laws against forced conversions. Section 366 of the Indian Penal Code criminalises any act of kidnapping, abducting or inducing a woman to marry by force and punishes such an act with imprisonment for up to ten years. Besides, according to the Government's own admission in Parliament, the term "love jihad" had not been defined under any law and no case had been reported or registered by any Central agency. Where then is the need for a law in the first place? Also, doesn't a love jihad law go against the grain of the BJP's pet agenda of the Uniform Civil Code, which would bring all inter-faith marriages under a common set of rules? Of course, nobody wants to see reason when the politics of polarisation has completely taken over the collective mindspace. Even now, inter-faith marriages are few and far between. According to the India Human Development Survey, only about five per cent of all marriages are inter-caste and inter-faith relations are even fewer. A 2016 survey by Social Attitudes Research for India (SARI) found that the majority of respondents opposed inter-caste and inter-religious marriages. In Delhi, about 60 per cent of both Hindus and Muslims were against them. Then there are legal challenges for ordinary couples trying to get a marriage registered under the Special Marriage Act, with courts insisting on all sorts of conditions. Love is never under discussion.

## Bad idea

The Reserve Bank of India would do well to prevent corporates from entering the banking sphere



While Raghuram Rajan often sounds like he is yet to come to terms with his effective removal from the Governorship of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), he and his successor Viral Acharya do have a point when they planned the idea mooted by the central bank to allow the corporate sector to enter banking. In a piece, they argued that this would be devastating and would lead to "connected banking" and it isn't hard to see their point of view. We have seen what happens with "connected banking" and the dramatic collapse of Yes Bank and the more recent rescue of Laxmi Vilas Bank by the RBI are cases in point. As Rajan and Acharya asked, "How can a bank make good loans when it is owned by the borrower?"

The central bank would be stupid to ignore the advice of its own former honchos as well as India's top legal eagles that were consulted on this. India has had far too many banking disasters in the recent past for another one to be made through bad policy making. Even if the RBI promises to continue through regulatory oversight, the scandals involving Vijay Mallya and Nirav Modi highlight that promoters can bend the rules and cover their tracks (for a while at least) if they want to. Even if corporate-owned banks are prevented from giving loans to non-financial entities of the corporate, what will stop them from giving loans to relatives of bureaucrats and politicians in order to curry favour? Even in the best-run banks, allegations of underhand dealings and impropriety exist as we are learning in the case of ICICI Bank and its disgraced former chief executive against whom there are damning allegations. Instead, it would be more prudent for the RBI and the Ministry of Finance to explore possibilities of privatising India's burdensome public-sector banks. Are the rule changes being made to assist one or two particular corporate groups in India and make them even stronger? Until the RBI and the government cannot answer this one question, one will assume it to be true. Ergo, this bad idea should be dispensed with forthwith. As for private lenders failing, just remember the lasting impact of the IL&FS fiasco.

# The Nagrota link

Connecting the dots between Pakistan and the Nagrota encounter is crucial to deny Islamabad a convenient plank of dismissing it as a local expression of animus



BHOPINDER SINGH

The lacklustre township of Nagrota, just outside the unplanned concrete of Jammu city, was once best-known for housing the largest military corps in the world, White Knights Corps or the XVI Corps, as also for rehabilitating fleeing Kashmiri Pandit migrants from the Valley. The small garrison town snakes around the lifeline of the Jammu-Kashmir highway, which connects the Jammu plains to the Kashmir valley, bisected by the Pir Panjal ranges and the minor Trikuta mountains, which harbour the Vaishno Devi shrine in one of their heights, along with the Nagrota dwelling, in the foothills. Another 54 km down the same road is the Indian Army's Northern Command headquarters at Udhampur.

The conspicuous presence of the Indian military in this township, barely 40 km from the near-east Pakistan border, as also its service mandate of overseeing operations along the "live", strategic and frequently contested Line of Control (LoC) with Pakistan, has drawn unwarranted attention of those who seek to create terror and violence, as per the direction of their handlers across the LoC. Four years ago, terror had struck Nagrota as heavily-armed terrorists had sneaked across the border and fired indiscriminately at the sentries guarding the resident 116 Medium Regiment. A hostage-like drama had ensued and by the time the situation was neutralised, seven Indian soldiers and three terrorists were killed. All indications at the Nagrota site had pointed to the role of the terror organisation, Jaish-e-Mohammed, as notes recovered from the slain terrorists pointed to the involvement of the so-called "Afzal Guru Squad." The said group had earlier carried out similar terror attacks at Pathankot, Baramulla, Uri and so on. Last year this group was responsible for a deadly strike, involving at least 350 kg of explosives at Pulwama, which had killed 40 Indian security personnel — this provocation had led to the reciprocal Balakote airstrike by the Indian Air Force. Last week, Jaish-e-Mohammed resurfaced again when four of its terrorists were killed in a fierce encounter on the Jammu-Srinagar highway, at Nagrota again.

What is significant is the irrefutable Pakistan hand in the lat-



est encounter, as the Bawalpur-based jihadist group, Jaish-e-Mohammed, owes its genesis and sustenance to the Pakistani establishment or the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI). At an oversimplified level, there is also a turf war among the competing insurgent groups in the Kashmir Valley, where the once predominantly local "pro-independence" groups have been marginalised and it is only those with State support from across the LoC for being "pro-Pakistan" (or at an even more extremist level, the pan-Islamic Caliphate-seeking groups), who have managed to hold sway. Jaish-e-Mohammed has the notoriety of having Masood Azhar as its ideologue and leader, who has been declared an international terrorist by the United Nations Security Council. He also infamously and incredulously got support from China, which vetoed moves to put him on the UNSC sanctions committee on "technical grounds" and even posited the flimsier excuse of "lack of evidence." The realpolitik of Pakistan and China in supporting Jaish-e-Mohammed aside, which brooks no morality or consistency in international affairs (hence the perennial struggle for Pakistan in avoiding getting "blacklisted" by the international watchdog agency, FATF, for sponsoring terror), the outfit is banned by UN and almost all Western and even Islamic countries like UAE. Owing to global pressure, Pakistan was forced into the sham of banning the same though the group kept renaming itself as Tehrik-ul-Furqan,

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then Khuddam ul-Islam, then Al-Rehmat Trust and, so on and so forth. Amid all pressures, Masood Azhar remained loyal to the Pakistan "Deep State" and it paid him back by allowing a free run to his group's operations and machinations in Kashmir. Temporary "protective custody" enforced on Azhar from time to time has impressed no one, and his ability to sustain his operational capabilities in Jammu & Kashmir points to the continued handiwork of the Pakistani establishment, solely and wholly.

The latest Nagrota incident reeks of the scale, sophistication and brazenness of Pakistani complicity. The sheer cache of arms from the terrorists (11 AK-47, three pistols, 29 grenades, six UBGLs, mobile devices and so on) and the subsequent unearthing of a 150-metre long tunnel in the nearby Samba area for the facilitation of the cross-border movement, is impossible without State support. The construction of this tunnel has all the hallmarks of engineering complexities (at least 25-30 metres deep and almost 2.5 metres wide) and facilitation, which could not have been arranged without the acquiescence and material support from the nearby Pakistani posts of Rajab Sahid and Asif Sahib. The presence of the protective *Sarkanada* (elephant grass) on the Pakistani side of the tunnel to hide the literal spade work is self-explanatory. To suggest ignorance or naivete in overlooking the efforts and time to construct such a sized tunnel and arrange for the disposal of the dug-out soil without its

discovery by the Pakistani patrol and posts, is unthinkable. Rightfully, an indignant New Delhi summoned the Pakistan charge d'affaires with incriminating evidence towards a "major attack to destabilise the peace and security." This was expectedly denied by the Pakistani Foreign Office, as it has done for decades even though it has earned international ignominy as the "nursery" for global terror.

Importantly, India has dialled up the charges against Pakistan, with the Prime Minister himself tweeting about the incident. This escalation is timely as neighbouring Afghanistan is imploding with terror unleashed by the Pakistan-supported Taliban and the situation is expected to worsen. Pakistan should be disallowed the window of transition between the changing US administrations to further its nefarious designs, especially as Donald Trump has given it the long rope in order to fulfil his personal commitment of troops withdrawal from Afghanistan. Nailing Pakistan with "naming and shaming" is the key to ensure that the global pressure does not wane. Connecting the dots between Jaish-e-Mohammed and the Nagrota encounter is crucial to deny Islamabad the convenient postulation of Nagrota as a local expression of animus. Pakistan has been and continues to be the singular source of armed terror in Kashmir — Nagrota has proved this yet again.

(The writer, a military veteran, is a former Lt Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands)

## SOUND BITE

The BJP has been constantly targeting political opponents like this. Have you ever heard about any CBI or ED raids on people linked with the BJP?



Maharashtra Revenue Minister —Balasaheb Thorat

My father's wish was to see me play for India and make the nation proud. Now, all I want to do is fulfill my father's dream.



Indian fast bowler —Mohammed Siraj

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Actor —Bidita Bag

Every child deserves quality education and this includes the right to have access to safe and clean drinking water and toilet facilities in schools. I hope we can contribute to this.



Former India cricketer —Suresh Raina

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Be responsible

Sir — People must follow COVID-19 safeguards or else this pandemic will destroy many lives and the economy of the nation, too. Governments all over the country will have to get very strict with people endangering others by not following Coronavirus protocols. For instance, the Delhi Government is penalising those who are not wearing masks in public places even as a third COVID-19 wave spreads through the State. The Madhya Pradesh Government, too, has launched the "Roka, Toko (stop, and check)" campaign to admonish and penalise those people who refuse to wear masks in public places. Over ₹1.34 crore has been collected in Madhya Pradesh's Jabalpur district alone due to the fines slapped on people violating COVID-19 protocols under this campaign.

Many other States, too, have been mulling imposing restrictions on citizens in order to break the COVID-19 infection chain. Till we don't get the vaccine, people will have to mask up and observe social distancing and hygiene protocols. But the sad reality is that people are not tak-

### Owaisi needs to join secular forces

Apparently Asaduddin Owaisi has gained in visibility, grown in stature and emerged as a political player who could influence electoral outcomes in his own way in constituencies with a certain percentage of Muslim voters. Certainly it was to the credit of his party, the All-India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM), that it won five seats in the recently-held Bihar Assembly election. But then it cannot evade the question whether it didn't help split the secular vote and facilitate the BJP-led combine's return to power in some measure.

Of course, Owaisi has justifiable reasons to oppose the Congress, which hesitates to take a principled stand on secularism. The party's soft Hindutva line is quite obvious and its Muslim appeasement has not gone beyond the votebank. It has not taken a clear stand on the discriminatory amendment to the citizenship law, abrogation of Article 370 and so on. The Sachar Committee report showed the destitution of the Muslims as a community and debunked the "Muslim appeasement" myth. Still it shouldn't be difficult for Owaisi to make "tactical" preferences going by the track records of the Congress and the NDA. Politics in our diverse and disparate country is complex as evidenced by the differences between AIMIM and TRS in the run-up to the civic election and



David Milton Maruthancode

requires a lot of skill to uphold principles and the country's overall interest. Owaisi has to concede that he has fewer reasons to adduce for not combining forces with parties like the RJD, the TMC and the DMK. By winning a few seats here and a few seats there, the AIMIM cannot substantially contribute to the fight against the Hindutva forces. By fielding candidates in constituencies where it will indirectly help the BJP, it will only earn the "BJP's B-team" tag. AIMIM has no option but to join the secular forces or come clean on its political ambitions.

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### We are to blame

Sir — The visuals of the national Capital covered in smog are a testament to the dangerous levels of pollution in North India. It is worrying that people are having to bear the brunt of the COVID-19 pandemic and the

dangerously high levels of pollution, the latter adding to the number of deaths in the country each year.

Apart from the meteorological and geographical factors, we only have ourselves to blame for this sorry state of affairs. Burning of fireworks despite restrictions, emissions from vehicles, construction dust, polluting industries, coal-fired power plants, biomass burning and cooking fires have quickly deteriorated the air quality to hazardous levels.

Research has proven that the Coronavirus and toxic air are closely connected and both affect the respiratory system.

Health experts confirm that there is a direct correlation between the rise in air pollution and more and more people becoming susceptible to COVID-19 and falling sick as the pollutants carry the virus and allow it to stay for a longer duration of time. We are in the end paying for our own mistakes and blatant violation of anti-pollution norms.

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## Time to board the algo-trading bus

AI's modus operandi involves mining the relevant stock data, performing the required and appropriate analysis and making a quick decision



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Artificial Intelligence (AI) is revolutionising every aspect of our lives, right from chatbots on websites to applications in defence systems. It is also being comprehensively used in the field of analytics. Trading, i.e. buying and selling of shares, is no exception to it too and over the years, AI has gradually become an integral part of the trading environment. Financial markets are so dynamic that it is sometimes difficult to take proper decisions on particular stocks as there are many factors to consider and the decision to buy or sell must be taken on a split second basis. Emotions are the biggest enemy of the trader in the market but it becomes very difficult to control them. This is where AI plays a major role in helping traders. AI is a programme to which we provide algorithms. An algorithm is a set of instructions using which AI learns and understands its role and executes the required functions. The advent of Information Technology has disrupted many activities and now many advanced methods are available, which have made trading an easy process for the public at large with required tools at its disposal.

The use of AI in trading is generally known as algo-trading because the AI programme receives the algorithm, using which it helps investors trade. These empower AI with complex mathematical models and techniques to take proper decisions regarding the optimal quantity of stocks to buy and decide the price for execution. This removes emotions from the scene and effectively processes various factors at the same time in order to make an appropriate decision. Another important aspect which works in favour of algo-trading is that the reaction time is extremely fast as compared to humans and decisions can be made in a wink. With the advent of tools like neural networks, algo-trading has become refined and more efficient as it continuously learns from the environment. This Machine Learning (ML) is what makes algo-systems quite reliable.

Automation of trading activities is very beneficial as the strategies are scientific, and being rule-based, the approaches are very disciplined. Hence, AI has proved to be a very good monitor of the stock markets with a quick response to any anomaly or change. This is very useful when there are a number of asset classes or scrips and keeping an eye on them continuously is not possible for one person to do efficiently. As opposed to this, AI has the ability to process a humongous amount of historical stock data, analyse the market behaviour and capitalise on any particular pattern or expected movement, such as price action. This has also led to the elimination of a lag between the action in the market and a trader's reaction to it, basically making trading real-time. In many cases this has bestowed people using neural networks with an added advantage over their competitors and traders who are still using manual methods.

However, AI and ML need not be used for developing trading strategies alone and can be used for many other purposes like liquidity searching, creating model portfolios for the clients and so on. The traditional technical analysis, which is known to traders at large, sometimes fails to catch the statistical elements in the markets as this can only be identified after considerable examination. But AI can help overcome this problem as it can eliminate confirmation-bias. AI does not account for subjective valuation and, therefore, investments based on pure quantitative and scientific basis can be made and the so-called "luck-based" trading can be avoided. Comprehensive statistical tools and appropriate mathematical models help to identify the proper time and optimal level for entering the market. With a considerable study of historical data, appropriate indicators and predictors can raise the red flag ahead of other market participants. With the arrival of neural network tools, AI can be put to use for predictive trading, i.e. it can analyse news, information, blogs and so on and come up with a trading recommendation. Although AI is costly due to the huge amount of R&D as of now, it is only logical to assume that it will become cost-effective in the long-term. Since it is just a programme, it has no impediments like fatigue and thereby it keeps the integrity of vital financial decisions intact.

In a nutshell, the AI's *modus operandi* is mining the relevant stock data, performing the required and appropriate analysis and making a quick decision. Such an investment decision will be scientific, calculated, unbiased and free from emotions.

With the increased usage and development of technology, it will not be wrong to say that AI will play a dominant role in the financial markets in the near future. As with other emerging technologies, the immediate implementation of AI may not be round the corner but with gradual evolution and development, of both software and hardware, AI or algo-trading are on their way to becoming the future of trading. The faster traders get used to the fact, the better it is for them because the future is here.

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FIRST THE BJP TARGETTED SHARAD PAWAR AND THEN MANY OTHER OPP LEADERS IN RAJASTHAN AND OTHER STATES. THIS IS VENDETTA POLITICS.

—NCP MINISTER  
 CHHAGAN BHUJBAL

**POINTCOUNTERPOINT**



PRATAP SARNAIK IS NO SAINT AND THE ENFORCEMENT DIRECTORATE ACTION IS BEING TAKEN AS PER THE LAW.

—BJP LEADER AND MP  
 NARAYAN RANE

# Autonomy plus accountability

The liberty of the Vice-Chancellor of a university is not a shield against malpractices. In a democratic set-up, all individuals, no matter how high an office they hold, are accountable



DEVENDER SINGH ASWAL

Disciplinary action against over a dozen Vice-Chancellors (V-Cs) of Central Universities (CUs) over the last few years has been a cause of consternation. However, the polarised politics of universities views this from diametrically opposite prisms. While a larger segment hails it as much-needed spring cleaning, some consider it a pernicious design to whittle down institutional autonomy and academic freedom. The overall spectacle is worrisome and needs to be seen in the correct perspective, albeit in a detached manner.

The office of the V-C is an exalted one, and the academia views him as a friend, philosopher, guide and the high priest of the temple of higher learning. The constituting Act and the statutes, Ordinances and regulations of every university vest the V-C with certain powers and autonomy so that s/he executes her/his office efficiently and faithfully. The autonomy of the V-C is not a shield against accountability. In a democratic set-up, all individuals, no matter how high an office they hold, are accountable. In fact, higher the station, greater is the public scrutiny.

The Constitution of India guarantees equality before the law and equal protection of the laws. It is unsparingly unexceptional as the President of India, too, can be impeached by the Parliament for violation of the Constitution. All public functionaries and public bodies are ultimately accountable to the legislature through the Minister-in-Charge.

The Indian higher education system, which is the second-largest in the world, comprises 54 Central Universities, 411 State Universities, 123 deemed universities and 282 private universities. The V-C is the chief executive and the administrative head of the university. A great responsibility, therefore, lies with the V-Cs in terms of the implementation of the national higher education policy, institutional reforms, nurturing the spirit of enquiry and research, building an ecosystem of innovation and adoption of international best practices of good governance.

According to the University Grants Commission's (UGC's) handbook, "the V-C has to evolve as the leader of a symphony orchestra" with the attributes of developing teams and teamwork. S/he also has to build partnerships and collaborations delicately interwoven with collegiality, friendship and intellectual engagement. This goes hand in hand with devising a deliverable action strategy, ensuring accountability of the self and various governing bodies of the university and steering an institutional monitoring and evaluation mechanism on the university's performance, built on transparency. An ideal V-C is a great visionary, a true leader able to procure willing cooperation of the teachers, a constant source of inspiration to the students, an ace administrator who is able to maintain a conducive educational ecosystem, and is well-acquainted with the latest developments so as to bring global visibility to the university.

Plus, s/he must have the highest level of competence and her/his integrity must be beyond reproach. Like Caesar's wife, the V-C must be above suspicion. S/he must execute her/his office faithfully and diligently and ensure that the provisions of the constituting Act, statutes, ordinances and regulations are fully observed. S/he must make various appointments as per procedure, delegate powers for day-to-day work to the officers of the university and audit their performance and exercise all administrative, disciplinary and financial powers as defined in the statutes and ordinances.

In fact, the catalogue of duties of the V-C is vast and varied, which adds a certain aura of reverential

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mystique to the office. S/he represents the vibrant face of the university, engages in constructive stable policy dialogue with the Government, other universities, research funders and academia. It's for these reasons that the V-Cs are selected by the Visitor (the President in case of Central varieties and the Governor in case of State Universities) from the panel recommended by the search committee. This committee comprises three to five members who are persons of eminence in the sphere of higher education and the choice of the V-C is based on rigorous screening of the academic attainments and administrative experience of the people on the panel.

Interestingly, the V-Cs, who faced the axe, were appointees of the same Government. A critical scrutiny of the disciplinary proceedings initiated against the V-Cs broadly falls into four categories: Allegations of financial irregularity; allegations of dereliction of duty and defiance; wrongful appropriation of funds and academic fraud.

The Visitor does not initiate disciplinary proceedings against a V-C *suo motu*, but on the aid and advice of the Ministry of Education or the concerned administrative Ministry. This is because Central universities relating to maritime, agriculture, aviation, sports education, and so on, fall outside the domain of the Education Ministry. The trigger point for initiating disciplinary action is provided by the media, complaints by legislators, students and teachers and in some cases, the Chancellors themselves have demanded enquiries against the V-Cs. So, the Visitor is duty-bound to refer the complaints to the administrative Ministry for ascertaining facts and considered advice with respect to the corrective action required to be taken.

Some glaring examples of acts of omission and commission deserve mention. President Pranab Mukherjee

approved the sacking of the V-C of Visva Bharati University, Sushanta Duttagupta, for alleged irregularities in appointments and flagrant violation of financial rules. The V-C of Pondicherry University, Chandra Krishnamurthy, was removed for alleged academic fraud (that is claiming to have written three books though an enquiry allegedly revealed authorship of only one). The V-C of Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Arvind Agrawal, allegedly resigned when governments sought his comments on the allegations of fudging vital information in his C-V.

Similarly, amid a spate of questions in Parliament and public complaints about financial and academic irregularities, the V-C of Allahabad University, RL Hangloo, allegedly resigned before the Union Government could initiate punitive proceedings. The V-Cs of HN Bahuguna Garhwal University, J.L. Kaul, and Manipur University, AP Pandey, were sacked for alleged financial irregularities and long absence from duty. The V-C of Tripura University, V Dharurkar, resigned when a sting operation showed him receiving alleged bribe.

In cases where the V-Cs appropriated funds for purposes other than the approved budget heads, the enquiries were closed as there was no personal pecuniary gain or enrichment. The cases of Dinesh Singh, V-C, Delhi University and Talat Ahmad of Jamia Millia Islamia fall in this category; both of whom were known for their competence and integrity. The V-C of Jamia Hamdard, Seyed Ehtesham Hasnain, a deemed to be university (self-financed but partly funded by the UGC), has been suspended by the Chancellor following the decision of the UGC to set up a fact-finding committee to probe allegations.

The Centre has no say in the appointment or removal of the V-C of a deemed university. In a recent case, the Tamil Nadu

Government ordered an inquiry against Anna University V-C, MK Surappa, following complaints of alleged financial irregularities and malpractices in semester examinations and re-evaluation, even though the DMK has demanded his sacking.

The burning question is whether stringent disciplinary action against the V-Cs impinges upon the autonomy and academic freedom of the universities, which are emulated as role models and occupy a place of pride in the academia globally? Will these penal actions impact, dilute or undermine the autonomy and freedom of the institutions of higher learning? Autonomy and academic freedom are crucial to the well-being and smooth functioning of universities and key to attaining excellence in a globally-competitive environment.

The National Education Policy, 2020, lays great focus on the autonomy of institutions of higher learning, making every college in course of time an autonomous, degree-granting college and making India a global hub of education. It is, therefore, the right time to ponder and look to the future as autonomy is not a goal to be pursued in itself, but a fundamental prerequisite for universities to be able to develop strategic profiles, operate in a competitive environment, deliver on their very important societal duties in an ecosystem of transparency and accountability.

The veneer of autonomy cannot conceal or camouflage acts of omission and commission. A zero-tolerance approach towards corruption demands that the Government be swift and surgical to weed out corruption or unethical practices. The import of the oft quoted statements "minimum government and maximum governance" and "light but tight regulations" is loud and clear.

(The writer is former Additional Secretary, Lok Sabha and an author)

# India needs to bite the bullet to fight climate change

When 51 per cent of pollution is caused by industries, we cannot harp on the progress we made by reducing cooking smoke and transitioning to a better bulb



KOTA SRIRAJ

The recently-concluded G20 summit was the 15th meeting of the grouping. It was expected to be held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia but due to the Coronavirus pandemic, it was conducted virtually. On this year's agenda was the socio-economic and environmental impact of tourism and how both, tourists as well as local communities, stand to benefit from tourism as a bridge between different societies.

However, the spotlight was on a side event, titled "Safeguarding the Planet: The Circular Carbon Economy Approach", that was

addressed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The event garnered appropriate attention as the environment is increasingly being seen to be on the back foot, especially as battered economies open up after a pandemic-induced lockdown.

Addressing the meeting, Modi assured the grouping that India, as a signatory to the Paris Agreement, was effectively meeting its targets on climate change. One of the ways it was doing so was by popularising LED lights that have become instrumental in saving 38 million tonnes of carbon dioxide each year. Similarly, the Ujjwala Scheme provides clean cooking energy to 80 million households across the country, making it one of the largest green energy drives. Modi highlighted India's plans to achieve its 175 GW clean energy target by 2022 and its ambition to be in a position to achieve 450 GW of clean energy by 2030. Though these are commendable efforts towards negating the

adverse effects of climate change, the question we need to ask ourselves is, are they enough?

Recently, the Prime Minister of the UK, Boris Johnson, unveiled a "10-point plan" to tackle global warming. The most notable point was the plan to ban the sale of new petrol and diesel vehicles from 2030 onwards. In fact, plug-in hybrid vehicles, too, will face the axe after 2035. This unprecedented step towards cleaner transportation has captured the world's imagination, thanks to the scale of the proposed initiatives to address the problem of climate change.

While curbing air pollution, the step would ensure unprecedented demand for electric vehicles (EVs), too. The EV segment in the UK has already been stimulated by the allocation of 1.3 billion pounds to bolster the charging infrastructure throughout the nation. This is further complemented by a funding of 582 million pounds to aid in EV manufacturing and an additional

500 million pounds funding to help the auto industry conduct research and development on EV batteries.

This policy of the UK to put the "environment first" in the post-pandemic economic scenario is silencing critics, who regularly hauled up the lacklustre environmental commitments of Great Britain. With this one proposed step of deleting fossil fuel guzzlers from its roads, Britain would make a huge difference in its carbon emission numbers and alternatively put its EV usage, which is currently stuck at 10 per cent, on a fast track.

To its credit, the UK has shown that in order to make an impact, the fight needs to be taken to where it matters. In this case, other secondary sources of pollution have been bypassed and vehicular pollution has been met head-on.

There is a lesson for India here. Incremental successes in the fight against climate change and pollution are akin to winning smaller battles while losing the larger war to pro-

tect the environment. India, too, needs to come out and identify the largest polluters boldly without the concerns of a backlash. In a nation where 51 per cent of air pollution is caused by industries, our claim to fame cannot be the progress we made in reducing the smoke from the cooking stoves of our villages or transitioning to a better bulb. The Government has to have the political will to come out with stringent measures to curb industrial pollution.

If anybody can achieve this, it is the Modi Government because it has the mandate of the people and is not dependent on any coalition partners to hammer through difficult decisions if it wants. And its increasing clout in both Houses of Parliament will also make it easier for it to make the changes on the ground if it wants to win the war against pollution and negate the effects of global warming.

The Centre has to be cognisant of the fact that 21 out of the 30 most polluted cities of the world are in

India and millions of people daily breathe in air that is 10 times more polluted than the norms specified by the World Health Organisation. This daily trial by pollution takes a toll on the health of citizens, with nearly two million Indians dying a premature death every year due to pollution-related complications. The reach or the lack of it of the Government's authority and efficacy of its rules can be gauged by the fact that crop residue burning continues defiantly in Delhi-NCR in spite of the best efforts of the Delhi Government, the Centre and the judiciary.

One of the major reasons for Western nations succeeding in matters pertaining to common good is their higher levels of awareness regarding societal and common good. In India it is more like "each man to himself." This attitude puts common assets such as environmental concerns firmly in the back seat. The Government, under pressure to show progress on pressing environ-

mental issues, clutches at nominal achievements and leaves bigger problems for another day. India must fight the bigger battles first. Industrial pollution is one of them and in the post-pandemic era, where every nation is re-scripting its economic journey based on a "green industrial revolution", India must not be left behind.

In order to make a successful transition from polluting industrial infrastructure to a green one, India will have to take bold measures such as cutting down on coal consumption for generating power, rapidly increasing the infrastructure to include clean energy in our daily lives such as EV technologies and, of course, ensuring that polluting industries are shown the door.

Green industrial revolution can usher in the next phase of economic growth for India. The more we delay clean industries, the more we deny ourselves this growth.

(The writer is an environmental journalist)

# Trump finally agrees to Biden transition Vows to keep fighting election outcome

**Washington:** US President Donald Trump has finally given a go-ahead to begin the transition process for president-elect Joe Biden after the state of Michigan certified the Democratic leader's victory in the November 3 presidential election, paving the way for a smooth handover of power after weeks of delay.

President Trump, a Republican, however, did not formally concede the election to Biden, saying he would "continue to fight and will prevail."

He has launched a slew of lawsuits in key states, but has not provided any evidence to back his claims of electoral fraud. Many of the lawsuits have been dismissed by courts.

On Monday, the Administrator of the General Services Administration (GSA) Emily Murphy informed Biden in a letter that the Trump

administration is ready to begin the formal transition process.

The letter from Murphy, a Trump appointee, is the first step the administration has taken to acknowledge President Trump's defeat, more than two weeks after Biden was declared the winner.

Taking to Twitter after Murphy wrote to Biden, Trump said that he has asked to begin the transition process in the best interest of the country.

"...Fight, and I believe we will prevail! Nevertheless, in the best interest of our Country, I am recommending that Emily and her team do what needs to be done with regard to initial protocols, and have told my team to do the same.

"What does GSA being allowed to preliminarily work with the Dems have to do with continuing to pursue our

various cases on what will go down as the most corrupt election in American political history? We are moving full speed ahead. Will never concede to fake ballots & "Dominion," Trump said in a series of tweets.

In her letter, Murphy said she took the decision "independently" and based on the law.

"Please know that I came to my decision independently, based on the law and available facts. I was never directly or indirectly pressured by any Executive Branch official -- including those who work at the White House or GSA -- with regard to the substance or timing of my decision. To be clear, I did not receive any direction to delay my determination," Murphy said in her letter as reported by multiple news outlets.

Murphy said she was making

USD 6.3 million in funds available to the president-elect for the transition process. Biden is set to be sworn in as the 46th US President on January 20, 2021.

Murphy had come under a lot of criticism after she refused to give the president-elect access to the federal resources required for the transition. Lawmakers from both the Democratic and Republican party had slammed her for this.

"GSA does not dictate the outcome of legal disputes and recounts, nor does it determine whether such proceedings are reasonable or justified," Murphy wrote in her letter.

"These are issues that the Constitution, federal laws, and state laws leave to the election certification process and decisions by courts of competent jurisdiction. I do not think that an agency charged with

improving federal procurement and property management should place itself above the constitutionally-based election process. I strongly urge Congress to consider amendments to the Act," Murphy said.

Later, Trump put out two more tweets in which he thanked Murphy for her services.

"I want to thank Emily Murphy at GSA for her steadfast dedication and loyalty to our Country. She has been harassed, threatened, and abused -- and I do not want to see this happen to her, her family, or employees of GSA. Our case STRONGLY continues, we will keep up the good fight, and I believe we will prevail!" Trump tweeted.

On Monday, the Michigan State Board of Canvassers formally granted Biden the state's 16 electoral votes. **PTI**

# Reports: Biden plans to nominate topmost economist Janet Yellen as Treasury Secy

**Washington:** US President-elect Joe Biden is planning to nominate former Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen as his Treasury Secretary to lead his economic response to the raging coronavirus pandemic, which has wreaked havoc on the world's biggest economy and led millions of Americans to lose their jobs.

A formal announcement on 74-year-old Yellen would be made soon, according to The Wall Street Journal and The Washington Post. The Treasury Secretary is fifth in the presidential line of succession.

If confirmed by the Senate, Yellen would be the first woman to hold the job. Currently at the Brookings Institute think-tank, she was Federal Reserve Chair from 2014 to 2018 and was Chair of the White House Council of Economic Advisors from 1997 to 1999. "Ms Yellen, who was the first woman to lead the Fed, would become the first person to have headed the Treasury, the central bank and the White House Council of Economic Advisors," The Wall Street Journal said.

The Biden-Harris administration, however, did not comment on the potential announcements.

"The President-elect looks forward to announcing some members of his economic team early next week with work with him to build the economy back better," said Jen Psaki, an advisor to the transition.

"Her nomination would be one of the early signs that shows Biden plans to lean on experienced Washington veterans to lead the government next year," The Washington Post reported. **PTI**

# Europe hopes for reset, end to 'damage control' under Biden

**Berlin:** German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas said Tuesday he hopes a reset of US-European relations under the Biden administration can end years in which Europe was mainly concerned with "damage control."

Maas' counterpart from Portugal, which will have taken over the European Union presidency when Joe Biden is inaugurated, said Europe wants to be treated as a "full and equal partner" rather than an enemy of the US.

Biden's victory over President Donald Trump has been greeted with relief in Europe, where differences with the outgoing administration

ran from trade tensions to defense spending, relations with China and how to handle Iran's nuclear program.

Biden has made clear that he wants to "repair" the trans-Atlantic relationship, "and that is urgently necessary," Maas said at a panel event in Berlin.

Recent years, he said, were an exercise in "damage control" on international diplomacy and issues such as climate change. "Enough of that -- with this, we are not doing justice to the challenges we face at present."

"The result, because the West wasn't working together any more, was that in many issues a vacuum arose that

was used by China or Russia," Maas said.

But he cautioned that the Europeans "will have to get out of our seats" to grasp new opportunities, and offer to do more themselves in their immediate neighborhood as part of what he has termed a "new deal" with the US.

Germany holds the EU's rotating presidency until the end of December, when it will hand over to Portugal.

Portuguese Foreign Minister Augusto Santos Silva called for new talks with the US on trade relations. And he noted that a major objection to the Trump administration's approach was its language. **AP**

# Singapore arrests Bangladeshi man for plotting attacks against Hindus, planning to fight in Kashmir

**Singapore:** A Bangladeshi man, who was plotting attacks against Hindus in his own country and planning to fight in Kashmir, has been arrested by Singapore's security agencies which investigated the suspicious activities of 37 people as part of the heightened security measures in the city-state following recent terror strikes in Europe, the government said on Tuesday.

In a statement, the Ministry of Home Affairs said that counter-terrorism investigations into the suspicious activities of 37 people in Singapore have been carried out after most of them posted on social media, inciting violence or stoking community unrest in the aftermath of the terror attacks in France.

Of the 37 people, 14 are Singaporeans and 23 foreigners, mostly Bangladeshis, it said.

"The 14 Singaporeans comprise 10 males and four females, and are aged between 19 and 62 years old. Most of them had, in response to the recent terror attacks

in France, made social media postings which incited violence or stoked communal unrest," the ministry said.

As for the 23 foreigners, 16 of them, including 15 Bangladeshis and one Malaysian have been repatriated, it said. Seven foreigners are still under investigation, it added. One Bangladeshi man under investigation -- identified as 26-year-old Ahmed Faysal -- has been arrested under the Internal Security Act (ISA) following investigations into "terrorism-related activities," the ministry said.

He even bought foldable knives, which he claimed he would use for attacks against Hindus in Bangladesh, it said, adding that he was also willing to travel to Kashmir to fight against "perceived enemies of Islam".

Preliminary investigations by the Internal Security Department (ISD) showed that Faysal was radicalised and harboured the intention to "undertake armed violence in support of his religion", the Channel News Asia reported, citing the statement issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs. **PTI**

# England to cut travel quarantines to 5 days with tests

**London:** Just in time for holiday travellers, England is cutting the two-week quarantine facing people arriving from regions not on Britain's coronavirus safe list, reducing it to as little as five days if they test negative for Covid-19.

The change to the quarantine rules, which was announced Tuesday and takes effect on December 15, has been long-awaited by the travel industry, one of the worst-hit sectors during the pandemic. The change will bring the rules governing quarantines in England more in line with other European countries, including Germany.

Under the new rules, passengers can reduce the 14-day quarantine period by paying for a test from a private firm on or after Day 5 of their arrival at a potential cost of around 100 pounds (\$133). **AP**

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#### NOTICE OF THE 38<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, E-VOTING INFORMATION AND BOOK CLOSURE DATE(S)

**Dear Members,**

The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the members of Addi Industries Limited ("the Company") will be held on **Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.** through Video Conferencing ("VC") / Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") facility without the physical presence of the members at a common venue to transact the business as set out in the Notice of AGM in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 (Act) and Rules framed thereunder and the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 read with Circular No. 14/2020 dated 09<sup>th</sup> April, 2020, Circular No. 17/2020 dated 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 and Circular No. 20/2020 dated 05<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) and Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/79 dated 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), hereinafter referred to as the "Circular(s)".

Since the meeting will be held through VC/OAVM, facility for appointment of proxy will not be available for the AGM.

The Notice of AGM and Annual Report for the Financial Year 2019-20 have been sent to all the members, whose e-mail address are registered / available with the Company / Depository Participants (DP) as on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2020. Please note that the requirement of sending physical copies of the Notice of AGM and Annual Report to the members have been dispensed with in terms of the aforesaid Circular(s).

In compliance with Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013, Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, as amended and Regulation 44 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and aforesaid Circular(s), the Members are provided with the facility to attend AGM through Video Conferencing (VC) / Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM), to cast their vote electronically through the Remote e-voting by the AGM and through e-voting during the AGM, through the Authorised Agency, Central Depository Securities Limited (CDSL).

The process and manner of Remote e-voting / e-voting during the AGM and instructions for participation at the AGM through VC/OAVM are provided in the Notice of AGM.

Pursuant to Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2015 as amended, Members are hereby informed that:

- The Ordinary Business and the Special Business as set out in the Notice of 38<sup>th</sup> AGM will be transacted through voting by electronic means;
- The Remote e-voting shall commence on 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 at 09:00 A.M.;
- The Remote e-voting shall end on 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2020 at 05:00 P.M. Thereafter, the facility of Remote e-voting shall be disabled by CDSL.
- The e-voting rights of the Members shall be in proportion to the paid-up value of their Shares in the Equity Share Capital of the Company. Members of the Company holding Shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on the cut-off date i.e. 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2020, may cast their vote by Remote e-voting before AGM / e-voting at AGM.
- Any person who acquires Shares of the Company and becomes member of the Company after dispatch of the Notice and holding Shares as on the cut-off date i.e. 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 may obtain the login id and password by sending a request at [voting@cdsl.co.in](mailto: voting@cdsl.co.in). However, if you are already registered with CDSL for Remote e-voting then you can use your existing user ID and password for casting your vote.

**Members may further note that:**

- Once the vote on a resolution is cast by the Member, the Member shall not be allowed to change it subsequently.
- Members who have voted through Remote e-voting prior to the AGM may also attend the AGM but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again at the meeting.
- A person whose name is recorded in the register of members or in the register of beneficial owners maintained by the depositories as on the cut-off date shall be entitled to avail the facility of Remote e-voting as well as e-voting at the AGM.
- The Notice of AGM and Annual Report are available on the website of the Company at [www.addiindustries.com](http://www.addiindustries.com) and website of NSDL at [www.evoting.nsdl.com](http://www.evoting.nsdl.com).
- In case of any grievance connected with the facility for voting by electronic means, Members can directly contact Mr. Mukesh Chauhan - CDSL, e-mail ID: [mukeshc@cdslindia.com](mailto:mukeshc@cdslindia.com) / [helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com](mailto:helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com) or call on Toll Free No.: 1800-22-55-33. Members may also write to the Company at the e-mail ID: [atul.addi@gmail.com](mailto:atul.addi@gmail.com)

**Book Closure:** Pursuant to the provisions of Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Regulation 42 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Register of Members and Share Transfer Books will remain closed from 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 to 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2020 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of this AGM.

For Addi Industries Limited  
Sd/-  
Twinkle Bhardwaj  
(Company Secretary)  
M. No.: A57693

Date : 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2020  
Place : New Delhi

# Philippines targets 60 million for vaccination

**Manila:** Philippine officials say about 60 million Filipinos are being targeted for vaccination against the coronavirus next year at a cost of more than 73 billion pesos (USD 1.4 billion) to develop considerable immunity among a majority of Filipinos.

Carlito Galvez Jr., who oversees government efforts to secure the vaccines, said late Monday that negotiations were underway with four Western and Chinese pharmaceutical companies, including U.S.-based Pfizer Inc. And China's Sinovac Biotech Ltd., to secure the vaccines early next year. One company based in the U.K., AstraZeneca, can commit to supply up to 20 million vaccines, he said. **AP**

# China successfully launches its first spacecraft to moon to collect samples, return to earth

**Beijing/Wenchang:** China on Tuesday successfully launched its maiden unmanned spacecraft to collect samples from the lunar surface and return to earth, which space scientists here say is the Chinese space programme's most complex operation ever.

It is China's first attempt to retrieve materials from an extra-terrestrial body which is expected to last more than 20 days.

The Chang'e-5 lunar probe was successfully launched from the Wenchang Spacecraft Launch Site in the southern island province of Hainan, state-run CGTN reported. The spacecraft was launched by a Long March-5 rocket at 4.30 am Beijing Time.

Chang'e-5 is one of the most complicated and challenging missions in China's aerospace history, as well as the world's first moon-sample mission in more than 40 years. The US sent astronauts to the moon to collect samples. In the Soviet Union's unmanned lunar sampling missions, the spacecraft took off from the moon and returned to Earth directly.

The mission faces new technical challenges and much could go wrong, Chinese space scientists said. **PTI**

# Kurdish and Turkey-backed fighters clash in Syria, 11 killed

**Beirut:** Clashes between Kurdish fighters and Turkey-backed opposition gunmen in northern Syria left at least 11 fighters dead in some of the most intense fighting in weeks between the two sides, an opposition war monitor and a Kurdish spokesman said on Tuesday.

Exchange of fire and shelling between the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces and Turkey-backed opposition gunmen who identify as the Syrian National Army have not been uncommon since Turkish troops invaded parts of northern Syria in October of last year.

The Monday night clashes near the town of In Essa were triggered by an attack by Turkey-backed gunmen on SDF positions, according to the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, an opposition war monitor. The Observatory said Turkey-backed fighters lost 11 gunmen in the battle and an unknown number of SDF fighters were also killed or wounded.

An SDF spokesman who goes by the name of Mervan Qamishlo confirmed the clashes, saying that the group's fighters were repelling a Turkey-backed attack. He did not comment on how many SDF gunmen were killed. A spokesman for the Turkey-backed fighters did not respond to requests for comment.

Turkey says Kurdish fighters in Syria are linked to the Kurdistan Workers Party, or PKK, that has led a decades-long insurgency in Turkey's mainly Kurdish southeast region and is considered a terrorist organization by Turkey, the United States and the European Union. **AP**

## GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT / END (APPROX) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	PWD B&R, REWARI.	CONDUCTING OF E-CENSUS OF TRAFFIC AT T.P-53 (SUBANA KOSLI NAHAR KANDIA ROAD) AT KM 69 OF VILLAGE GUJJARWAS AT KOSLI IN REWARI DISTT. (RE-INVITED)	23.11.2020 01.12.2020	2 LACS	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	01274-253703 / pvd-eeopd-rewari@hry.nic.in
2	PWD B&R, AMBALA	CONST. OF 50 BEDDED HOSPITAL IN SARASWATIHERA - BHATMAJRA, PEHOWA, DISTT. KURUKSHETRA (POG. 11KV ELECT. SUB STATION) (RECALL.) + 5 OTHER WORKS	25.11.2020 08.12.2020	151.72 LACS	<a href="http://etenders.hry.nic.in">http://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	0171-2630877 / pvd-eeed-ambala@hry.nic.in
3	PWD B&R, HISAR	ESTABLISHMENT OF ICU AT TRAUMA CENTER IN CIVIL HOSPITAL AT SIRSA (POG. MEDICAL GAS PIPELINE SYSTEM ONLY)	23.11.2020 08.12.2020	1.80 CRORE	<a href="http://etenders.hry.nic.in">http://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	01662-225651/ pvd-eeed-hissar@hry.nic.in
4	PWD B&R, AMBALA	SPECIAL REPAIR BY PROVIDING STRENGTHENING ON 2 LANE ROY AMBALA LUDHIANA RAILWAY KM 268/24-26 AT AMBALA CITY (0.00 TO KM 0.800) (ROAD ID 194 & 195) IN AMBALA DISTRICT. + 1 OTHER WORK	19.11.2020 03.12.2020	84.66 LACS	<a href="http://etenders.hry.nic.in">http://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	0171-2977224 / Pvd-eeepd1-ambala@hry.nic.in
5	PANCHAYATI RAJ, NUH	CONSTRUCTION OF GOVT. VET. DISPENSARY INCLUDING PUH WORKS AT VILLAGE JAIRWANT BLOCK PUNHANA DISTT. NUH	25.11.2020 04.12.2020	22.68 LACS	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	Prexeeng.mwt@hry.nic.in
6	PANCHAYATI RAJ, PANIPAT	CONST OF COMMUNITY CENTRE (IACRE) AT VILLAGE BRAHMA BLOCK PANIPAT	25.11.2020 10.12.2020	116.78 LACS	<a href="http://etenders.hry.nic.in">http://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	8607592660
7	PANCHAYATI RAJ, BLOCK DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYAT OFFICER KAIRU	SUPPLY OF INTERLOCKING PAVER BLOCK VARIOUS SIZE + 11 OTHER WORKS	25.11.2020 07.12.2020	NIL	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	8053004333
8	IRRIGATION & W.R. DEPARTMENT HARYANA PANCHKULA	REAL TIME CANAL DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEM WITH DATA AS A SERVICE MODEL FOR 150 CANAL LOCATIONS FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS	23.11.2020 14.12.2020	EMD RS-15,50,000 /-	<a href="http://etenders.hry.nic.in">http://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	xen.nhp@gmail.com / 0172-2560080
9	PANCHAYATI RAJ, ROHTAK	CONSTRUCTION OF R/WALL OF BORAS POND AT VILLAGE BAHU AKBARPUR + 1 OTHER WORK	25.11.2020 06.12.2020	40.05 LACS	<a href="http://etenders.hry.nic.in">http://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	9467725150 / prexeeng.roh@hry.nic.in
10	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, HARYANA BAWAL	(TENDER NO. 2020_HRY_149287_1) DETAILED ESTIMATE FOR MAKING OF TAP CONNECTION TO EACH HOUSEHOLD UNDER JIM IN VILLAGE JHABUA DISTT. REWARI.) + 1 OTHER WORK	23.11.2020 07.12.2020	19.49 LACS	<a href="http://etenders.hry.nic.in">http://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	01282-260052 / eebawal@phedharyana.gov.in
11	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING KATHAL	WAZIR NAGAR - PROVIDING 205 NOS FUNCTIONAL HOUSEHOLD TAP CONNECTION IN VARIOUS STREET AT VILLAGE WAZIR NAGAR AND ALL OTHER WORKS CONTINGENT THERE TO (UNDER JAL JEEVAN MISSION PHASE-1) + 4 OTHER WORKS	21.11.2020 27.11.2020	45.66 LACS	<a href="http://etenders.hry.nic.in">http://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	01746-222348 / ee2kathal@phedharyana.gov.in
12	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DIVISION, SIWANI	OBRA - CONSTRUCTION OF INDEPENDENT WATER WORKS, LAYING OF PIPE LINE WITH FHTC IN VILLAGE OBRA DISTT. BHRAWAN, ( UNDER CN ANNOUNCEMENT NO. 25343 DT. 07.03.2020)	17.11.2020 09.12.2020	176.30 LACS	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	01255-277066 / eesiwani@phedharyana.gov.in
13	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGG. NARNALU	DETAILED ESTIMATE FOR LAYING OF SEWER LINES IN BALANCE APPROVED AREA OF NARNALU, TORIN DISTT. MOHENDERGARH. PREPARATION OF ESTIMATE / DNIT, CONDUCTING FIELD SURVEY, TAKING OUT SPOT LEVELS FOR SEWERAGE SCHEME NARNALU TOWN	23.11.2020 04.12.2020	3.73 LACS	<a href="http://etenders.hry.nic.in">http://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	01282-260091 / eeparnalul@gmail.com
14	DIRECTOR GENERAL, SUPPLIES & DISPOSALS, HARYANA	ISI MARKED CENTRIFUGALLY CAST (SPUN) DUCTILE IRON PRESSURE PIPES OF 100 TO 1200MM DIA SIZES CLASSES K-7 & K-9 FOR WATER GAS & SEWERAGE	24.11.2020 10.12.2020	400 CRORES (MIN) 600 CRORES (MAX.)	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	0172-2570121-124,2584125,2585125 / supplies@hry.nic.in
15	GENERAL MANAGER HARYANA ROADWAYS DELHI	CLEANING SANITATION OF WORKSHOP, OFFICE & BUSES	25.11.2020 08.12.2020	35 LACS	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	GENERAL MANAGER HARYANA ROADWAYS DELHI

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : [www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in](http://www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in) or [www.etendehry.nic.in](http://www.etendehry.nic.in) RO NO. 83985

### PARADIP PORT TRUST e-TENDER CALL NOTICE

TD/TM/GEN-225 (Vol-10)/20/3073, Dtd. 18.11.2020

Name of the work : "Allotment of 08(Eight) nos. of Manual Iron Ore/ Iron Ore Pellet plots". License Fees : Rs. 2,33,40,636/-. Wharfage Fees : Rs. 6,13,707/-. Last date & time of submission of bid : 08.12.2020 up to 17:00 hrs. Date and time of opening (technical bid) : 09.12.2020 up to 16:00 hrs. Refer our website for details <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>.

Traffic Manager  
PPT/PR/309/20-21 Dtd :20.11.2020.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN**

The general public is hereby informed that my client Sh. Satish Dutt Sio Late Sh. Hans Raj Sharma R/o R-8, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi-110027 has dissolved/relinquished all ties with his son Sh. Abhimanyu Dutt from all his properties, both movable and immovable, due to personal reasons, differences and irregular behavior and has no relation with him with immediate effect. In case any person deals with him, they shall do so at their own risk and my client shall not be made liable or responsible for any such acts, dealings, deeds or misdeeds of Sh. Abhimanyu Dutt with or against any person in any manner.

Pranav Rishi, Advocate  
Ch. No. 267, Lawyers Chambers, Block-I, Delhi High Court, New Delhi-110003

### PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to all concern that M/s Maiklac Pharm (P) Ltd., D-29, Sector-10, Noida is the allottee of Flat No. 421-A, Block-Z, Sector-12, Noida, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar (U.P.) has sold the said property on GPA basis to the following person(s).

General Power of Attorney was executed in favour of Smt. Bharti Palwal W/o Sh. J.K. Palwal R/o Flat No. E-5/65-A, Shatabdi Vihar, Sector-52, Noida (U.P.) duly registered in the office of Sub Registrar-I in Book No. 4, Volume No. 2/64 on Pages 14/403 to 410, at Document No. 265 dated 08/07/1992.

It is informed to all concern that the said flat is going to be transferred in favour of Sh. Pritesh Kumar S/o Sh. Navdeshwar Tripathi & Nupur Tripathi W/o Sh. Pritesh Kumar R/o Z-409B, Sector-12, Noida (U.P.). If anyone has/has objection he/she may file his/her objection along with the sufficient proof in the Residential Housing Department of the Noida/authority within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Bharti Palwal

### PUBLIC NOTICE

It has come to our attention that a software application by name of ACT SHOP has been fraudulently soliciting and accepting payments as investment in name of M/s PINSAM TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED. We would like to categorically state and announce to the public at large that the said application has no authorization from M/s PINSAM TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED for collection or accepting any investment in our name. It is appealed and cautioned to all concerned not to make any sort of investment for M/s PINSAM TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED through ACT SHOP application. We have currently deactivated all public online payments to our accounts and are in the process to fix the security breach of our payment systems. "We are committed to provide secure and seamless business opportunities to all our investors therefore we request any such complaint against Act Shop concerning M/s PINSAM TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED to write to us on "adv.kpandey68@gmail.com" along with proof of their transaction so that adequate legal action can be taken against Act Shop. "We shall also endeavor to minimise the losses of our investors in cases where any amount(s) has been inadvertently received in the accounts of M/s Pinsam Technologies Private Limited after due verification till the date of publication of this notice. "Requests for same can also be sent on the aforementioned email address along with proof. This is issued in public interest. Regards PINSAM TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED

### PUBLIC NOTICE

It has come to our attention that a software application by name of ACT SHOP has been fraudulently soliciting and accepting payments as investment in name of M/s CHOCU TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED. We would like to categorically state and announce to the public at large that the said application has no authorization from M/s CHOCU TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED for collection or accepting any investment in our name. It is appealed and cautioned to all concerned not to make any sort of investment for M/s CHOCU TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED through ACT SHOP application. We have currently deactivated all public online payments to our accounts and are in the process to fix the security breach of our payment systems. "We are committed to provide secure and seamless business opportunities to all our investors therefore we request any such complaint against Act Shop concerning M/s CHOCU TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED to write to us on "adv.kpandey68@gmail.com" along with proof of their transaction so that adequate legal action can be taken against Act Shop. "We shall also endeavor to minimise the losses of our investors in cases where any amount(s) has been inadvertently received in the accounts of M/s CHOCU Technologies Private Limited after due verification till the date of publication of this notice. "Requests for same can also be sent on the aforementioned email address along with proof. This is issued in public interest. Regards CHOCU TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED

### PREM NATH CREDIT & INVESTMENTS CORPORATION LIMITED

Regd. Off: 8A/12 Ground Floor W.E.A. Karol Bagh, New Delhi 110005  
CIN U65993DL1994PLC057025

**BEFORE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, NORTHEN REGION, DELHI**

In the matter of the Companies Act, 2013, section 13, 14 of Companies Act, 2013 and rule 41 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014 And in the matter of Prem Nath Credit & Investments Corporation Limited having its registered office at: 8A/12 Ground Floor W.E.A. Karol Bagh New Delhi 110005

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the company intending to make an application to the Central Government under section 14 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with aforesaid rules and is desirous of converting into a private limited company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting/ Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 to enable the company to give effect to such conversion. Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change/status of the company may deliver or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his interest and grounds of opposition to the concerned Regional Director, Northern Region B-2 Wing, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Parvayaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi-110003 within fourteen days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company at its registered office at 8A/12 Ground Floor W.E.A. Karol Bagh New Delhi 110005.

Sd/-  
For and on behalf of the Board Rakesh Kumar Anand  
Prem Nath Credit & Investments Corporation Limited Director  
DIN 01717103

ABNORMALLY LOW BIDS

# Govt no to additional performance security

PI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government has decided not to seek additional performance security on abnormally low bids received on government contracts to provide relief to contractors already facing liquidity issues in the wake of the ongoing pandemic.

The finance ministry has asked all government ministries and departments not to ask for additional security deposit or bank guarantees in cases of low bids unless there is a compelling reason to do so.

Even in such cases, performance guarantee deposit should be taken only after approval from higher authority and properly assigning reasons, the ministry said in a recent circular on the issue.

Under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan 3.0 announced earlier this month the government has relaxed regulations on earnest money deposit (EMD) and performance security on

government tenders and reduced performance security on contracts to 3 per cent from a level 5-10 per cent now to boost construction and infrastructure development.

The relaxation from higher performance security on lower bids now will help contractors facing acute financial crunch on account of slowdown in economy due to the pandemic and prevent delays in execution of projects.

The industry had earlier represented that higher guarantee being sought on low bids may affect the ability of contractors to bid in tenders and hence reduce competition.

The finance ministry has noted that there is no provision of higher security deposit/bank guarantee in general financial rule for procurement by government departments. So, it had said that no provision should be made unless approved by higher authorities.

The ministry has said that its instruction will be applica-

ble for all kinds of procurements viz. Goods, Consultancy, Works, non-consulting Services etc. As per the Manual for Procurement of Goods 2017 issued by the expenditure Department, an Abnormally Low Bid is one in which the bid price, in combination with other elements of the Bid, appears so low that it raises material concerns as for the capability of the bidder to perform the contract at the offered price. Procuring Entity in such cases seek written clarifications from the bidder, including detailed price analyses of its bid price in relation to scope, schedule, allocation of risks and responsibilities, and any other requirements of the bids document. If, after evaluating the price analyses, Procuring Entity determines that the bidder has substantially failed to demonstrate its capability to deliver the contract at the offered price, the Procuring Entity may reject the bid/proposal.

## DoT accepts proposal on '0' prefix for all calls from landlines to mobile phones

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Callers will soon be required to add '0' prefix for making calls from landlines to mobile phones in the country, with the telecom department asking telcos to make necessary arrangements by January 1 to implement the new system.

The department has accepted sectoral regulator Trai's recommendation for having the '0' prefix for such calls, a move that will create sufficient numbering space for telecom services.

The Department of Telecom (DoT) in a circular on 'modification of dialling patterns from fixed line numbers to cellular mobile numbers' said in order to ensure adequate numbering resources for fixed line and mobile services, Trai's recommendations dated May 29, 2020 have been accepted by the Department.

"Following may be implemented...Fixed-to-mobile calls shall be dialled with prefix '0'. Suitable announcement may be fed in the fixed line switches to apprise the fixed line subscribers about the requirement

of dialling the prefix '0' for all fixed-to-mobile calls," DoT said in a circular dated November 20.

This announcement should be played whenever a subscriber dials a fixed-to-mobile call without prefixing '0', it said.

"All the fixed line subscribers should be provided with '0' dialling facility, that is, STD dialling facility," said the circular posted on DoT's website.

DoT said that time till January 1 is allowed to all the telecom service providers to implement this new system.

"Compliance of the same may be intimated," DoT said. It is pertinent to mention here that the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) in May this year had recommended dialling prefix '0' for a call from fixed line number to mobile number.

The regulator had, however, stated that the introduction of a dialling prefix for a particular type of call is not akin to increasing the number of digits in the telephone number.

## SBI raises ₹2,500 cr from bonds

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

State Bank of India (SBI) on Tuesday said it has raised Rs 2,500 crore from bonds to fund business growth.

The committee of directors for capital raising at its meeting held on Tuesday accorded approval to allot 25,000 Basel-III compliant non-convertible, taxable, perpetual, subordinated, unsecured, fully paid-up debt instruments in the nature of debentures qualifying as AT 1 capital of the bank to the subscribers, it said in a regulatory filing.

The bonds of face value of Rs 10 lakh each, at par, bearing a coupon of 7.73 per cent per annum payable annually with call option after five years and on anniversary dates thereafter, aggregates to Rs, 2,500 crore, it said.

Under call option, the bond issuer can call back the bonds before the maturity date by paying back the principal amount to investors. The Basel-III capital regulations are globally accepted banking norms under which banks need to improve and strengthen their capital planning process.

## IN BRIEF

### MUSK NOW 2ND RICHEST IN WORLD, SURPASSES GATES

San Francisco: Tesla chief Elon Musk has surpassed Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates to become the second-richest person in the world. The Bloomberg Billionaires Index on Monday put the Tesla chief executive - with a \$127.9 billion fortune - above Gates - at \$127.7 billion - for the first time. The 49-year-old entrepreneur has added more than \$100 billion to his net worth since January 2020, making him one of the fastest-growing among the world's 500 richest people. The jump in Musk's fortune came as the shares of the electric car-maker Tesla soared and its market cap neared \$500 billion on Monday. The wealth gap between Musk and Gates is not huge, and it is possible they could switch places again.

### GM REVIEWS PROGRESS OF THE ON-GOING METRO PROJECTS

Kolkata: Manoj Joshi, General Manager, Metro Railway today (on 23.11.2020) reviewed the progress of works of the different on-going Metro projects in the city with the senior officials of Metro Railway and Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL). During this meeting, he instructed all concerned officials to ensure the good progress of work of all these projects. He emphasized on speedy completion of these projects. Shri Joshi also advised all to strictly maintain social distancing norms and other protocols at Metro premises in order to stop the spread of Covid-19.

### CLW PRODUCES 200TH ELECTRIC LOCOMOTIVE

Chittaranjan: CLW has once again achieved remarkable output by producing 200 locos in 159 working days, despite of COVID-19 restrictions. Total 200 locos produced till 23rd Nov 2020 of FY 2020-21. First 150 locos were produced in 129 working days and the last 50 locos have been produced in only 30 working days. The 200th loco (WAP-7, no-30816) of FY 2020-21 was despatched on 23rd Nov. evening. Rising from COVID-19, CLW continues to elevate 'Make in India'. With focus on diligence & efficiency, CLW produced 200 locos for the current financial year in just 159 working days, as against 162 days day last financial year 2019-20.



## Govt clears 7 projects to create infrastructure for agro-processing clusters

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government on Tuesday approved seven projects to create infrastructure for agro-processing clusters with an estimated cost of ₹235 crore.

Food Processing Industries Minister Narendra Singh Tomar chaired

the Inter-Ministerial Approval Committee (IMAC) meeting through video conference to consider the proposals received under the Scheme for Creation of Infrastructure for Agro-Processing Cluster (APC) of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY).

The promoters of projects also participated through video conference.

"IMAC approved 7 proposals with total project cost of ₹234.68 crore including grants-in-aid of ₹60.87 crore in the states/UTs of Meghalaya,

Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra.

"These projects will leverage private investment of ₹173.81 crore and are expected to generate employment for 7,750 persons," an official statement said.

The scheme for creation of infrastructure for Agro-Processing Cluster (APC) has been approved on May 3, 2017, under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana to incentivize setting up of agro processing clusters in the country.

This scheme aims at development of modern infrastructure to encourage entrepreneurs to set up food processing units based on cluster approach.

These clusters will help in reducing the wastage of the surplus produce and add value to the horticultural / agricultural produce, the statement said.

## Benchmarks rally to record highs; Nifty closes above 13k for first time

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Indian equity indices conquered new peaks on Tuesday, with the Nifty closing above the 13,000-level for the first time, as banking, FMCG and auto stocks saw heavy buying amid optimism over Covid-19 vaccine progress and unabated foreign capital inflows.

A strengthening rupee further boosted investor confidence, traders said. After scaling a lifetime intra-day high of 44,601.63, the 30-share BSE Sensex ended 445.87 points or 1.01 per cent higher at a record 44,523.02.

Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty climbed 128.70 points or 1 per cent to close at 13,055.15.

Axis Bank was the top gainer in the Sensex pack, spurring 4.02 per cent, followed by M&M, HDFC Bank, ITC, SBI, ICICI Bank, Maruti, Kotak Bank and Sun Pharma.

On the other hand, HDFC, Titan, Nestle India, Bharti Airtel, ONGC and Infosys were among the main laggards, shedding up to 1.47 per cent. Global markets maintained their upward trajectory as investors wagered on swift rollout of COVID-19 vaccines following encouraging trials data from at least three companies.

"Market is inching higher with more confidence that COVID-19 vaccine will be available in India soon. It can provide an advantage to India compared to the rest of the world.

## Rupee rises by 10 paise to 3-week high on foreign fund inflows

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee appreciated by 10 paise to close at 74.01 against the US dollar on Tuesday on sustained foreign fund inflows and positive development over coronavirus vaccine.

Traders said investor risk sentiment improved amid growing hopes of an early rollout and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines, helping the local unit to extend gains for a third straight session.

## India's score on protecting minority investors has slipped, need to sharpen focus: Fin Min official

Mumbai: India's score on protection of minority investors compiled by the World Bank as part of the Ease of Doing Business rankings has slipped recently and there is a need for stakeholders to improve on this aspect, a senior finance ministry official said on Tuesday.

Brokers need to look beyond the short-term benefits and look at long-term strategies focused on attracting, retaining and motivating investors in the capital markets, which are very important tool for nation building, Additional Secretary Anand Mohan Bajaj said.

The comments come at a time when there have been some defaults by brokerages in

## 58K women banking correspondents to begin training in UP

PI ■ LUCKNOW

Uttar Pradesh chief minister Adityanath has asked the rural development and panchayati raj departments to go ahead with the training of 58,000 women banking correspondent (BC) Sakhis before they begin their job. The state government has completed the first-of-its-kind technology driven process for selecting 58,000 women for as many posts of banking correspondent Sakhis. A total of 58,000 gram panchayats in the state will have a BC Sakhi each.

"Once the BC Sakhis begin working, it will help a lot of

villagers in their banking related needs. BC Sakhis will function from their village's panchayat bhavan," the chief minister said in a statement.

Additional chief secretary, rural development and panchayati raj department, Manoj Kumar Singh, said that the Indian Institute of Banking and Finance (IIBF) will now train these BC Sakhis before they begin working.

The state government had received 2.17 lakh applications for the induction of 58,000 BC Sakhis. The mobile app-based recruitment process was undertaken amid the Covid-19 pandemic in a state-wide exercise.

Dated, the 18th November, 2020

### PRESS NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

The under signed for and on behalf of the Governor of Tripura invites e-Tender from the reputed experienced Indian Nationals / Registered Firms / Co-Operative Societies / Public Sector Undertakings / Transport Syndicates / Transport Contractors having adequate resources for carrying / transportation for Paddy from different Paddy Procurement Centres (PPCs) to Rice Mills located at Bodhjang Nagar / Old Agartala & Custom Milled Rice (CMR) from respective Rice Mills to different State Food Godowns of the State during the period from **December, 2020 to October, 2021** with further option for 01 (one) months extension at the sole discretion of the Food CS&CA Department.

2. Interested Bidders may see & download the NIT Document from the website <https://tripuratenders.gov.in/nicgep/app/>. However, e-Bidding to be made only through <https://tripuratenders.gov.in/nicgep/app/>. Last date & time of submission of Bid is **02.12.2020 up to 2.00 PM.**

Sd/-  
(Tapan Kumar Das)  
Addl. Secretary & Director  
Food, Civil Supplies & CA  
Government of Tripura  
ICA/C-2201/2020-21

### SEARCH OF MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo), **Name: Muskan, D/o: Mohd. Salim, R/o: Jhuggi No. 32, Rajghat Power House, Kanchan Puri, Bela Gaon, Darya Ganj, Delhi, Aged: about 16 years, has been missing/kidnapped from the area of PS Darya Ganj, Delhi since 13.11.2020. A case vide FIR No. 221/20 u/s 363 IPC, Dated 14.11.2020, has been registered at P.S. Darya Ganj, Delhi. Her physical description is as under: Height: 4'9" Feet, Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Physique/Build: Thin, Clothing: Sky Blue Colour Suit-Salwar and Black Colour Chappal in her feet.**



Muskan

Any person is having any information/clue about this missing/ kidnaped girl, may inform SHO, Darya Ganj, Delhi at E-mail: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) or website : <http://cbi.nic.in> Fax No.: 011-23011334, Tele No. :011-24368638 or 24368641

S.H.O  
P.S. Darya Ganj, Delhi  
Ph.: 011-23274683, 23279331  
DP/495/CD/2020.

### SEARCH OF MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one lady (depicted in the photo), **Name: Shahnaj, W/o: Yamin, R/o: H.No. E-161, Gali No. 05, Subhash Chowk, Mohalla Maujpur, Shahdara, Delhi, Aged: 55 years, has been missing since 18.11.2020 from 4th Floor, GB Pant Hospital, Delhi from the area of PS I.P. Estate, Delhi. A case vide DD No. 80-A, Dated 18.11.2020, has been registered at P.S. I.P. Estate, Delhi. Her physical description is as under: Height: 5'3" Feet, Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Built: Normal, Mentality: Unfit, Clothing: Green Colour Suit-Salwar and Hawai Chappal in her feet.**



Shahnaj

Any person is having any information/clue about this missing lady, may inform SHO, I.P. Estate, Delhi at E-mail: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) or website : <http://cbi.nic.in> Fax No.: 011-23011334, Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641

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P.S. IP Estate, Delhi  
Ph.: 011- 23370928, 23232294  
DP/508/CD/2020.

### SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Anamika, D/o. Rajender Kumar, R/o Jhuggi No. N 30/B 220, H-4 Block, Jahangir Puri, Delhi** has been missing/ kidnaped from the area of P. S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi since **26.10.2020** at 10:30 am. In this regard a case vide FIR No. 555/20, dated 06.11.2020 has been lodged in P. S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi. The description of missing/ kidnaped girl is as under: Age: 16 years 6 months, Height: 4'10", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Thin, Wearing: Black & white colour frock, jeans and black colour jutti in feet. If anyone having any clue/ information, kindly inform the undersigned.

Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>  
E-Mail ID - [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in)  
Fax No. 011-24368639

SHO  
P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi  
Ph. Nos.: 011-24368638, 24368641  
DP/496/NW/2020

### SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Muskan, D/o Bashir Ahmad R/o H. No. A-73, Balbir Nagar, Kirari Suleman Nagar, Delhi, Age: 17 years, Height: 5', Face: Round, Complexion: Fair, Built: Medium Wearing: Blue Colour Suit, White Salwar and Hawai Chappal in her feet has been missing/ kidnaped from her home since 02.11.2020 at 6.00 pm. In this regard a case FIR No. 529/2020, u/s 363 IPC dated 03.11.2020 has been registered at P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi.**

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

E-mail : [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in)  
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641

SHO  
PS Aman Vihar, Delhi  
Ph. : 27581812/8750870321  
DP/507/RD/2020

### SEARCH FOR MISSING BOY



General public is here by informed that the boy **Name: Ivrans, S/o Ameen Khan, R/o Mohalla Maulana, Amroha Raod, Town Joya, PS Didoli, Distt. Amroha, UP, Age: 22 years, Height: 5'3", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Thin, Wearing: White T-shirt, Black Jeans and Green Chappals, has been missing from GB Pant Hospital, Delhi since 27.10.2020 from the area of P.S. I.P. Estate, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 57 dated 07.11.2020 has been registered at P.S. IP Estate, New Delhi.**

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

E-Mail: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in)  
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>  
Fax: 011-24368639

SHO  
P.S. I.P. Estate, New Delhi  
Ph. 011-23370928, 23370999  
DP/493/CD/2020

FORM G INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST	
Under Regulation 36A (1) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016	
RELEVANT PARTICULARS	
1 Name of the corporate debtor	Kopargaoon Ahmednagar Tollways (Phase II) Private Limited
2 Date of incorporation of corporate debtor	15th October, 2012
3 Authority under which corporate debtor is incorporated/registered	Registrar of Companies, Delhi
4 Corporate identity number of corporate debtor	U45203HR2012PTC047422
5 Address of the registered office and principal office (if any) of corporate debtor	Reg. Office: 510, 5th Floor, ABW Tower, IFFCO Chok, MG Road, Gurgaon-122002 Toll Plaza: Kopargaoon Ahmednagar Tollways Phase-II Ajp Nirmal Pimpri, Tal Rahata, Dist. Ahmednagar-423107. Date of Order: 7th October, 2019
6 Insolvency commencement date of the corporate debtor	25th November, 2020
7 Date of invitation for expression of interest	25th November, 2020
8 Eligibility criteria for resolution applicants under section 25(2)(h) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 ("Code")	The eligibility criteria is mentioned in detailed invitation for Expression of Interest to submit Resolution Plan(s)
9 Norms of ineligibility applicable under section 29A are available at:	The norms of ineligibility under Section 29A of the Code are mentioned in the detailed invitation for Expression of Interest to submit Resolution Plan.
10 Last date for receipt of expression of interest	10th December, 2020
11 Date of issue of provisional list of prospective resolution applicants	19th December, 2020
12 Last date for submission of objections to provisional list	24th December, 2020
13 Date of issue of final list of prospective resolution applicants	02nd January, 2021
14 Date of issue of information memorandum, evaluation matrix and request for resolution plans to prospective resolution applicants	24th December, 2020
15 Manner of obtaining request for resolution plan, evaluation matrix, information memorandum and further information	The Resolution Professional will share the documents through Electronic Mail or Virtual Data Room in accordance with the provisions of the Code and Regulations made thereunder.
16 Last date for submission of resolution plans	23rd January, 2021
17 Manner of submitting resolution plans to resolution professional	Manner shall be specified in the request for resolution plans.
18 Estimated date for submission of resolution plan to the Adjudicating Authority for approval	25th January, 2021
19 Name and registration number of the resolution professional	Mr. Udayraj Patwardhan IP Registration No.: IBB/PA-001/1P-P0024-2016-17/10057
20 Name, Address and e-mail of the resolution professional, as registered with the Board	Name: Mr. Udayraj Patwardhan Address: Sumedha Management Solutions Private Limited, C-103, Marolli Innon, Lower Parel West, Mumbai-400013. Email ID: <a href="mailto:udayraj_patwardhan@sumedhamanagement.com">udayraj_patwardhan@sumedhamanagement.com</a>
21 Address and e-mail to be used for correspondence with the resolution professional	Address: Sumedha Management Solutions Private Limited, 809-810, 8th Floor, B Wing, Trade World, Kamala Mills Compound, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai-400013. Email ID: <a href="mailto:kati@sumedhamanagement.com">kati@sumedhamanagement.com</a>
22 Further details are available at or with	Same as Sr. No. 21 above
23 Date of publication of Form G	25th November, 2020

Notes:  
1. The application for exclusion of period from 01st August, 2020 to 31st October, 2020 for completion of Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process ("CIRP") has been filed before Adjudicating Authority. Thus the process of EOI and thereafter resolution process is subject to grant of exclusion of the period from the CIRP period by the Adjudicating Authority.  
2. The RP / COC shall have discretion to change the criteria for the EOI at any point of time.  
3. RP / COC reserves the right to cancel or modify the process / application without assigning any reason and without any liability whatsoever.  
4. Detailed invitation for expression of interest specifying criteria, ineligibility norms under section 29A of Code etc. can be requested through email on [kati@sumedhamanagement.com](mailto:kati@sumedhamanagement.com)  
Date: 24th November, 2020  
Place: Mumbai  
Sd/-  
Mr. Udayraj Patwardhan  
Resolution Professional for Kopargaoon Ahmednagar Tollways (Phase II) Private Limited  
IP Registration No.: IBB/PA-001/1P-P0024-2016-17/10057

# ENGINEERING A CAREER

Irrespective of the field of expertise, selecting a good & stable option after graduation may be a puzzle for many. NITIN VIJAY tells you how opting for management programmes after engineering is a lucrative solution



Engineering has been the favorite branch for the students since ages. It has been able to maintain the novelty factor even in the age of IT and technology. Engineering has amalgamated itself with the latest developments, and it is the development itself; the inflow of students to this field has been increasing incessantly and attests to the never-fading popularity of this branch of study. The common perception is that 'once you complete Engineering', there is no dearth of job options for you, and to an extent it holds true. The need for a well-qualified and talented engineer is required in every sphere of life.

Irrespective of the field of expertise one chooses, selecting a good & stable career after graduation may be a quiet puzzle full for a maximum of them. It is mandatory to go with proper planning and strategy. Those who are comfortable to work with advanced technologies including VLSI, Blockchain, AI, Robotic, Ethical Hacking, Digital Marketing, Protocol Testing, Data Science, Website Designing & Promotion are required in most of the companies. Presently, the startup industry is

setting the latest trend in the competitive market, and one can start the work with two to three people only. The best thing is that the Government is also supporting such an initiative with complete instructions and mentorship. The Government is also supporting by giving financial support in terms of the loan and other benefits. After observing the growth and success of various entrepreneurs, the young and dynamic generation also decides to start their venture; this needs a lot of calmness and self-restraint. This option is one of the finest choices for those who are having creative concepts and are willing to invest in their business; this allows an individual the freedom to express their ideas.

If a student is thinking about a stable career option after graduation, then studying management has turned out to be of great help, which not only provides a good but a handsome CTC also. To enter this domain, one will have to pursue a Masters in Business Administration, which is one of the favourable courses. After completing an MBA, one can get managerial roles in different

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companies. Management is one of the best career options after engineering in India. Pursuing an MBA after engineering has been in trend since the mid-1990s, and it is still taken up by people who are fascinated by the management part of organisations.

Engineers do serve the cause of the nation by contributing to the development of infrastructure and technology. A well-qualified Engineer is sought after by the top multinational companies as well as Indian giants. Serving the nation can sometimes attain a whole new altitude, and Engineers are known to do well in the Civil Services exam to serve the country in policymaking. It is one of the best options; however, preparation for at least one year is recommended. Millions of students appear for this examination each year, and only a few of them crack it. If a student can attain good rank, then he or she can get the distinguished post of IAS, IPS, or IFS, as well. Engineers also have the option to join armed forces.

Those interested in academics can choose to go for higher studies. They can prepare for the Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering

(GATE); this test shows the overall know-how of an engineering graduate, and after qualifying, one can join prestigious engineering colleges (IITs and NITs) for MTech. If a student is not willing to clear GATE then he or she can also prepare for Joint Admission Test (JAM) and can enter academics and research.

So, if you are fascinated by ever-evolving structural designs, IT developments, and space, then engineering will help you realise the dream of joining an elite class that is bringing about the much-needed changes to the world making it a better place to live.

The career options are many; the need is to assess your capabilities and take an informed decision. The graduates should never shy away from taking advice from the experts or the experienced people around them. With numerous changes happening in the world, the job market is vibrant, and pay packages have also become better. Initially, the focus of the graduate should be to gain experience without concentrating hard on the remunerations.

The writer is Academic Guru, Managing Director, Motion Education

**QUOTE OF THE DAY**  
Data is not information, information is not knowledge, knowledge is not understanding, understanding is not wisdom.  
— Clifford Stoll

## Virtual convocation at KIIT



A total of 7135 students of 2019-20 graduating batch of Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar received their degrees at its 16th Annual Convocation, held in virtual mode, on November 21, 2020. Students received degrees virtually from the Chief Guest

Professor Muhammad Yunus, Founder, Grameen Bank & Nobel Peace Laureate, Bangladesh in the presence of His Holiness Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, Spiritual Leader & Founder, Art of Living and other dignitaries.

The university conferred Honoris Causa Degrees of D Litt upon His Holiness Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar and SK Chaudhary, Chairman & MD, IRCON International Ltd and Honoris Causa Degree of DSc on Dr Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, Director General of Meteorology, India Meteorological Department, Govt of India.

"You are entering a new phase of life. Education is a long and difficult journey but it makes you capable to transform the world", Professor Muhammad Yunus told the graduating students in his convocation address.

Introducing Prof Yunus, who was awarded Nobel Peace Prize in 2006 for his social innovation of microcredit, to the students, Prof Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS said that he has imagined and is relentlessly working for A World of Three Zeroes — zero poverty, zero unemployment

and zero net carbon emissions. He expressed his gratitude to His Holiness Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, Dr Mrutyunjay Mohapatra and S. K Chaudhary for accepting Honoris Causa degrees from KIIT Deemed to be University.

"The pandemic has damaged the lives and livelihoods of millions of people across the world. With 50% of the world struggling to make a living, it has revealed weaknesses in our system. It is an opportunity to redesign a world, which will be more just, more equal and more resilient", the Nobel Laureate stated. Our present system suffers from an extreme polarisation of wealth with 99 per cent of wealth concentrated in the hands of 1 per cent population and global warming that is threatening our very existence."

With your learning and imagination, it is possible to redesign a new world", he told the graduates, while urging them to explore entrepreneurship as an option.

In his address, chief speaker Sri Sri Ravi Shankar stated: "The purpose of education is to build a strong personality that is equipped to convert new challenges into opportunities and broadmindedness and humility to continue learning forever."

He underscored the importance of inner strength, perseverance, patience and creativity for achieving success. He was awarded Honoris Causa D Litt for "his great contributions to the field of spiritualism and world peace".

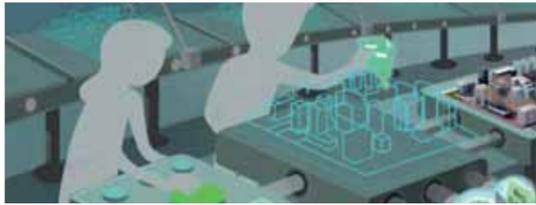
# CONSTRUCT YOUR FUTURE

The infrastructure sector is poised for exponential growth in the years to come and hence the demand for skilled labour will rise. DR PRATIMA SHEOREY lists skills that are a must-have for those looking for opportunities here

A strong, modern, sustainable and well-functioning infrastructure is the pillar of any country's socio-economic growth. Currently, India is witnessing a boom in the infrastructure sector - a sector that holds the key to a speedy recovery, post COVID-19. New and ongoing infrastructure projects in the sectors of road development, transportation, power and urban development will create positive social and economic multiplier effects, by creating jobs opportunities, elevating rural and urban income profiles, thereby boosting consumption expenditures, and bring the country back on a high growth trajectory. The sector is poised for exponential growth in the years to come, and thus will also demand skilled labour in the identified sectors.

Aspirants desirous of developing a career in infrastructure development and related industries must remain focused on the following seven skills:

**Basic Technical Skills:** Technical skills in the areas of engineering (civil, mechanical and electrical) will help students understand the ground details of projects and create innovative solutions, aligned with industry expectations and recent develop-



ments in the sector.

**Contract Management:** Given the multi-stakeholder nature of infrastructure projects, a single infrastructure project can have multiple contracts in force. A skilled infrastructure professional must possess the acumen to identify potential contractual defaults ahead of time, and recommend/prepare the most cost-effective mitigation strategy. Thus, creating water tight contracts and subsequently managing the contracts must come naturally to contract professionals.

**Project Management:** Infrastructure projects span across several years and are usually multi-stakeholder projects, including government, private investors and impact local citizenry. Thus, effective project

management skills are essential, such that time delays, resulting cost overruns and resulting risks can be managed, to minimise social and economic costs.

**Financial Structuring:** Due to the large scale of investments coupled with paucity of funds with the government, Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) based projects are likely to continue to be at the front and centre of Infra projects. Within PPP projects, new and innovative financing modules are emerging such as the Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM) in road projects, amongst others. Thus, students need to stay abreast of financial innovations in the sector.

**Risk Management:** With large infrastructure projects, come higher risks. Risks such as construction

risks, operational risks, change in force majeure, change in law, and other environmental risks need effective planning, mitigation and monitoring.

**Communication Skills:** The ability to concisely yet transparently communicate their requirements and ideas is another most significant skill that students must learn. Good communication skills ensure that no detail is lost in comprehension. However, when we talk about communication, it not only includes prowess in airing your own ideas but also the patience to listen to what the client or other members of the team have to say.

**Critical and Design Thinking:** Much like every other sector, the infrastructure sector also demands critical and out of the box design thinking. An infrastructure professional must possess the ability to apply quick, effective, and innovative solutions to new and complicated problems.

With these skills, the aspirant is well equipped to solve and manage large infrastructure projects that are ever changing in their scope of work.

The writer is, Director — Symbiosis Centre for Management and Human Resource Development

# For a fashionable forecast

The fashion field is evolving fast. It offers multiple choices, one of them is fashion forecasting. DR ROOPAK VASISHTHA tells you what it takes to enter this world

The glamour of the fashion industry is such that it attracts many youth to pursue a career in this field. If we talk about career options in the field of fashion, then most of the youth see their career as a fashion designer or fashion merchandiser. But with time, the fashion field has become highly competitive. Now, there are many career options for youth in the fashion industry, one of them is Fashion Forecasting. If you love to stay updated with the latest fashion trends and have a vision for style, then fashion forecasting is definitely a better career option for you!

Fashion Forecasting is the global prediction of upcoming trends in the fashion world. It is the process of analysing and making predictions of the future trends on the basis of past and present data. It basically predicts the mood, behavior and buying habits of the consumer on the basis of color, fabrics, textures, accessories, graphics, and footwear.

You simply can't guess what's going to be popular. Nothing is fixed here. This field requires a lot of knowledge and a large amount of research work. All the equations of fashion change overnight. The



cut and color change according to the season, but now it seems that the style and material etc. also change before coming into the trend, so the challenges of this work are also unique.

**Difference between Fashion Forecasting and Fashion Designing:** Fashion forecaster is the sequel of fashion designing. In fashion designing, the designer is responsible for turning an idea into a design. He creates specific look of garments that include its shape, colour, fabric, trimmings, and other essential aspects. The role of fashion forecaster is to identify which silhouettes colours, textures, fabrics, graphics, prints, footwear and accessories will be the upcoming trends on the runway.

It's not enough just to be creative to make a career in the field

of fashion forecasting. But it is also very important to be aware of the technology used in this field. For example, in the case of designing apparel, you should have knowledge of fabric weaving techniques, fabric mixing techniques, dyeing techniques, stitching techniques etc. Similarly, knowledge of various technologies is also vital for footwear designing, accessory designing and jewellery designing. The fashion industry has been focusing solely on profitability and quality for the last thirty years. The fashion companies are promoting their brand by hiring young designers and organising fashion shows to add a modern touch. In such a situation, the youth will have a lot of work opportunities in the emerging field of Fashion Forecasting.

The writer is CEO & DG, AMH SSC

## Cambridge English signs MoU with Chrysalis

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Cambridge Assessment English (part of the University of Cambridge) has signed an MoU with Chrysalis, a learning transformation organisation in India.

Chrysalis, through this partnership will offer an English language learning and assessment program for all their partner schools, with the assessment powered by Cambridge English. As part of the program students can take an online assessment that has a baseline and end of year test in two important skills of English language — Listening and Reading and will receive a detailed personalised assessment report. The report will highlight areas of

improvement in sub-skills of listening and reading for every student. As part of this programme, teachers also get a comprehensive and individual view of their students' performance, support to interpret the reports and device ways to improve the English language skills of students. The program will initially be available online.

T K Arunachalam, Regional Director — South Asia, Cambridge Assessment English said: "Cambridge has been keenly focussing on India-centric solutions for the last few years and as part of this endeavour we have partnered with Chrysalis who have been successfully providing transformational learning in schools."

## JKLU celebrates 8th convocation & Founder's Day

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

On the 110th birth anniversary of Lala Lakshmi Pat Singhania, chief architect of JK Organisation, JK Lakshmi Pat University, Jaipur today organised a virtual celebration to mark Founder's Day. The event also coincided with the university's Eighth Convocation, which felicitated students of the graduating batch of 2020 for PhD, MTech, BTech, MBA, BBA, BCom and PGDAR.

Sanjiv Mehta, Chairman, and Managing Director, Hindustan Unilever Limited, graced the dual

celebrations as the Chief Guest.

Led by the Honourable Chancellor Shri Bharat Hari Singhania and Vice-Chancellor Dr RL Raina, the programme was attended by dignitaries including the Pro Chancellor Dr RPSinghania, Pro Vice-Chancellor Asheesh Gupta, Member of Board of Management HP Singhania, other members of the board of management and academic council.

After lighting the ceremonial lamp and garlanding the bust of the Founder, Chancellor, Bharat Hari Singhania extended a warm welcome to all present and

expressed his delight for being a part of Lala Lakshmi Pat Singhania's vision.

In his inspirational address he said: "We, in the JK Group, since long, have believed in meritocracy, which has been made the bedrock of JKLU. In all your areas, be it learning, teaching, training, research or consultancy, try to create a mark for yourself. Do not settle for mediocrity but qualify on the yardsticks of meritocracy. This will not only help you to develop yourself as a world class citizen but will also give you a high level of satisfaction in your pursuit of excellence."

## 'Fee hike can be a hurdle'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The MBBS, also known as Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, has been one of the prestigious courses across the globe since generations.

But as Haryana Government colleges, Kerala and Karnataka private colleges seek a hike in fees which is affecting the counselling process as well. During this Covid-19 situation fees hike has become a challenge for

many. MBBS fees in medical colleges in Haryana is raised from ₹56,000 to ₹80,000 plus the bond fees.

Commenting on the fee hike Gaurav Tyagi, Founder — Career Expert said: "The coronavirus pandemic already had a devastating impact on the lives of the people. The government should look into this matter. As already due to this pandemic, there has been a delay in counselling, admissions and semesters. This fee hike can be the hurdle for many brilliant students."

Post COVID-19, trends like digital marketing, data sciences, AI, machine learning, and MBAs in digital social media management are taking over the other conventional disciplines, says DEEPAK GOEL



# Alternatives to MBA

The higher education landscape has been transforming due to the present market dynamics. There is no doubt in accepting the fact that the COVID-19 pandemic has tremendously increased the dependency on technology and digital media due to social distancing and travel restrictions. Since digitisation and technology have become the fore-runners of the economy, it is imperative to understand how they are reshaping the trends in the higher education landscape. After the outbreak of the ongoing pandemic, trends such as digital marketing, data sciences, artificial intelligence, machine learning, and MBAs in digital social media management are taking over the other conventional disciplines.

In today's business scenario, leaders lay more emphasis on statistical numbers and predictive analysis to make informed decisions. Thus, it makes data sciences one of the most powerful arenas to provide value to a company to a large extent. According to a recent report, close to 97,000 positions in the field of new-age technology remained vacant due to lack of

talent. The surge in demand for data science professionals captivates the mind of students in taking up programmes that can advance their careers from the present job outlook.

With the exponential growth in data sciences and new age technologies, there is a widespread adoption of IoT that is recognised as a significant growth factor in shaping the digital economy. The IoT is leading at many fronts that many students and professionals are identifying programs for upskilling and take up challenging roles from a career perspective. Though IoT is not a new term, it is already anticipated that the black swan event of coronavirus spread makes it a pandemic proof solution that every sector is now adopting.

In India, it is anticipated that Digital Social Media, Data Science, and IoT are churning the education landscape. This has resulted in demand for comprehensive and advanced programs such as alternative MBAs that help the learners acquire strong skillset and make a promising career ahead.

During the present uncertainties and the guidelines of

**Alternative MBAs have become a lucrative option with tremendous scope in areas like digital media, data science, and IoT. Also such programmes are more NEP compliant**

New Education Policy (NEP), students enrolling for MBAs and B-Schools are now sceptical about the institutions' commitments to provide placement assistance.

On the other hand, B-schools have cut their trimester and course duration to manage the completion of the curriculum online. That means there is a reduction in knowledge that could not be beneficial for students in the long-run.

Today, every business sector is remodelling its operations and services as per the changing consumer perceptions and behaviour. To deal with the present market dynamics, companies are preferring to hire candidates based on knowledge and exposure than qualification. They are looking for "profession ready" students.

This has encouraged alternative MBAs to replace traditional MBA degree programmes as students no longer find it useful to stick to such courses just for the sake of obtaining degrees. Additionally, the young working professionals seeking to hone their skills to acquire a better or new job role in their organisation are also considering alternative MBAs along with their job to update and educate themselves

with specialisation in digital social media, data science and IoT.

Moreover, the recent formulation of NEP emphasizes the fact that degree programs are just the duration extension of diploma and certificate programmes. As per the newly proposed NEP, Under the four-year programme students can exit after one year with a certificate, after two years with a diploma, and after three years with a bachelor's degree. Also under NEP, the AICTE and the UGC have been merged and further guidelines are still awaited.

This could make the present MBA/PGP redundant in coming years and adding more uncertainties to the career of students with such qualifications.

Thus, alternative MBAs have become a lucrative option with tremendous scope in areas like digital media, data science, and IoT. Also such MBAs are more NEP compliant.

Though it is still on a nascent stage, a few institutions are coming forward with such programs that are focusing on providing industrial exposure to students and still preparing them for digital age employment.

The writer is CEO of iMET Global

## Key pointers before you start business

Successful entrepreneurs across the globe learn from their apprenticeship or executive days as the foundation to start their business, says LAKSH BUCHA

Entrepreneurship is the journey towards self-realisation. People tend to make mistakes in their first few attempts, and those with a firm resolve learn from them to triumph. There are some touchstones of success which must be complied if one wishes to succeed. It is pertinent to research about your prospective competitors; assess the legal aspects of the segment; gauge personal and business finance along with a realistic assessment of the risk involved. The mightiest of the swordsmen didn't forge their swords, and hence, one must also be open to hiring help whenever required. Further, timing is another relevant factor.

Every founder must consider the below mentioned six steps to achieve ever-increasing growth acceleration:

**Nature of business:** We have all heard the famous proverb 'Jack of all trades, master of none'. A businessman who tries to provide multiple services will fail as clients always repose trust with experts. Other than that the law of the land also requires one to state the nature of business.

**Clarity in concept:** The recipe of success is simplicity. One must not over-complicate the concept because it would become difficult to implement a complex idea. Finding investments for simple concepts is easy in comparison to complex concepts as their marketability is higher.

**Focus on market:** One may have a brilliant product idea, but it is pertinent to focus on the market trend. Ignoring the demands of the market can lead to huge disappointments; the product must be tailor-made to suit the requirements of the buyers.

**Experimentation and improvements:** Product/service launch is of great significance, and one must not leave any stone unturned to ensure their success. It has been an industry practice to launch alpha and beta prototypes before the actual launch. Organisations do this to seek feedback and modify their offerings accordingly.

**Government compliance:** Many start-ups have been caught in the net of legal violations for their ignorance of government compliance. It is necessary to fulfil all the Government com-



Laksh Bucha  
CEO-founder, GrowthXo

pliance requirements to march on the road to success. Many a time, the compliance requirements help the start-ups in fine-tuning their services and products.

**Don't hire friends:** One should always avoid hiring friends and relatives due to the various complexities that may occur with the intertwining of relations. The friend may take undue advantage. In any such case, it is the business that suffers. Hiring professionals is the key to success! Productivity would increase if the employer-employee relationship is intact.

The term business is often read as busy-ness. Everyone who wishes to become an entrepreneur must be willing to step out of comfort zone. Those attracted towards entrepreneurship due to the perks attached must remember that there are no free lunches. An entrepreneur has to work with caution to become successful.

Entrepreneurship is a rewarding process. It creates employment and strengthens the economy through revenue generation. One must strive to traverse the entrepreneurial path for nothing is more satisfying than working on what you call your own.

In today's scenario, education has become an essential and expensive asset and is the most powerful thing in life. It adds meaning to life in a massive way whilst enhancing it. Education is one such platform that makes it quite comprehensible to break all barriers and carve its own right way.

The objective of education is not just giving degrees that enable a student to earn a living but to profuse the spirits of humanity and virtues to young mind so that they can grow up to become responsible citizens of the world. Education should not be limited just to dish out the curriculum in a mechanical fashion but to ignite young minds. Hence, we should all put in our best efforts in availing and providing the best learning and education.

However, in a developing country like India, where poverty is still a problem; good education is a luxury that still cannot be afforded by many. Therefore, scholarships are given by various educational institutions to reduce the number of droppers and encourage the best students to continue pursuing their studies. One of the most important scholarship benefits for society is that it gives extra support that could help massively in aiding one's education. To make the process of education and learning unhindered, especially during this crisis period, let us now delineate the benefits of such scholarships.

Parents are already over-burdened with heavy school/college or institutional fees every month, which cannot be avoided or

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reduced under some circumstances. Scholarships thus, aids in eliminating the extra baggage that comes in the form of hefty fees.

As these scholarships are given to students only based on a student's performance in the test, it means students receiving the scholarships are meritorious and they should be allowed to compete with the best minds

It motivates students and boosts their self-esteem. It makes them confident of their own capabilities and reduces the fear of dropping out or not availing the best

guidance for future. Getting a scholarship reduces the burden and risks of taking and repaying loans for higher studies. Thus, it allows studying, gain knowledge and secure better grades. Scholarships are the best way a student can fulfill his or her dream of studying abroad and enables them to get global exposure and develop their interpersonal skills.

Most often than not, it is not the cost of the institution but the cost of the degree program that is too high. Such out of financial reach programs can be easily taken

up through scholarships. Opting for a good and fully funded program helps a student get into his or her desired course.

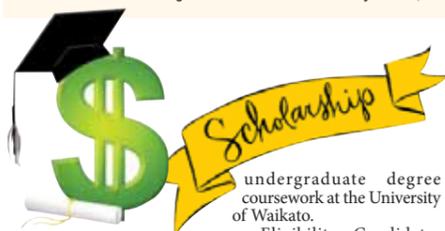
COVID-19 has faltered and altered our existence to a great extent. These scholarships during such unprecedented times will act as a big help for parents who are facing pay cuts or have been laid off. These scholarships have come as a boon for them and they can ensure continuous learning of their children.

Coaching institutes and all other educational institutions can come forward and provide an aid for deserving students who want to excel in studies and their lives and give it back to society. The support that students receive from their own community infuses a greater sense of belonging and

motivation.

Hence, it can be safely concluded that the provisions of these educational scholarships exemplify the fact that the process of learning and education should go on despite hindrances. We, at VMC, provide scholarships to the meritorious students, solely based on their performances in our entrance tests. The main purpose behind imparting education and learning is inclusion and not exclusion, for the greater benefit of society. We sincerely believe that education is the purview of all and hence, the brightest one shouldn't get missed out, only due to the lack of resources.

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The Lakehead University invites applications for UG entrance scholarships for the academic year 2021-2022. These opportunities are available to the top international students.

**Eligibility:** Non-Canadian citizens who are entering Lakehead University from a recognized high school curriculum or who are transferring from an international college or university. Entrance Requirement: Applicants must have a previous degree.

**English language requirement:** All international applicants for whom English is not the native tongue must provide proof of competence in the English language.

**How to apply:** How to Apply: firstly, students have to take admission in the undergraduate degree coursework at the university. After being enrolled, you will be automatically considered for the grant.

**Application deadline:** It is open.

Applications are invited by Waikato Pathways College International High Achiever Progression Bursary. The bursary aims to encourage talented international students enrolling in a full-time

undergraduate degree coursework at the University of Waikato.

**Eligibility:** Candidates from all over the world are eligible for this application. Undergraduate degree in any subject offered by the university. To be eligible, the applicants must meet all the following criteria:

Students who achieved a grade average over their first 60 points (Accelerated Foundation Studies or Certificate of University Preparation) or 120 points (Standard Foundation Studies, International Diploma (Business) or International Diploma (Science)).

Candidates must remain enrolled full-time for the whole year of tenure (that is, the first year of enrolment in the UG degree).

Applicants must submit a CV, academic certificates, and transcripts with their applications. **Admission requirements:** For taking admission, candidates are required to meet the entry requirements of the university. **Language requirement:** Where applicants are non-native speakers of English, acceptable evidence of the English language is required.

**How to apply:** Take admission in the UG, candidates will be automatically considered for this bursary. **Application deadline:** The last date to apply for this is January 31, 2021.

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Application deadline: December 3, 2020

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Stipend: ₹5,000 per month  
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Application deadline: December 2, 2020

## STUDY ABROAD

### 'Aim's to unravel students need to study abroad'

Students can now apply to top universities in the UK, Ireland, US, Canada and New Zealand through AI-driven study abroad platform

Expanding access to study abroad for Indian students, UK-based AI-driven education consultancy platform for international studies, Edvoy has now set its foot in New Zealand. The digital study abroad platform announced its partnership with Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. As per the QS World Rankings 21, the University holds 223rd position among the World's Top 500 Universities.

With this expansion, students can now apply to top universities in the UK, Ireland, USA, Canada, and New Zealand through the AI-driven study abroad platform.

The Edvoy has also established fresh tie-ups with several universities in the UK in 2020. Some of these include University of Bath, University of Law, University of Wolverhampton, Solent University of Southampton, and London Metropolitan University. Following these new partnerships, there a total of 120 UK

universities now present on the Edvoy platform. Speaking on the development, Sadiq Basha, CEO, Edvoy said: "Our expansion into New Zealand and partnerships with several renowned universities in the UK will help Edvoy penetrate further into the international student market and enable them to make better and more informed decisions. At Edvoy, our aim is to understand the growing needs of these students aspiring to study abroad. Through our AI-driven digital platform, we empower these enthusiastic bunch of students by connecting them with education providers all across the world to get advice in finding the universities of their choice."

Edvoy is a digital platform that uses artificial intelligence and machine learning to simplify the application process by allowing students to apply to multiple universities in several countries across the world, in one place. In addition to the application process, the AI-driven digital platform also advises students on accommodation, medical insurance, and arrival at university.

## IN BRIEF

### FIITJEE TALENT REWARD EXAM IN DECEMBER

The FIITJEE Talent Reward Exam (FTRE) is an opportunity for all students to know their current position/rank at national level along with Rank Potential Index for JEE Advanced, JEE Main, KVPY, NTSE and Olympiads. It is the right platform for students of all levels to effectively plan and tread the road of their academic preparation & achieve their aspired goal.

The exam will be held on December 27, 2020 in across India in an offline mode, computer-based test mode (at designated centres) or through proctored online mode (can be taken from home).

Students presently in classes V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X and XI (going to class VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI and XII in 2021) are eligible to appear in FTRE 2020.

The last date to register (Online and Offline) for the exam is December 25, 2020. Through online mode: Registration can be done through [www.fiitjee-ftre.com](http://www.fiitjee-ftre.com) or download FTRE App on your Mobile through Google Play Store. For registration through mobile, please visit [www.fiitjee-ftre.com/mobile](http://www.fiitjee-ftre.com/mobile)

The registration fee varies from ₹400 to ₹1000 depending upon when you are applying.

### ENTREPRENEURS TO BUILD THEIR OWN VENTURES

The Indian Institute of Management Udaipur Incubation Center (IIMUIC) announced applications for Pre-Incubation Program 2020 with the vision of transforming entrepreneurial ideas into a reality and building successful ventures. The program will run for ten weeks, starting from the

week of January 3, 2021. It will provide a platform for aspiring entrepreneurs to work on their ideas.

The COVID-19 has hit businesses and affected their ideas even before they had a chance to work on them. In such a scenario, this programme is aimed at empowering budding and aspiring

entrepreneurs with an entrepreneurial mindset and business skills necessary to create their venture.

Additionally, they will also develop intrapreneurship skills, and get them started on the venture journey.

For more information: <https://iimuc.org/pre-incubation>

### WORKSHOP BY IIT ROORKEE AND ATAL ACADEMY

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee, in association with AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy, organised a one-week virtual workshop on Electrochemical Energy Conversion and Storage from November 23-27, 2020.

The objective was to sensitise the faculty of various engineering colleges towards clean energy technologies. The workshop was inaugurated by Professor Manoranjan Parida, Deputy Director of IIT Roorkee. It witnessed participation of

more than 180 faculty members across India. The organisation of the workshop was led by Professor Amit Bhosale and Professor Pratham Arora from the Department of Hydro and Renewable Energy, IIT Roorkee.

"Advanced technologies hold the key to combating environmental issues. Amid growing concerns of pollution and threat to life and biodiversity, the workshop will help in sensitizing the participants about clean energy technologies," said Professor Ajit K Chaturvedi, Director, IIT Roorkee.

# Rohit, Virat's absence will leave big hole: Smith

PTI ■ SYDNEY

Star Australia batsman Steve Smith reckons Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli's absence will leave a "big hole" in the Indian team but the visitors have a lot of talented players who can put their hands up in pressure situations.

Rohit, who is nursing a hamstring injury, is out of white ball series and is still doubtful starter for Test matches while skipper Kohli will be on paternity leave after the first Day/Night Test in Adelaide.

"Look, Rohit is obviously a tremendous white-ball player, he has proven that for a number of years now at the top of the order, so obviously it leaves a bit of hole," Smith said during a virtual press conference facilitated by Sony Network.

"But I guess the beauty with the Indian team is there are so many batters coming through, that are of high quality."

Smith spoke about Mayank Agarwal and KL Rahul, who were on fire during the IPL.

"You can look at someone like Mayank Agarwal in the IPL, just smashed, KL Rahul in the top order as well. There are plenty of options there for them so, look you leave a hole no doubt, but quality players there to back him up," Smith explained.

He feels that it's the same for Kohli in Test matches.

"The same (like Rohit) I think with Virat and the Test squad. You know there are a number of players who can come in and do a good job."

"Virat is of obviously of high quality, and we know how good he has been in all forms for a long period of times, so it is certainly



Rohit Sharma plays shot against New Zealand during 1st T20 match in Auckland AP/File Photo

going to leave a hole but I still do believe that they have got some quality batters waiting in the wings to fill that void."

During last India Test series in Australia, Smith was banned for ball tampering and missed out on challenging one of his favourite opposition.

Will it make him hungrier? "I don't know if it makes me hungrier. I am always pretty hungry to go out and perform and do well. I guess it was tough watching from the sidelines and particularly with the team not doing as well," he said.

He admitted that it was difficult to see Tim Paine's boys lose the series 1-2.

"Obviously they wouldn't have liked losing that series. That was difficult to watch, that was hard but certainly look forward to this series, two of the top teams in the world going out, two quality pace and batting line ups and makes for an interesting and exciting summer."

Sledging according to Smith is over-rated in India versus Australia contests especially after all players converge during IPL and no one wants an awkward situation.

"People talk so much about sledging and stuff but really there is very little that happens in our days. I think that's probably a lot to do with things like IPL," he said.

"You know IPL brings players from all around the world together, so for instance if you get stuck in to someone one day, you might be playing with them a few weeks or few months later."

"...And then, it's a bit awkward sort of conversation, so honestly, it does not happen too much in our days."

## I think I found my hands: Smith ahead of India series

PTI ■ SYDNEY

Australian batting mainstay Steve Smith on Tuesday said he has "found his hands" after a disappointing IPL campaign and is ready to torment the visiting Indian bowlers when the two sides lock horns in an eagerly-awaited showdown across formats starting November 27.

Smith, who captained Rajasthan Royals in the IPL, managed only 311 runs in 14 games and mostly looked out of touch but a couple of days back, he said he finally found his "touch" and is now ready to put his best foot forward.

"I was pretty disappointed with my batting throughout the IPL. For my sort of standards, I wasn't consistent enough. I did play a few innings here and there but not consistently," Smith said during a virtual press conference facilitated by the series' official broadcaster Sony Network.

"I think in the last few days, people who know me well, said that I have found my hands and I am excited about it. So I plan to have a few more hits at the nets and get started in a few days time," said Smith, who would be an integral part of the white-ball games also.

So when did he feel that he has got his rhythm back?

"It was about getting that feel in the way my hands come up. It's hard to explain but it probably wasn't quite being right till two days ago," Smith said.

"Then something clicked two

days ago. It changes where you meet the ball. I had that big smile on my face while training the other day. It's taken me a lot longer than usual.

"I didn't bat for four months during COVID (lockdown) so don't know if it took me a bit longer to get that rhythm back."

Smith admitted that during the IPL, trying to change his natural game affected his batting, something he realised after training with the national team.

"In IPL, I got caught up with trying to be a bit more powerful and that's not my game. There are players in the world who can hit sixes at will and I am probably not one of those."

"It is about playing the cricketing shots and manipulating the gaps available. Probably, it (natural game)



went away in the IPL from doing that. So now, I am keeping the thoughts clear that I will only hit the balls in my areas."

Ask how he has been so successful against India, he feels it's the quality of the opposition that brings the best out of him.

"I don't know. In a big series, I try and stand up and get the best out of myself. Ashes and India series are the two biggest and as an Australian cricketer, there is something inside me that comes out and I am not sure."

"I have always started the Test well against India and that gives me a bit of rhythm throughout the rest of the series. It's something to do with that," said the man with 26 Test hundreds and 7000+ runs.

There has been some talk about short-pitched bowling, which has also been his problem. Smith said that only someone like New Zealand's Neil Wagner, with a specific skill-set, has been an issue for him.

"You are alluding to the short pitched bowling approach that others might take. That's kind of flattering if people think that's the only way to get me out as they have exhausted all other options," he said.

He then complimented Wagner for bowling consistently in the line between his rib cage and shoulder.

"Wagner got the better of me in the last Test series. He has a set of skills that not many people can do and he does it for a long period of time while changing the pace."

## Kohli needs to set tone before leaving: Clarke

PTI ■ SYDNEY

Former Australia captain Michael Clarke has warned that India could be "smoked 4-0" in the Test series if skipper Virat Kohli does not set the tone in the white-ball games before his departure.

"These One-dayers and these Twenty20s is where Virat Kohli can really stand up and lead from the front," Clarke said on 'Sky Sports Radio'.

"If India don't have success in the One-dayers and the T20s, they are in deep trouble in the Test matches and they'll get smoked 4-0, in my opinion," he added.

Clarke feels that despite featuring in only one Test, the talismanic Indian skipper could still play a huge role in the outcome of the red-ball series by dominating in the limited overs game.

"I think the tone he sets with this team will play a big role when he leaves, after the first Test match."

The much talked about contest between the two best sides in the world would begin on November 27 with the ODI series-opener in Sydney.

The former World Cup-winning skipper said Jasprit Bumrah will also have a huge role in the much anticipated series, adding that the star pacer needs to bowl aggressively to put the pressure on the home side.

"Opening bowler, probably the best short-form bowler in the world at the moment but his success in Test cricket has been exceptional as well."

"He's quick, he's got a really different action, so I think he needs to set the tone and be really aggressive to the Australian batters," Clarke said.

The 39-year-old pointed out that Bumrah has been winning the duel against the formidable David Warner and also has the ability to trouble star batsman Steve Smith.

"Again, it's not just about the wickets he takes, it's how he bowls. He's got Davey Warner's measure at the moment, he's got him out a number of times."

"Even to someone like Steve Smith, he's got to use that short ball consistently and regularly, like Jofra Archer did to Steve Smith in the Ashes."

"They've (Bumrah and Kohli) got to take the Aussies on and those two players are India's best two players to be aggressive to the Australians," he added.



PTI ■ SYDNEY

Red-ball captain Tim Paine has admitted the "annoying" Test series defeat to India still "grinds" him, adding that Australia now has a better all round side which is pumped up to take on the holders of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy.

India had stunned Australia 2-1 to win their maiden Test series Down Under in 2018-19, which was Paine's first assignment as skipper on home soil.

The wicket-keeper batsman was handed the charge of leading the Baggy Greens after the 2018 ball-tampering incident that saw the then skipper Steve Smith and his deputy David Warner being slapped with year-long bans.

"Certainly for me sitting

## 2018 loss still grinds Paine



back it still annoys me that we lost that Test series," Paine told 2GB's Wide World of Sports radio.

"Whether we had Steve or David or not you don't want to be losing any Test matches or Test series you're involved in, so that still grinds me a little bit," Paine added.

The 35-year-old said the every player involved in the loss has improved in the last couple of years.

"We're a much better all round side. Not just adding Steve and David back into it, which is a hell of a lot of runs to add back into a side, but I think every other cricketer in that team has improved in the

last 18 months as well and we've been playing some really good cricket."

"Whereas back then I think we were finding our way through a really challenging or different type of set up."

India had won the first and third Test at Adelaide and Melbourne respectively, while Australia claimed a victory in the second game at Perth with the final match ending in a draw.

Paine, who has led Australia to 10 Test victories in 19 outings, said the loss drives the players involved in the series to do better and even Warner and Smith are eager to show what they are

capable of.

"I know that it drives a lot of the guys that were involved in that and I certainly know Steve and David are looking forward to coming back and showing just how good they are as well."

The two teams are set to lock horns again on Australian soil in a four-Test series with the opening Day-Night game in Adelaide starting December 17.

"Everyone is absolutely pumped. The key is going to be last time we didn't get enough runs, this time, I think a few of our players have spoken about it."

"If we can make their fast bowlers bowl more overs than last time, I think our attack showed we can get the 20 wickets one way or another"

## Rohit, Ishant to miss first 2 Tests

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's star opener Rohit Sharma and pacer Ishant Sharma will miss the first two Tests against Australia and are also doubtful for the remaining two after it was conveyed to the BCCI that the duo will require close to a month to be match fit.

The two, who are undergoing rehabilitation at the National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru, are already out of contention for the limited-overs leg of the series, which begins with the ODIs on Friday.

They were kept in the Test squad for the series starting on December 17 but tough quarantine rules have made their availability uncertain.

"The NCA has given a report that both Rohit and Ishant will take at least another 3 to 4 weeks to get match fit," a Board source told PTI on Tuesday.

Rohit, while talking to PTI last week, had stated that his hamstring injury is fine now and he is only working on strength and conditioning to be battle-ready at the NCA.

Ishant, on the other hand, is recovering from a side strain.

"Even if they travel now they will have 'hard quarantine' since they will travel by commercial flight. Hard quarantine means not being able to train during the 14

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days like the whole team," the source said.

"So, now if only Cricket Australia can convince the government and allow them to train during quarantine," he added.

The Indian team, which landed here after the IPL earlier this month on a chartered flight, was allowed to train in quarantine as Australia battled a fresh wave of COVID-19 cases.

National coach Ravi Shastri had on Sunday stated that the two cricketers' chances of playing the Test series hinge on whether they are able to board a flight to Australia within this week.

"If you need to play in the Test series or any red-ball cricket, you've got to be on the flight in the next three or four days. If you aren't, then it's going to be tough," he had said.



Ishant Sharma trains during practice session Twitter

## Smith will require fifth off-stump line bowling: Tendulkar

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Steve Smith's unconventional technique will warrant a slightly wider line from Indian bowlers, the iconic Sachin Tendulkar said, urging the pacers to target the "fifth stump" to blunt the redoubtable batsman during the upcoming series in Australia.

Smith, who missed the last India-Australia series in 2018-19 due to a ball-tampering ban, will be itching to go out there and prove a point. He has always performed against India and has six hundreds and a 92, a statistic that won't be lost on India skipper Virat Kohli.

"Smith's technique is unconventional...Normally, we tell a bowler in Test matches to bowl on and around off-stump or may be fourth stump line. But for Smith, because he shuffles, may be that line (of delivery) moves further away by four to five inches," Tendulkar told PTI in an interview.

"One has to aim between

(imaginary) fourth and fifth stump for Steve to nick one. It's just a mental adjustment of line, more than anything else," the former captain said.

"Smith, I read, said he is ready for the short pitched stuff...Probably he is expecting bowlers to be aggressive upfront with him. But I think, he needs to be tested on and around that off-stump channel. Keep him on back-foot and induce that early mistake."

Can't an in-swinging yorker be more effective, considering Smith's pronounced trigger from leg to off stump?

"For that to happen, you have to see how much the ball is swinging. All those things matter. You can't

use saliva, so it's a different case, if wickets have a lot more life. In England during the Test matches, on occasions, the Dukes wouldn't be swinging much."

"I don't know if they will have greenish wickets for the ball to do a little bit. If the ball doesn't swing, that swinging yorker, you might not even see."

The Indian bowling attack comprising Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Shami, Ishant Sharma and Umesh Yadav is a "potent one" but Tendulkar would ideally like the team management to identify a defensive bowler as well.

"As I have always said, we have one of the best and most balanced bowling attacks India has ever had. Eventually, you have to pick 20 wickets to win Test matches. But 20 wickets shouldn't be too expensive either."

"...Along with our attacking bowlers, we should also identify bowlers who can hold one end up on unresponsive pitches, bowl those continuous maiden overs to build the pressure."

## India to play 4 Tests against Eng

PTI ■ MUMBAI

England's tour of India next year will comprise four Tests instead of the regulation five to accommodate the limited-overs series that had to be postponed earlier this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

BCCI President Sourav Ganguly confirmed the schedule for the series planned in February-March while speaking at an online event.

"England is touring India for four Test matches, three ODIs and five T20s, it is a lot easier having bi-laterals because the number of people are less," he said.

"When it gets to 8 teams, 9 teams, 10 teams, then it becomes a bit more difficult...We have to keep assessing the situation...Lot of them are talking about a second wave," he said.

The limited-overs series originally comprised three T20s and as many ODIs and was scheduled to be held in September this year but had to be postponed due to the pandemic.

The number of T20s has been increased in the revised schedule as the Board took into account the World T20 to be held in October-November next year in India.

## Virat, Ashwin in contention for Player of Decade award

PTI ■ DUBAI

The talismanic Virat Kohli and Ravichandran Ashwin were on Tuesday nominated for the coveted ICC Men's Player of the Decade Award with the Indian captain featuring in all five men's categories for his incredible run in the last 10 years.

Kohli and veteran off-spinner Ashwin are the two Indians among seven players nominated for the most prestigious award.

Besides the Indian duo, Joe Root (England), Kane Williamson (New Zealand), Steve Smith (Australia), AB de Villiers (South Africa), and Kumar Sangakkara (Sri Lanka) are the other contenders in this category.

In the Men's ODI Player of the Decade category, former India skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni and run-machine Rohit Sharma also found a place alongside Kohli, Lasith Malinga (Sri Lanka), Mitchell Starc (Australia), de Villiers and Sangakkara.

Kohli and Rohit also featured in the Men's T20I Player of the Decade category, which also included Rashid



international hundreds and is only behind Ricky Ponting (71) and Sachin Tendulkar (100).

He is third in the list of leading run-scorers of all time with 21,444 runs, behind Ponting (27,483) and Tendulkar (34,357).

In the past decade Kohli has amassed over 7000 runs in Tests while in the shorter formats, the Indian skipper has accumulated more than 11000 runs in ODIs and over 2600 runs in T20s.

The final winners will be decided on the basis of the number of votes a player receives.

Men's Player of the decade: Virat Kohli (India) Ravichandran Ashwin (India), Joe Root (England), Kane Williamson (New Zealand), Steve Smith (Australia), AB de Villiers (South Africa), and Kumar Sangakkara (Sri Lanka).

Women's Player of the Decade: Ellyse Perry (Australia), Meg Lanning (Australia), Suzie Bates (New Zealand), Stafanie Taylor (West Indies), Mithali Raj (India), Sarah Taylor (England).