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## Clash of civilisations does exist in France

Unlike our ancestors who were habituated to conflict, the contemporary world abhors strife. At different levels — locally, nationally and internationally — concerned citizens and Governments have established institutions and formulated laws to minimise, if not prevent, disagreements from degenerating into destruction and bloodshed. It is not for nothing that after the bitter experiences of two world wars in the previous century, mankind is more comfortable with cold wars rather than actual physical strife. And when warfare does indeed happen — as it does frequently in different parts of the globe — the endeavour is to ensure that they stay localised.

In the past 25 years, thanks to the work of a Harvard professor Samuel Huntington, the term “clash of civilisations” has entered the global lexicon. Although the idea was rubbished by the dominant cosmopolitan community that saw the future in globalisation and the blurring of national and other identities and the slow emergence of a global citizenry, the dread of primordial loyalties resurfacing is all too real. Nationalism, once the favourite point of reference for nearly a hundred years since the mid-19th century, has now become an object of dread for those who see it interfering with the aspirations of global capitalism. Along with it has occurred a revitalisation of religious identities — perhaps inevitable in a rapidly changing world on the lookout for certitudes and moral guidance — which, in turn, has become the basis for both conflict and enlarged identities.

To invoke larger global trends in the context of some stray killings and acts of terror in France may well be regarded as over-stretching an argument. In many ways that is so because the issue — already overwhelmed by the renewed lockdown in Europe over the never-ending Covid-19 pandemic — may well disappear in a few weeks or months. Yet, there is a nagging fear that the tensions generated in its wake may well spiral out of control.

The recent French experience necessitates a reconsideration. If France is so insistent on the primacy of its own values within its own national borders, it should ideally have little time for the EU’s ingrained policy of assessing the world through its own prism... If France believes that Turkey and the rest of the Muslim world should refrain from charging it with Islamophobia, it should distance itself from the EU pipe dream of recasting the world in its own image. There is a clash of civilisations. The point is to contain it to acceptable bounds

a non-believer. For that purported “insult”, a believer took the law into his own hands and decapitated the schoolteacher. By the laws of France, the teaching methods of the schoolteacher did not violate the laws of the country, but the act of revenge by the self-anointed warrior of Islam undoubtedly did. Moreover, since the killing was exemplary and aimed at warning others — just as the murder of Charlie Hebdo staff a few years ago was — to desist from offending Islam, it became necessary for President Macron of France to intervene and tell the world in categorical terms what they may not have known.

First, Macron emphasised that offending someone else’s beliefs is not construed as an offence in France and that it was upheld by the traditions of the country dating back to the revolution of 1789. Secondly, by implication, Macron reminded everyone that Islamic laws — used by the killer as a sanction for the horrible murder — do not apply to France.

The fallout of the murder and the strong stand taken by Macron are well known and doesn’t merit repetition. One point, however, is significant.

The most important of this is the notion of national sovereignty. At one time, the right of each nation to conduct its own affairs was deemed inviolable — and this was the basis of the anti-imperialist movements. However, in recent times, the lines have become blurred. From China and the United States to the European Union (of which France is an integral part), there is emerging a desire for universal values. A parallel movement is that of radical Islamism which has its eye on a global Caliphate. The recent French experience necessitates a reconsideration. If France is so insistent on the primacy of its own values within its own national borders, it should ideally have little time for the EU’s ingrained policy of assessing the world through its own prism. Even within Europe where many member-states have domestic laws against variants of hate speech, there is no consensus over the right to offend the sacred. If France believes that Turkey and the rest of the Muslim world should refrain from charging it with Islamophobia, it should distance itself from the EU pipe dream of recasting the world in its own image.

There is a clash of civilisations. The point is to contain it to acceptable bounds.

## Politics on Pulwama exposed, says Modi

Pak admission shames conspiracy theorists: PM

PTI ■ KEVADIYA (GUJARAT)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said the truth of last year’s Pulwama terror attack, in which 40 CRPF personnel were killed, has been accepted in Pakistan Parliament.

His statement comes two days after Pakistan’s Science and Technology Minister Fawad Chaudhry admitted his country’s role in the Pulwama attack during a debate in their National Assembly.

Modi also said that when the entire nation was mourning the brave soldiers’ death in Pulwama attack, some people indulged in “dirty politics” for their political gains.

Without mentioning China, the PM said that Indian soldiers are giving a befitting reply to those eyeing to grab the country’s land.

He was speaking at Kevadiya in Gujarat’s Narmada district after paying tributes to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel at the Statue of Unity on his 145th birth anniversary.

“The country cannot forget the unwarranted statements made after the Pulwama attack.

Dirty politics laced with selfishness and arrogance was at its peak when the country was suffering from immense pain,” Modi said.

“But the real face of such people has been exposed after the truth was accepted in the Parliament of our neighbouring country,” he said in his address on the occasion of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas.

During a debate in Pakistan’s National Assembly on Thursday, Chaudhry had said, “Humne Hindustan ko ghus ke maara (We hit India in their home). Our success in Pulwama, is a success of this nation under the leadership of Imran Khan. You and we are all part of that success.”

The PM said he remained silent despite all the “accusations and filthy words” used against him after the Pulwama terror attack.

“Politics done after Pulwama attack shows that people can cross any limit for their political gains. I want to urge such political parties not to indulge in this kind of politics as it affects the morale of our security forces,” the Prime Minister said.

“For your political gains, you should not play into the hands of anti-national forces, knowingly or unknowingly,” he added.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi pays floral tributes to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his birth anniversary, at the Statue of Unity, in Kevadiya on Saturday

PTI

## Tharoor dismisses BJP’s demand for Cong apology

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

After Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s stinging attack on the Opposition over questions posed to the Government after the Pulwama terror attack in February last year, Congress MP Shashi Tharoor dismissed BJP demand for an apology from his party.

Tharoor said he was “still trying to figure out what the Congress is supposed to apologise for...”

“I am still trying to figure out what the Congress is supposed to apologise for. For expecting the Government to keep our soldiers safe? For rallying around the flag rather

than politicising a national tragedy? For expressing condolences to the families of our martyrs?” he said.

Congress national spokesperson Pawan Khara, meanwhile, denied that his party ever questioned the Modi Government on Pulwama attack, but he too raised the issue of safety of the jawans.

“No such questions were raised against the Government,” he said, adding, “How were 40 soldiers were martyred, this raises the question on their safety. Such a query becomes the right of every Indian.” The terror attack on a CRPF convoy in Pulwama on February 14, 2019, had claimed the lives of 40.

## BJP’s free vaccine promise no violation of model code: EC

Says inclusion of welfare measures in manifestoes doesn’t constitute violation

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Election Commission (EC) has said that the free Covid-19 vaccine promise made by the BJP in the run-up to the Bihar election is not a violation of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC). Responding to a complaint by RTI activist on October 28, the EC said it has found no violation of the provisions of the model code in the issue. “...no violation of any of the provisions of Model Code of Conduct has been observed...” the EC said.

The EC has cited three provisions from the MCC which include that the “State election manifestos should not contain anything repugnant to the Constitution; should avoid making promises that vitiate the purity of the electoral process or exert undue influence on the voter and trust of the voters should be sought only on promises that can be fulfilled”.

The EC’s clean chit came in



response to a representation by RTI activist Saket Gokhale, alleging that the announcement was a gross violation of the Union Government’s powers, and an attempt to mislead voters, given that the vaccine policy is not decided yet. The EC had taken the same stand on a complaint received during the Lok Sabha elections last year against the Congress’s NYAY scheme that guaranteed a minimum income of ₹6,000 per month, or ₹72,000 a year, for 25 crore people.

The EC’s letter adds that manifestos are always issued by particular parties for a particular election. The EC cited certain guidelines for election manifestos contained in Part VIII of the Model Code of Conduct to conclude that the free vaccine promise was not violative of it.

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## Nath moves SC to regain ‘star’

Claims EC order to remove his star campaigner status illegal

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath has moved the Supreme Court challenging an order of the Election Commission revoking his star campaigner status over

multiple violations of Model Code of Conduct.

Senior lawyer and Congress Rajya Sabha member Vivek Tankha said the former Chief Minister has challenged the EC’s decision on various grounds and an urgent hearing on his plea would be sought. The plea has been filed through advocate-on-record Varun Chopra and the defects pointed out in it by the apex court registry have been cured, said Tankha.

Nath in his plea states that



EC had already passed an order on October 26 on the same complaint by BJP and had advised the Congress leader to not use such words. However,

## Process to bring Rahul back as Cong chief on

AICC all set to hold its meeting, venue &amp; date to be decided soon

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The process of bringing back Rahul Gandhi as the Congress chief after Bihar Assembly polls has begun with the party conducting the first round of meeting to convene the All India Congress Committee (AICC) session. All State units of the party have



been asked to send details of members who are eligible to vote.

A note sent to State units by Congress’ Central Election

Authority headed by Madhusudan Mistry said, “This is to inform you that the AICC intends to convene its meeting as soon as possible, and you will be intimated as soon as dates and venue are finalised.”

AICC sources said the session will be held in December the dates of which will be decided at a later stage.

Rahul is most likely to take over as the party president, a post he relinquished last year after the dismal performance of the Congress in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. Since then his

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## Sean Connery, ‘original’ Bond, no more

AP ■ LONDON

Sean Connery, the charismatic Scottish actor who rose to international superstardom as the suave secret agent James Bond and then abandoned the role to carve out an Oscar-winning career in other rugged roles, has died. He was 90.

Connery’s wife and two sons said he “died peacefully in his sleep surrounded by family” in the Bahamas, where he lived. Son Jason Connery said his father had been “unwell for some time.”

Bond producers Michael G Wilson and Barbara Broccoli said they were “devastated” by the news. They said Connery’s “gritty and witty portrayal of

the sexy and charismatic secret agent” was largely responsible for the success of the film series.

“He was and shall always be remembered as the original James Bond whose indelible entrance into cinema history began when he announced those unforgettable words — ‘The name’s Bond... James Bond,’” they said in a statement.

Daniel Craig, the current Bond, said Connery “defined an era and a style” and that the “wit and charm he portrayed on screen could be measured in mega watts.”

Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said the country was mourning “one of her best loved sons.”

Connery, was a com-



SEAN CONNERY

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manding screen presence for some 40 years. He was in his early 30s — and little known — when he starred in the first Bond thriller, 1962’s “Dr. No,” based on the Ian Fleming novel.

Condemned as immoral by the Vatican and the Kremlin, but screened at the White House for Bond fan John F Kennedy, “Dr No” was a box office hit and launched a franchise that long outlasted its Cold War origins.

United Artists couldn’t wait to make more films about the British secret agent, with ever more elaborate stunts and gadgets, along with more exotic locales and more prominent co-stars, among them Lotte Lenya and Jill St. John.

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## Govt to bring new law on love jihad: Yogi

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced that the state government will bring a law to prevent love jihad and his government will also distribute houses to the poor on land illegally acquired by the mafia and criminals.

The chief minister said his government was already busy demolishing properties of mafia who had acquired them illegally. “We will use that land to build houses for the poor,” he said while addressing public meetings in Deoria and Malhoni (Jaunpur) assembly constituencies on Saturday where by-elections will be held on November 3 next.

Referring to a recent observation of the Allahabad High Court that said that changing religion is not necessary for marriage, the chief minister said that his government would soon bring an effective law.

“Many of our sisters and daughters became victims of ‘love jihad’. They are deceived by people using forged name and identity,” he pointed out, making it clear that from now onwards, the government will ensure that this does not hap-



pen and those found involved in such practices will be dealt with strictly.

Launching a frontal attack on the Samajwadi Party functionaries, he said that they indulged in forming a new chain of mafia and goons to instigate riots. “...But they (SP) will not succeed in their plans and all those who even think of it will be sent to jail, he added, calling upon the people to discard those who support and patronise the mafia in the state.

The chief minister came down heavily on the SP and Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) for their corrupt designs during their regimes and said instead

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## CAPSULE

**DELHI AIR ‘VERY POOR’, TO IMPROVE IN 2 DAYS**

**New Delhi:** Delhi’s air quality recorded a marginal improvement but remained in the “very poor” category on Saturday morning, while a Government forecasting agency said it is likely to get better due to a favourable wind speed.

**TRIBUTES TO INDIRA ON DEATH ANNIVERSARY**

**New Delhi:** The nation on Saturday paid homage to former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on her 36th death anniversary, recalling her contribution. Taking to Twitter, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, “Tributes to our former PM Smt Indira Gandhi Ji on her death anniversary.”

**JUMBO ELECTROCUTED TO DEATH IN BENGAL**

**Kolkata/Jalpaiguri:** An elephant was electrocuted to death after coming in contact with an electric fence in West Bengal’s Jalpaiguri district on Saturday, forest officials said. One person was arrested by the police for erecting the electric fence, Chief Wildlife Warden VK Yadav told reporters.

**TRIPURA: 90-YEAR-OLD WOMAN GANGRAPED**

**Agartala:** A 90-year-old woman has been allegedly gangraped by two men in her house in Tripura, police said on Saturday.

**CPM, CONGRESS JOIN HANDS FOR WB POLLS**

**New Delhi:** The Central Committee of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) has approved a tie up with the Congress for the upcoming Assembly election in West Bengal, CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury said on Saturday.



# CM asks people to exchange ODOP gifts this Deepawali

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Putting further emphasis on Vocal for Local and Atmanirbhar Bharat, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has exhorted the people to exchange One District One Product (ODOP) scheme products as Diwali gifts.

By doing so, people would not only have memories to cherish but would also promote the special product of their respective districts, he said, adding that on Dhanteras and Diwali, people exchanged gifts and most of them forget who gave the gifts after keeping them in the almirah.

“This Deepawali, give a special gift to your loved ones that they remember for life and the gift is the famous product of your district. This will have two benefits, on one hand, you will give a gift to remem-

ber and, on the other, you will promote the local talent and the product of your district,” the chief minister said in a statement here on Saturday.

“With this, people will become a part of development of the country and could also proudly tell others about the famous products of the district which were included in the ODOP scheme,” he said.

“For example, if you are from Lucknow, you can give a chikan embroidered cloth and if you are from Kannauj, you can gift perfume. Similarly, if you are from Firozabad, you can gift glass products, if you are from Varanasi, you can gift a Banarasi sari and if you are from Moradabad, you can gift brass utensils,” the chief minister said.

“If you do so, we will also connect with Prime Minister

Narendra Modi’s Vocal for Local campaign and bring to our homes the matchless skills of UP and will also lighten up the lives of lakhs of families,” he added.

Meanwhile, the Mission Shakti campaign launched by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will now focus on monitoring the safety and dignity of women living in old age homes, widows’ shelter homes and nari niketan.

All these women are being given training under different awareness programs.

The programme began from the old age home run by the Social Welfare Department in Moradabad, on Saturday, where the women were made aware by showing clips related to Mission Shakti through different slogans, rangoli, wall painting and LED video vans.

The government is making all efforts to make sure each and every woman gets detailed information about their rights and laws in their favour. At some places, the students are being made police officers for one day, while at others, information related to women’s safety is being given through street plays, webinars, etc.

It may be mentioned that over 1,500 police stations across the state will now have a separate glass room for aggrieved women. In these rooms, a female constable will be handling the complaints and the action against the perpetrators will be taken with urgency.

The ambitious Mission Shakti campaign was launched on the first day of Navratri (October 17, 2020) and will be continued for six months till Basant Navratri in April 2021.

## Guv, CM pay tributes to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, on Saturday, paid floral tributes to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his birth anniversary here after unveiling his statue at the Raj Bhawan.

Both leaders also attended an exhibition of photos and documents of Sardar Patel organised to mark the occasion. They also released a book on the life history of the great leader.

The Governor, while making a comment in the guest book, said Vallabhbhai Patel was a symbol of country’s unity and integrity and worked on the ideology of Mahatma Gandhi as a true patriot.

This is the reason that his birth anniversary is celebrated as national unity day.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, in his comment, said the unveiling of the statue of Sardar Patel was a true tribute to the great leader. He said Sardar Patel inspired patriotism and honesty among countrymen.



## AKY: Backed independent in RS poll to expose BJP-BSP nexus

Lucknow (PNS): Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav on Saturday said that his party supported independent candidate Prakash Bajaj for the Rajya Sabha elections to expose the secret understanding between the Bharatiya Janata Party and the Bahujan Samaj Party.

“Those having socialist leanings decided to support the independent candidate for the Rajya Sabha so that people could come to know that the BJP and the BSP are together,” Akhilesh Yadav said here on Saturday, after an event held at the party office to pay tributes to Acharya Narendra Dev on his anniversary.

Yadav alleged that the BJP could enter into an understanding with anyone and those who had an internal understanding need to be exposed.

In a dig at the Yogi Adityanath government, Akhilesh Yadav enquired about the status of cleaning of river Gomti, a work started during his regime. He also rued that there had been no expansion of Lucknow metro project which his government started.

Speaking after paying floral tributes to Acharya Narendra Dev, Akhilesh Yadav said there was a need to deliberate on how to restore economic growth amid the persisting COVID-19 pandemic.

“The big question is how are we going to achieve prosperity,” he said, lamenting that despite great men showing the path, the governments had not followed them resulting in severe problems. “We resolve every year to serve the society and the country through the path shown by Acharya Narendra Dev. We also pay our respect to Sardar Patel and Maharshi Valmiki on their anniversary today,” he said. “It is an important day. We are passing through one of the most difficult times. People have lost their jobs and farmers are not getting the right price of their produce,” he added.

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This is for notice of the general public that a political party is proposed to be registered by the name of BHARATWASI PARTY. The office of the party is located at House No : E 3/806, Sector: H, Jankipuram Batha, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, India. This party has submitted application to the Election Commission of India New Delhi for its registration as Political Party under Section 29A of the representation of People Act 1951 - Name and address of the office bearers of the party are as follows :

**President :** Dharm Prakash Sharma, R/o : Ambedkar Nagar East, Ramkola Road, Post-Padmauna, Distt.-Kushinagar-274304, U.P.

**General Secretary :** Janardan Prajapati, R/o : 15, Adrauna, Post-Padmauna, Distt. Kushinagar-274304, U.P.

**Treasurer :** Dasrath Sharma, R/o H. N. - 8, Ward No. - 4, Budh Nagari, Post & Distt. Kushinagar-274403, U.P.

If any one has any objection to the registration of BHARATWASI PARTY. They may send their objection with reasons thereof, to the Secretary (Political Party) Election Commission of India Nirvachan Sadanm, Ashoka Road, New Delhi- 110001 within 30 days of the publication of this Notice.



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This is inform you that, I have changed my name from Ramesh Prasad to Aeesakshi Ramesh Agyat. In future I am known as Aeesakshi Ramesh Agyat S/o Late Punavasi Prasad, R/o Vill- Sirisiti, Post-Shivdasha, P.S.- Chaubeypur, Dist-Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, India-221104.

#### NOTICE

I Army No. 10315879A Hav. Ram Bachan Yadav S/o Mr. Chandra Bali Yadav Village-Chak Bhuwana, Post-Bhuwana Bujurg Police Station Ziyampur, Tahsil-Sagari Dist- Azamgarh. (U.P.), Pin-code- 276405. I want to changed my son's name from Krishnakant Yadav to Krishna Yadav in my army record also his DOB wrongly written 15/07/1999 in my army record. But correct-DOB is -15/07/2003.

#### NOTICE

Pankaj Kumar S/o Jaykaran resident "Ravadi Bujurg police station Kalyanpur district Fatehpur" - Ex service man Lance Havildar Army has been relieved from service on June 30, 2020. There are errors in the names and birth dates of my two sons in my service book, the birth date of son Rinku is 01/07/2000 and name Hemanshu & date of birth is 06/03/2005 incorrectly. Whereas the correct names in the educational records and Aadhaar cards of both the said sons are Rinku Kumar and date of birth is 18/11/2001 and Hemanshu Verma and date of birth is 05/11/2005. In such a situation it is necessary to read the names and birth dates of both the said sons as true and correct.

## UP govt formulating policy to attract data centre builders

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

The Uttar Pradesh government is formulating a policy to attract data centre builders to Noida in an attempt to draw investments away from preferred destinations such as Mumbai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Chennai.

To be cost-competitive, the policy will include benefits such as uninterrupted power supply and permission to build a premises without underground parking.

“We want to prepare a favourable policy so that any company looking to build a data centre in north India prefers Noida. With the airport and film city in the pipeline, a separate policy for the data centre will help attract investment. We have sought suggestions from the industry experts,” a government official said.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has already given the green light to a Rs 600-crore data centre park, slated to come up in Greater Noida. The Mumbai-based Hiranandani Group is developing the state’s first data centre in an area spread over 20 acres at a cost of Rs 600 crore. The developer first approached the UP government to set up a data centre in the state and owing to the size of the proposed investment, it was fast-tracked by the state government. A government official said that the Hiranandani Group had completed similar projects in Chennai, Mumbai and Hyderabad as well.

The state government has received proposals for projects

worth Rs 10,000 crore from companies such as Adani Group, Rack Bank and Earth Company.

The chief minister has directed officials to provide land for the high-profile project at the earliest. He said the project would generate employment opportunities in the area and give a boost to the information technology (IT) companies that were set to come up in the nearby areas around the data centre.

The state government said it would ensure uninterrupted power supply through the ‘open access regime’ under the provisions of the Indian Electricity Act, 2003 to the data centre once it was completed. “Such data centres are crucial for keeping the country’s data within its borders,” it added.

Uttar Pradesh has seen increased investor interest of late. The state even catapulted itself to number two position in the Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP) 2019 Ease of Doing Business ranking.

UP has jumped from the 12th position in the Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP) 2017-18 to the second position in BRAP 19. It has left behind several leading states such as Gujarat, Telangana, Rajasthan, Maharashtra in the EODB annual rankings.

The government has formulated new policies with a focus on ease of doing business, particularly in food processing, electronics, textiles and pharmaceutical sectors. The aim of the policies is to replace the red tape with red carpet and UP is now aiming for the top slot on the index.




## कोरोना और डेंगू से बचाव जरूरी तभी मिलेंगी पर्वों की खुशियां पूरी

### मच्छर कहाँ पनपते हैं?



### डेंगू एवं चिकुनगुनिया फैलाने वाले मच्छर रुके हुए पानी में पनपते हैं और दिन के समय काटते हैं।







## डेंगू से बचने के लिए अपनाएं सरल उपाय जिससे मच्छरों का पनपना पूरी तरह नष्ट हो जाए।

### डेंगू से बचाव के उपाय

- सप्ताह में एक बार कूलर, फूलदान, पशु व पक्षियों के पानी के बर्तन इत्यादि को खाली करें, रगड़कर साफ करें एवं सुखा कर ही पुनः पानी भरें।
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- पानी के सभी बर्तन, टंकी इत्यादि को पूरी तरह ढककर रखें।

- मच्छर द्वारा काटे जाने से बचने के लिए ऐसे कपड़े पहनें जो शरीर को पूरी तरह ढकें।
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## Cash, ornaments stolen from house of woman prof

**Lucknow (PNS):** Thieves made off with cash and ornaments from the house of a retired woman professor in Gomtinagar. Ranjana Bisht of Eldeco Green Colony had gone

to see his brother in Sultanpur and her house was locked. On Friday evening, she got a call from her driver Raj Kumar Rawat, who told her about the theft. She called her neighbour

who told her that her maid did household work in the house between 8.30 am and 10 am on Friday and the theft took place after that. "I left for Sultanpur around 9:45 am on Thursday.

I gave the keys to my neighbour and asked her to give the same to my maid when she came her work. The theft took place after my maid left the house," she stated in the FIR.

## 2 Nigerians arrested for duping people online

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

The Special Task Force nabbed two Nigerians for duping people by honey-trapping them or luring them with attractive gifts in PGI police station area on Saturday.

Those arrested were identified as Thiam Balde and Ashatu, both of Nigeria and presently staying in Delhi. The STF team recovered two laptops, two passports, eight mobile phones, two SIM cards of Nigeria and other accessories besides Rs 1,700 in cash. They were arrested near Sainik Colony in the area.

Police said the accused trapped gullible people through fake Facebook IDs using pictures of different girls and boys. They would offer people attractive gifts from foreign countries and demand money pretending they landed in trouble during Customs department checking and would switch off their phones after getting money.

The accused were arrested after a woman doctor at SGPGI lodged a case recently. She said she was befriended by one David Elix, who took her in confidence by sending a gift despite her refusal. The fraudster asked the woman to pay Rs 82,000. The next day she got a call from a man who asked her to deposit the money and receive the gift. After the victim made the payment online, she was asked to pay Rs 4.3 lakh as the parcel contained 56,000 pounds in cash, and was threatened to face a case of money laundering. The victim made the payment to avoid legal action.

The next day, she got a call from a man who introduced himself as an Income Tax official and asked her to pay Rs 1.5 lakh as the parcel contained precious jewellery. The woman again transferred the money to the bank account, as told by the caller. A couple of days later, she was asked to pay Rs

## Dog tortured to death

**Lucknow (PNS):** The caretaker of former cabinet secretary Shashank Shekhar Singh's house lodged a case against the domestic help and gardener for allegedly torturing a dog to death and while tormenting other pets in the house.

In his complaint, Vivek Singh of Ruchi Khand in Ashiyana said his employer had hired domestic help Rajendra Yadav and gardener Raj Kumar for household work and taking care of dogs at the house in Vipul Khand. He said he came to know that Rajendra Yadav and Raj Kumar thrashed

a dog called Doodle to death outside the house on October 27. He alleged that both would keep the dogs chained and torture them even as neighbours were aware of that.

"Both these persons had been asked to take proper care of the dogs as the house owner lives in Noida due to health issues. Rajendra is a crook-minded persons and he had deliberately unchained Doodle last year. The dog was traced after two days. Singh's wife had warned Rajendra to mend his ways, but it failed to deter him," he stated in the FIR.

15.63 lakh as customs duty charge and was warned of legal action. Finally, the

woman refused to pay and lodged a case in this connection.

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### MEETING AT AKTU

**Lucknow (PNS):** Vice-Chancellor of AKTU stressed on the commitment to get NAAC accreditation for constituent institutes IET, Faculty of Architecture and Planning, Center for Advanced Studies and Uttar Pradesh Institute of Design (Noida) at a meeting of Internal Quality Assurance Committee on Saturday. The meeting was chaired by AKTU VC VK Pathak through video-conferencing. Pro-VC Vineet Kansal spoke about the work done by AKTU in various aspects.

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**कक्षा-10 एवं 12 के विद्यार्थियों के लिए दूरदर्शन, उत्तर प्रदेश (DD UP) चैनल और कक्षा-9 एवं 11 के विद्यार्थियों के लिए चैनल e vidya-9 एवं e vidya-11 पर शैक्षणिक वीडियो के माध्यम से**  
**2.11.2020 से 6.11.2020 तक ई-लर्निंग प्रसारण का ग्यारहवां चरण**

**दूरदर्शन, उत्तर प्रदेश (DD UP) चैनल यू.पी. बोर्ड की कक्षा-10 एवं 12 हेतु शैक्षणिक प्रसारण की समय-सारिणी**

दिनांक तथा समय	कक्षा-10				कक्षा-12			
	अपराह्न 1:00 से अपराह्न 2:00 बजे तक	अपराह्न 3:30 से अपराह्न 4:00 बजे तक	अपराह्न 4:30 से सायं 5:00 बजे तक	सायं 6:00 से सायं 6:30 बजे तक	अपराह्न 1:00 से अपराह्न 1:30 बजे तक	अपराह्न 2:30 से अपराह्न 3:00 बजे तक	अपराह्न 4:00 से अपराह्न 4:30 बजे तक	सायं 5:30 से सायं 6:00 बजे तक
<b>2-11-2020</b> <b>सोमवार</b>	संस्कृत अध्याय-प्रथम: पाठ: कविकुलगुल कालिदास भाग-1	संस्कृत अध्याय-प्रथम: पाठ: कविकुलगुल कालिदास भाग-2	संस्कृत अध्याय-प्रथम: पाठ: कविकुलगुल कालिदास भाग-3	संस्कृत अध्याय-प्रथम: पाठ: कविकुलगुल कालिदास भाग-4	रासायन विज्ञान अध्याय-12 एलिफाइट कीटोन एवं कार्बोक्सिलिक अम्ल भाग-5	रासायन विज्ञान अध्याय-12 एलिफाइट कीटोन एवं कार्बोक्सिलिक अम्ल भाग-6	भौतिक विज्ञान अध्याय-6 विद्युत चुम्बकीय प्रेरण भाग-1	भौतिक विज्ञान अध्याय-6 विद्युत चुम्बकीय प्रेरण भाग-2
<b>3-11-2020</b> <b>मंगलवार</b>	संस्कृत अध्याय-व्याकरण कारक भाग-1	गणित अध्याय-1 वास्तविक संख्याएं भाग-1	गृह विज्ञान अध्याय-19, स्वसन तंत्र का प्रारम्भिक ज्ञान भाग-1	गणित अध्याय-1 वास्तविक संख्याएं भाग-1	भौतिक विज्ञान अध्याय-6 विद्युत चुम्बकीय प्रेरण भाग-3	गणित अध्याय-1 सम्बन्ध एवं फलन भाग-1	हिन्दी अध्याय-1 (काव्य) प्रेम माधुरी भाग-1	गणित अध्याय-1 सम्बन्ध एवं फलन भाग-2
<b>4-11-2020</b> <b>बुधवार</b>	वाणिज्य अध्याय-18 सहकारी बैंक भाग-1	गणित अध्याय-1 वास्तविक संख्याएं भाग-3	वाणिज्य अध्याय-20 उपयोगिता भाग-1	हिन्दी अध्याय-1 (गद्य) मित्रता भाग-1	हिन्दी अध्याय-1 (काव्य) प्रेम माधुरी भाग-2	गणित अध्याय-1 सम्बन्ध एवं फलन भाग-3	भौतिक विज्ञान अध्याय-4 गतिमान आवेश तथा चुम्बकत्व, भाग-3	गणित अध्याय-1 सम्बन्ध एवं फलन भाग-4
<b>5-11-2020</b> <b>गुरुवार</b>	वाणिज्य अध्याय-8 सदेश बाहक कर्णालियां भाग-1	विज्ञान अध्याय-8 जीव जनन कैसे करते हैं भाग-1	गृह विज्ञान अध्याय-9, पर्यावरण और जनजीवन पर उसका प्रभाव, भाग-1	हिन्दी अध्याय-1 (काव्य) सूरदास भाग-1	भौतिक विज्ञान अध्याय-4, गतिमान आवेश तथा चुम्बकत्व भाग-1	अंग्रेजी अध्याय-1 Girl With A Basket Part-1	भौतिक विज्ञान अध्याय-4 गतिमान आवेश तथा चुम्बकत्व, भाग-3	हिन्दी अध्याय-1 (गद्य) राष्ट्र का स्वयं भाग-1
<b>6-11-2020</b> <b>शुक्रवार</b>	हिन्दी अध्याय-10 भारत माता का मन्दिर भाग-1	अंग्रेजी अध्याय-1 Part of Sentence भाग-1	गृह विज्ञान अध्याय-5 गृह गणित भाग-3	विज्ञान अध्याय-1, रासायनिक अभिक्रियाएं एवं संतुलन, भाग-1	भौतिक विज्ञान अध्याय-4 गतिमान आवेश तथा चुम्बकत्व, भाग-4	हिन्दी अध्याय-1 (काव्य) यमुना छवि भाग-1	हिन्दी अध्याय-2 (काव्य) गंगावतरण भाग-1	इतिहास अध्याय-1 हड़प्पा सभ्यता भाग-1

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दिनांक तथा समय	कक्षा-9		कक्षा-11	
	प्रातः 8:30 से प्रातः 9:00 बजे तक	प्रातः 9:00 से प्रातः 9:30 बजे तक	सायं 6:30 से सायं 7:00 बजे तक	सायं 7:00 से सायं 7:30 बजे तक
<b>2-11-2020</b> <b>सोमवार</b>	अंग्रेजी अध्याय-2, Tenses: Form and Uses (Words Expressions Workbook) भाग-1/3	विज्ञान अध्याय-8 गति (विज्ञान) भाग-3/3	गणित अध्याय-6 रेखिक असमिकाएं भाग-1/4	रासायन विज्ञान अध्याय-एक-3, तत्वों का वर्गीकरण एवं गुणधर्मों में आवर्तिता भाग-3/7
<b>3-11-2020</b> <b>मंगलवार</b>	गृह विज्ञान अध्याय-6, इकाई-2 (स्वास्थ्य रहस्य) स्वामीय स्वास्थ्य संस्थाएं, प्रसारण एवं सेवाएं भाग-3/3	संस्कृत अध्याय-1 (खण्ड-क) महेश्वर सूर्य एवं वर्षा का उच्चारण स्थान (व्याकरण अनुवाद तथा रचना) भाग-1/2	हिन्दी-संस्कृत विद्यार्थिका अध्याय-4 (खण्ड-क-काव्य) सूरदास-विनय, वात्सल्य, ब्रमरगीत (गद्य कथा साहित्य काव्य) भाग-3/3	संस्कृत अध्याय-खण्ड-क-(गद्य) चन्द्रापीडकथा-असौम्य पाप.....स्वैश्याम्यनन्द चन्द्रापीडस्य भाग-1/4
<b>4-11-2020</b> <b>बुधवार</b>	अंग्रेजी अध्याय-2, Tenses: Form and Uses (Words Expressions Workbook) भाग-2/3	विज्ञान अध्याय-10 गुरुत्वाकर्षण भाग-1/2	गणित अध्याय-6 रेखिक असमिकाएं भाग-2/4	रासायन विज्ञान अध्याय-एक-3, तत्वों का वर्गीकरण एवं गुणधर्मों में आवर्तिता भाग-4/7
<b>5-11-2020</b> <b>गुरुवार</b>	सामाजिक विज्ञान अध्याय-3 (अर्थशास्त्र) निर्गन्ता एक बुनौती भाग-1/1	संस्कृत अध्याय-1 (खण्ड-क) महेश्वर सूर्य एवं वर्षा का उच्चारण स्थान (व्याकरण अनुवाद तथा रचना) भाग-2/2	इतिहास अध्याय-अनुभाग दो सासायन्य कालक्रम दो (100 ईपू से 1300 ईपू) इस्लाम का उदय और विस्तार लगभग 570-1200 ईपू (विश्व इतिहास के कुछ विषय), भाग-1/1	संस्कृत अध्याय-खण्ड-क-(गद्य) चन्द्रापीडकथा-असौम्य पाप.....स्वैश्याम्यनन्द चन्द्रापीडस्य भाग-2/4
<b>6-11-2020</b> <b>शुक्रवार</b>	अंग्रेजी अध्याय-2, Tenses: Form and Uses (Words Expressions Workbook) भाग-3/3	विज्ञान अध्याय-10 गुरुत्वाकर्षण भाग-2/2	गणित अध्याय-6 रेखिक असमिकाएं भाग-3/4	रासायन विज्ञान अध्याय-एक-3, तत्वों का वर्गीकरण एवं गुणधर्मों में आवर्तिता भाग-5/7

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The Health department is strengthening the surveillance teams in Lucknow in anticipation of a second coronavirus wave. Health officials say they are ready for any eventualities and teams will be strength-

# Health dept strengthening surveillance teams

ened by training of 1,000 teams working in areas with maximum cases from November 2 onwards.

“We are conducting this training at KGMU for all the surveillance teams that are working in five focus areas, including Aliganj, Indiranagar, Sarojininaragar, Alambagh and Gomtinagar, and carry out door-to-door surveillance. All these teams will be trained on a two-hour interval basis. They will be trained on how they should approach a house and check on any case that is symptomatic has ILL or fever,” a senior official at the CMO office said.

This training will be different from that carried out earlier, because it will also include covering non-immunised children, patients of diabetes, hypertension, cancer and non-communicable diseases. The training will continue till Lucknow experiences the second wave, if any.

Other preparations for the second wave include targeted surveillance to find out if there is any silent circulation of coronavirus in the city.

In the 300 antigen tests conducted at beauty parlours and salons on Friday, only one person tested positive.

“These people are silent carriers and they don’t even know that. However, as they have tested negative, it shows that the circulation is not there in these areas,” he said. He added that this activity of targeted surveillance has been planned well so that the entire city is sampled and in the urban areas there are 30 teams that are going all around to



## 274 test positive

**Lucknow (PNS):** As many as 274 persons tested positive for coronavirus in Lucknow on Saturday while 297 patients recovered, taking the total number of recoveries to 59,234. Lucknow has witnessed a total of 878 deaths so far.

A senior at the CMO office said the new patients included 28 from Gomtinagar, 25 from Indiranagar, 23 from Rae Bareilly road, 22 from Aliganj, 15 from Jankipuram, 12 each from Alambagh & Chowk, 11 from Ashiyana, and 10 each from Madiaon, Talkatora & Hazratganj.

There were 10 deaths in the city and five of the deceased belonged to Lucknow while the rest to

Unnao, Barabanki, Gonda, Gorakhpur and Kushinagar. Across the state, 1,822 persons tested positive, including 205 in Gautam Buddha Nagar, 103 in Meerut and 73 in Prayagraj, taking the UP tally to 4,81,863.

There were 21 deaths in the state, including three in Meerut, two each in Varanasi & Sitapur, and one each in Prayagraj, Gorakhpur, Aligarh, Shahjahanpur, Basti, Pratapgarh, Farrukhabad, Chandauli, Amroha, Jalaun, Shamli, Auraiya and Balrampur, taking the toll to 7,025. Besides, 2,426 patients recovered, taking the number of recoveries to 4,51,070 while there are 23,768 active cases in the state.

carry out sampling.

Meanwhile, Dr Zia Hashim from SGPGI said the recovery rate at the Covid hospital has been increasing. Recently, there was a 53-year-

old Covid patient with intense infection besides comorbidities and we were thinking of intubating her, but we gave her steroid injections to save her life.

# Tributes paid to Patel on National Unity Day



Students of St. Joseph College taking national unity pledge on Saturday

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National Unity Day was celebrated with enthusiasm in the city on Saturday. Divisional Commissioner Ranjan Kumar administered the national unity pledge to all the employees and the staff members at his office while District Magistrate Abhishek Prakash administered the pledge to officials at Collectorate.

Lucknow University also remembered Patel on his birth anniversary on the main campus. The programme started with faculty members and students paying their respects to Patel’s statue at the Faculty of Fine Arts. Students put forth cultural programmes. ‘Akshama’ presented a play titled ‘Tiranga’ on the relevance

of Patel’s teachings in today’s India. The university also paid tributes to Acharya Narendra Dev with flowers and garlands in the administrative building garden with his anniversary falling on the same day. A quiz was also conducted for the students. The occasion was also celebrated under the joint aegis of Sports Section, 20 UP Girls Battalion NCC, 67 UP Battalion NCC and NSS Unit of Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University. A seminar was organised by the Silver Jubilee Committee of BBAU.

Manoj Kumar Dadwal administered the national unity pledge to all the teachers, staff members and students.

Vice-Chancellor Sanjay Singh said people should make their life meaningful by imbib-

ing the ideal values of great men. Ripusudan Singh, while recalling the contribution of Patel, said the work done by him continues to be a milestone for society.

National Unity Day was also celebrated by Central Institute for Subtropical Horticulture. CISH facilitated three sanitation workers (Mukesh, Shyam Lal and Raju) for their outstanding performance during the Covid-19 lockdown. CISH director Shailendra Rajan administered national unity pledge to all the staffers. The institute is also observing Vigilance Awareness Week from October 27 to November 2. A virtual lecture was organised which was addressed by Nirbhay Narayan Gupta.

## SCHOOLSCAN

### GOLD MEDAL FOR CMS STUDENT

Ayush Arya, a class VII student of City Montessori School, Rajajipuram Campus I, grabbed gold medal in national-level interschool online competition called ‘Brainobrain Wonderkid-2020’.

Students of various noted schools participated in this competition wherein Ayush showcased his exemplary talent in various subjects and ended up bagging the gold medal. Organisers were all praise for his talents and awarded him the gold medal and a certificate. The competition was aimed at channelising students’ focus on their mental capabilities, finding quick solutions to the problems and learning to develop mental power.



# 12-year-old son of former pradhan abducted, killed

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Dalits continued to be the prime target of criminals with a 12-year-old son of a former gram pradhan being kidnapped for ransom and later murdered in Bahraich.

Reports said that Ved Prakash Chowdhary, son of former gram pradhan Onkar Nath of Majholi locality of Matera, went to attend tuition in Tilak Inter College last Thursday but did not return home. The family members launched a search and when they failed to trace the boy, they lodged a report of his kidnapping with the local police.

The family also received a call in which the kidnappers demanded Rs 30 lakh as ransom for the release of the boy. Ved was a fifth standard student. Superintendent of Police of

Bahraich, Vipin Kumar Mishra, said that during investigation they learnt that on the fateful day, the boy was seen with Kaleem, also a resident of Majholi.

The location of the ransom caller was traced and the police raided the house of Rabiya, wife of Naushad, a resident of Tandwa hamlet of Malhipur.

Rabiya disclosed that Kaleem brought the boy and that they killed him the same night and later, with the help of one Israr, put the body in a gunny bag and dumped it near a canal in Sonwa locality of Shrawasti. Mishra said that the body was recovered from the canal on Saturday morning.

The cops arrested Rabiya, Israr along with other family members and made efforts to nab Kaleem.

Meanwhile in Banda, a

young man set his uncle on fire by dousing him with petrol due to a dispute over money transactions in Jabrapur village under Fatehganj police station area of the district. The man died during treatment on Thursday evening. Police have arrested the accused.

Giving information about the case, Additional Superintendent of Police Mahendra Pratap Singh Chauhan said that in the controversy over the transaction of money in Jabrapur village of Fatehganj police station area, Rambarose sprinkled petrol on his 55-year-old uncle Binda Prasad on Wednesday evening and set him afire. Prasad was admitted to the district hospital for treatment in critical condition. Police said Rambarose had been arrested and a case of murder registered against him.

## Mayor announces construction community centre for Valmiki

**Lucknow (PNS):** Mayor Sanyukta Bhatia on Saturday announced the construction of a community centre for Valmiki community near Parivartan Chowk on the occasion of Valmiki Jayanti.

Earlier, she garlanded the statue of Maharishi Valmiki at Parivartan crossing. She was accompanied by Municipal Commissioner Ajay Kumar Dwivedi. She then carried out an inspection behind the Valmiki Ashram near the crossing to see the site of construction. She said Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has given her the responsibility to do something for the Valmiki community at the foundation laying ceremony of many projects of LMC held recently.

Meanwhile, on the occasion of Valmiki Jayanti, Ramayana ‘paath’ was held at 14 temples across the city.



# Women empowerment, dignity to be part of education syllabus

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Nelson Mandela once said, “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” To give it a more realistic touch, the Uttar Pradesh government is going to make Women Empowerment and Dignity as part of the education syllabus.

UP will be the first state in the country to bring this change in the educational sector. From the next session, both Basic and Higher Education, will be having a syllabus based on empowerment and gender studies. It will

help in building awareness among individuals of all genders and equality among children and youth from an early age.

Earlier, in the first stage of the Mission Shakti campaign, launched by the Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, 5,57,383 students from 6,349 colleges were made aware through different awareness programs, competitions, and webinars. In the second stage of this campaign, the website will be launched containing data related to women and child safety.

Anshumali Sharma, Special and State Liaison Officer, NSS, Higher

Education Department, stated, “Under the Mission Shakti campaign, many programs will be organised by the Higher Education Department on topics of gender equality, protection from domestic violence, POCSO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offence Act), and women helpline. NSS will also be launching a quiz session related to cyber safety on November 1.”

It is to be mentioned that the Mission was launched on the first day of Navratri (October 17, 2020) and will be implemented for six months till ‘Basant Navratri’ in April, 2021.

# Man commits suicide after failing to get a BSP ticket

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Failing to get an assurance of a ticket from Bahujan Samaj Party for the Assembly elections in 2022, a trader reportedly committed suicide in Ghazipur district.

According to the local police, a suicide note was found from the person of the man in which he accused a BSP leader of demanding Rs 2 crore for the party ticket.

Local police are now investigating the matter to verify the facts mentioned in the suicide note.

The incident was reported from Maharaajganj village in Sadar Kotwali area. Reports said that a municipality and BSP leader identified as Munnu Thathera committed suicide last Tuesday night. In the suicide note it was mentioned that he had been asked to pay Rs 2

crore for a BSP ticket to contest the 2022 Assembly elections.

Family members confirmed that Munnu expressed his desire to contest the election on a BSP ticket and had also spoken to a party leader over the issue.

The local police investigating the case said it was too early to reach any conclusion before the investigations are completed.

## Poor organ donation rate in India: Dr Harshvardhan

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There is a wide gap between demand and supply of organs and tissues for transplantation, but India is slowly and steadily inching forward to bridge this gap, nodal officer of SOTTO Dr Rajesh Harshvardhan said. He explained the statutory obligations and roles of SOTTO in an online meeting organised by SGPGI with all stakeholders on Saturday.

He said there is a poor organ donation rate (0.26 per million) in India as compared to 26 per million in the USA, 35.3

per million in Spain and 36.5 per million in Croatia. “With one per million donation rate, India will have 1,100 organ donors to provide kidneys, hearts, livers, pancreas and eyes, which should be enough to bridge the gap. With two per million donation rate, India will have 2,200 organ donors, thereby not requiring live donors,” he pointed out.

He said an estimated two lakh patients die of liver failure or liver cancer annually in India but about 10-15% of them can be saved with liver transplant.

“However, only 1,500 liver transplants are done annually,

About 50,000 persons suffer from heart failure annually, but only about 10-15 heart transplants are performed every year in India. In case of cornea, about 25,000 transplants are done every year against the requirement of one lakh,” he said. India’s first organ transplantation was conducted in the 1970s and it was a kidney transplant.

“Since then, India has steadily made few strides forwards, however, a lot more needs to be done. The number of transplants done annually has been gradually rising. Currently, 1.8 lakh persons suffer from

renal failure every year but only 6,000 renal transplants are done annually,” he said. Medical Education Minister Suresh Khanna said that commissioning of SOTTO in SGPGI is a milestone and will be helpful in monitoring and regulating organ and tissue donation and transplantation. Additional chief secretary, Medical Education, Rajneesh Dubey said there is a huge gap in northern India when it comes to organ and tissue donation and transplant as compared to southern India and SOTTO can fill this gap with team efforts.



# Yogi reviews development projects

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Reviewing the development projects during his visit here on Saturday evening, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that at present, work is going on 136 projects worth Rs 9259.71 crore in Varanasi district and out of them, 36 projects worth Rs 401.93 crore have been completed this month, while two of Rs 7.74 crore would be completed within a month. He said that 25 projects worth Rs 915.39 crore would be completed by the end of this year. Besides, the CM said that 39 projects worth Rs 3396.26 crore would be completed by March next year, while five of Rs 2710.46 crore after 2021.

Giving the details of various completed projects including some of them in Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Yogi said that the four-lane Sultanpur-Varanasi route being constructed with the cost of Rs 804 crore would be completed within a month. According to him, for smoothen the traffic



CM Yogi Adityanath reviewing progress made in development projects in Varanasi on Saturday

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system, several parking sites are being developed in the city. He said that under the Kashi Vishwanath Dham project, the latest and better facilities would be given to the devotees. The meeting was also attended by UP ministers Dr Neelkanth Tiwari and Ravindra Jaiswal, MLAs Dr Awadesh Singh and Surendra Narayan Singh, MLC Ashok Dhawan, ADG Brij Bhushan, DC Deepak Agrawal, IG VS Meena, DM Kaushal Raj

Sharma and SSP Amit Pathak among others.

The CM came here after addressing an election meeting in support of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidate from Malhania assembly byelection in Jaunpur district Manoj Singh. When Yogi landed at the Police Lines helipad on his two-day visit, senior BJP leaders and officers welcomed him and then the CM reached Circuit House to review the progress

made in various development projects in this parliamentary constituency of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Addressing the election meeting in Jaunpur, Yogi said that the laws would be made against love jihad in respect of the women and highlighted the efforts of the state government in starting of construction of Ram temple in Ayodhya. Launching a scathing attack on the previous governments, he said that they failed to provide jobs to the youth whereas his government had given lakhs of employments. According to him, it was due to the efforts of the state government that about 30 lakhs youths got jobs under the private sector. Besides, wooing the people he said that his government had provided houses to lakhs of people and pensions to 87 lakhs. Indirectly making an attack on the rivals, he asked the people whether they would support those who were protecting the mafia. The election meeting was also addressed by state BJP chief Swatantra Dev Singh and many others.

# 92 COVID-19 patients found

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As many as 92 new infected of coronavirus, including a doctor from SRN Hospital and an ENT specialist i.e. two physicians, were detected within the last 24 hours. It is a matter of relief that no Covid infected died on the same day. A total of 133 people became infection free. Among these, 28 patients were discharged from different Covid hospitals. At the same time, 105 people completed home isolation. A sample of 1,017 people was taken for the Target Group Testing. On Saturday, sweet sellers, shopkeepers were tested through a Covid testing campaign.

CMO Dr GS Bajpai said

that the number of infected people is continuously decreasing. Samples of 5,031 people were taken on Friday. Only 92 people reported positive. More people are beating the corona than the infected everyday. Dr Bajpai further said that till now 16,651 people have been free from corona infection by staying in home isolation. At the same time, the number of people admitted to hospitals and getting treatment has increased to 2,622.

On Friday, the number of infected might have come down but the staff attached to the Health department remains more vulnerable to the deadly virus. In SRN, a doctor from the Surgery department, private ENT physician, staff

nurse of the railway hospital has received a positive report.

According to Nodal Officer for Corona Dr Rishi Sahai, Hotel Manager, lab technician of a private Covid Hospital, engineer of NTPC Meja, BHW posted at Koraon CHC, Auditor of CDA Pension, Loco Pilot of Railways are also included in the list of infected.

On the second day of the campaign, beauty parlor operators and employees were slow on the testing on the second day of the campaign in the areas which are more likely to spread the infection. Barbar shop and Mehndi artists participated more in the Covid testing.

According to the Nodal

Officer for Corona Dr Rishi Sahai and ACOMO Dr. AK Tiwari, on the second day of the campaign, on the instructions of the CMO, samples of 1,017 people were collected for Covid testing.

The women in beauty parlors were reluctant to get their Covid test done but the barber shop and mehndi artists supported the team.

On Saturday, CMO Dr Bajpai said that employees working at the sweet vendors and sweet sellers were tested for Covid test.

As per the intention of the government, such sites have been identified where there is congestion and the chances of spreading of Covid infection are high.

# Three injured in road accident

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ ALLAHABAD

A sand laden dumper jumped the railing of the Shastri Bridge on the Ganga and fell on the sands 60 feet below on Saturday morning. The driver is stated to be serious whole the cleaner and another person are also undergoing treatment in the hospital, but stated to be out of danger.

The driver Sabir Ali, resident of Chitrakoot, loaded his dumber with sand consignment of Man Singh Enterprises in very late night hours and reached Shastri Bridge around 3 am. As soon as the vehicle entered the bridge area, the driver lost

control over the steering and the dumper took a steep right turn. It damaged the railing and poles to reach the other side of the bridge, and again broke the protective platform and railing to take a big leap. Fortunately the vehicle fell on the sands, and got damaged completely.

However, the driver, the cleaner and another person were rushed to hospital immediately where the driver is serious. The cleaner Dinesh and the other person Heera Lal are also the residents of Chitrakoot. They have also sustained injuries but are out of danger.

**7 BUFFALOES KILLED IN MISHAP:** In a shocking

incident, seven buffaloes died in Prayagraj after being hit by a speeding train. At the same time one another cattle were badly injured in this mishap. The incident took place on Saturday morning on the Bandhwa Tahirpur railway line under the Sarainayat police station. Buffaloes were grazing along the railway line. Meanwhile, all of them reached the track and all of them were killed after the speeding train mowed them down. Police also reached the spot on getting information and conducted an investigation. Bhagat Yadav, resident of Ustapur Mahmudabad in Sarainayat police station said the eight buffaloes were graz-

ing on Saturday morning near the railway line at Bandhwa Tahirpur of Sarainayat police station. All the buffaloes reached the railway track while grazing the grass. It is said that during this seven buffaloes died on the spot due to the passing of the train. At the same time a buffalo was seriously injured. After the accident, the villagers who came from there saw buffaloes lying on the railway track. On getting information, a crowd of villagers also gathered there. During this, police of Sarainayat police station also reached on the receipt of information. Police inspected the scene and questioned the people.

# GM inspects RPF parade at BLW

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

National Unity Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at the Banaras Locomotive Works (BLW) on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel here on Saturday. It was the first major function of this leading production unit of Indian Railways since the change of nomenclature of Diesel Locomotive Works (DLW) into BLW and joining of its new General Manager (GM) Anjali Goyal. On the occasion, she inspected the parade of Railway Protection Force (RPF) and took the salute apart from administering the oath of national unity to all the employees. Meanwhile, at several places tributes were paid to 'Iron Man' Patel on his birth anniversary, while 'Iron Lady' Indira Gandhi on her death anniversary.

Addressing all the employees, the GM said 'I'm proud to



GM Anjali Goyal inspecting RPF parade at BLW in Varanasi on Saturday

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join the BLW family and the organisation which got a new name as per ancient tradition of this city after its glorious journey for more than five decades.' She further said that the COVID-19 has posed a difficult situation in front of us, but it is a matter of great pleasure that even under these difficult circumstances, the employees of BLW has set

many records following the COVID-19 guidelines. At the same time, she said that with this hard work and dedication of our employees, BLW would set many new records in the coming years. Apart from this, programmes were also organised by BLW workshops, OBC Association and Scouts and Guides.

Meanwhile, the local

Congress workers paid rich tributes to both Sardar Patel and Indira Gandhi. They also recalled the contributions of great socialist Acharya Narendra Dev on his birth anniversary. They recalled the strong will power of Indira who had changed the geography of Pakistan when Bangladesh was emerging as a new nation. At the office of Pandit Kamalapati Tripathi Foundation at Englishia Line a seminar was also organised. The speakers said that due to strong will of Sardar Patel, a unique history was made by incorporating more than 600 princely states into an independent India. The seminar was presided over by Vijay Shankar Pandey while attended by senior Congress leaders including Baijnath Singh, Prof Anil Kumar Upadhyay, Prajanath Sharma, Vijay Shankar Mehta, Shailendra Singh, Bhupendra Pratap Singh, Vijay Krishna Rai, Rakesh Chandra Sharma and Digvijay Singh.

# 61 more test positive in Varanasi

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

As many as 61 new COVID-19 patients have been detected in the district on Saturday, increasing the total number of cases to 16,879. The day also saw one more death, increasing the toll to 271. During the day, the follow-up negative reports included 98 and out of them, 97 have been recovered from home isolation while one cured from the hospital, increasing the number to 13,129 and 2,822 respectively. The total number of patients who have been recovered so far is 15,951, leaving 657 active cases. The recovery has slight-

ly improved to 94.50 percent but the mortality rate has remained at 1.60 per cent.

Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Dr VB Singh has informed that in the first report of the day, 35 positive patients were found out of 3,515 reports received. Till then, the total test reports received were 3,23,820 and the results of 2,175 are awaited. Out of them, 3,06,967 were negative, while 16,853 positive. The total number of samples collected was 3,40,415. Earlier, a male aged 50 from Katari (Cholapur) succumbed to COVID-19 at Sir Sundarlal Hospital (SSH),

Banaras Hindu University (BHU). With the addition of 10 new red zones, the total number of hotspots has increased to 2,322 including 214 red zones. One green zone has been converted into red zone again. There are 2,108 green zones with 21 new ones.

Under ongoing mass/group antigen tests, two out of 368 tests were found positive at Shree Shiv Prasad Gupta (SSPG) Hospital, Kabirchaura, while all the 266 tests at adjacent Government Women's Hospital were found negative. However, one out of 110 at CHC Shivpur, one out of 107

at Swami Vivekanand Government Hospital, Bhelupur and four out of 175 at LBS Hospital, Ramnagar were detected positive but all 275 tests at SSH BHU were found negative. Besides, the Health department has distributed 2,040 Ivermectin tablets to 255 persons. So far, 11.25 lakh tablets were distributed to 1.40 lakh persons and out of them, 9.35 lakh tablets to 1.16 lakh persons were distributed only by the Health department while rest of tablets by other departments including Supply and Education departments and Civil Defence so far.

# Ramayan path held at Shiv temples

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

Akhand Ramayan path was held at many old Shiv temples in this holy city on the occasion of Maharishi Valmiki Jayanti here on Saturday. UP Minister of State (Independent Charge) Dr Neelkanth Tiwari offered puja at ancient Maharishi Valmiki Shiva temple, Panchkoshi Marg (Karaundi near BHU). Apart from this, Valmiki Ramayana path was also recited at Markandeya Mahadev (Kaithi), Shool Tankeshwar, Nakateshwari Bhavani and Jawar Hareshwar Mahadev temples and Narasimha and Sankuladhara maths.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Tiwari wished the people, saying that the birth anniversary of the author of the epic Ramayana is celebrated with reverence and joy. 'Maharishi Valmiki composed the Adikavya Ramayana and showed people the way to walk on true and dutiful devotion. Maharishi Valmiki goes to the credit of bringing Lord Shri Ram's saga to the world,' he said, adding that the life of 'Maryada Purushottam' Lord Ram teaches us all about sacrifice, adherence to dignity and duty devotion.



UP Minister Neelkanth Tiwari offering puja at Valmiki Jayanti programme in Varanasi on Saturday

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'Lord Ram always inspires us to live life by following our religion. A progressive and harmonious society can be built by adopting the education and ideals given by them,' he said, informing that the state government has decided to celebrate the holy day of Maharishi Valmiki Jayanti in a grand manner on October 31 this year. In many places, Valmiki Ramayana path was recited in view to popularise and spread the human, social and national values among the people.

**FELICITATION FUNCTION:** Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS), Varanasi organised a felicitation function at its office in Pisachmoch here to felicitate the organising secretary of organisation's north-central zone Anupam. Speaking on the occasion, Anupam said, a union should not only be limited to the organisation's work and rather, social work should also be done. He called upon organisation's members to come forward for social work. The members also paid their trib-

utes to the state vice-president of Uttar Pradesh Vidyut Mazdoor Sangh AP Srivastava who passed away recently.

Jamuna Pal presided over the function. Rakesh Pandey conducted it and AP Shukla proposed vote of thanks. Many were present including Ramkrishna Gupta, Dr Doodhnath, Narendra Mishra, Visheshwar Rai, Rajesh Singh and Shivkumar Singh.

**TRIBUTES PAID TO NARENDRA DEV:** To mark the 131st Jayanti of Acharya Narendra Dev, the Akhand Rastravadi Party on Saturday organised a programme at Saranath, here.

The members of party garlanded the statue of Acharya Narendra Dev and paid their floral tributes to this great leader. Recalling his contribution to the nation and society, they said that he was not merely a leader and rather he was the person with the great idealist personality.

It was Acharya Narendra Dev with whom inspiration, Chandrashekhar joined the politics and by following his principles, became the first Prime Minister of country who was completely socialist, the president of party Lalji Singh said.

# MC to give facelift to 40 roads

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ ALLAHABAD

The Municipal Corporation will give a facelift to 40 roads of the ten colonies transferred about a quarter and a half month ago. Not only this, 20 parks of these colonies will also be beautified. It is clear that the condition of the colonies' shabby roads and parks will soon improve. The Public Works Department has issued tenders for these works. Preparations will start in the colonies in December.

On September 19, the Prayagraj Development Authority had transferred several of its residential colonies to the Municipal Corporation and had given nearly ₹ 10 crore. Some funds are yet to be released in this regard. Prior to

this, budget estimation was done by collecting details of maintenance works under joint inspection of both departments. After about a quarter of a month, the condition of 40 roads and 20 parks of ten colonies will be improved.

The Municipal Corporation will get the work done in the colonies included Shantipuram Awas Yojana Phaphamau, Avantika Colony Naini, along with Trivenipuram Awas Yojna Jhunsli, Dev Prayagam Awas Yojana, Devghat Jhalwa Awas Yojana, Kaushambi Kunj Awas Yojana, Kalindipuram Awas Yojana, Kasari Masari Awas Yojana Phase One and Two.

The Municipal Corporation has decided to start the first phase of work in

residential schemes transferred from PDA. Not only road, park but other facilities will also be improved. There is also a plan to set up an open air gym in the next phase after beautification in the parks. Also, other public facilities like street lights will be repaired. This was informed by Satish Kumar, Chief Engineer, Municipal Corporation Prayagraj.

**LOOK OUT NOTICE ISSUED:** Look out notice has been issued to stop Vijay Mishra's son Vishnu Mishra from leaving the country. Mafia don Vijay Mishra is MLA from Gyanpur Bhadohi and is languishing in jail at present.

Vishnu Mishra, wanted in a good number of cases including of rape and property grabbing is absconding, and reports

suggested that he was preparing to leave India to protect himself as the Supreme Court has refused to grant him anticipatory bail. A music artiste of Varanasi has lodged a rape complaint against Vishnu Mishra, and he is also wanted in a case of grabbing property of one of his relatives. The Bureau of Immigration has been informed about this Look out notice to prevent Vishnu from taking a foreign trip.

Unauthorised properties of Vijay Mishra in Allahpur area, under the Georgetown police station, Prayagraj have been marked for demolition, but the Divisional Commissioner has stayed the action for a while, and order in this regard will be issued on November 6.

# Roads to be beautified under Smart City

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ ALLAHABAD

Roads will be beautified in Prayagraj under the Smart City. For this, 15 roads have also been selected. Of these, the work of widening and beautification of three roads has been started by the Prayagraj Development Authority. However, the work of widening and beautification of a dozen roads has not started. Work on these roads will be started after Deepawali. Therefore, the work of roads will accelerate only after the festival of lights.

Under Smart City, the roads which have been selected for widening and beautification included Clive Road, Strachey Road, Cooper Road, Tashkent Marg, Doctor Lohia

Marg, Tej Bahadur Sapru Marg, Babu Bindeshwari Road, Kamla Nehru Road Part One, Mumfordganj Road, Shobhanath Singh Road, Subhash Nagar Road, Mission Road, Katra Part 2, Hashimpur Road and Panna Lal Road.

Of them, the work of widening and beautification of three roads Lohia Road, Panna Lal Road and Mission Road has been started. However, due to shortage of labourers, the work of these roads is also not accelerating. At the same time, the work of other roads is ready to be started after Deepawali. It may be pointed out here that about ₹ 69 crore will be spent in widening and beautification

of these roads.

PDA Executive Engineer SD Sharma said that no new road will be started till Deepawali. Work will start only after the festival of light.

Meanwhile, the Cabinet Minister Siddharth Nath Singh is on a visit to Prayag these days.

He is also holding meetings with the workers. In the worker training camp, he said that in 2022 all the devotees will have a darshan of Bholenath through the Kashi corridor and alongwith darshan of Maa Ganga. Due to his actions, Narendra Modi will again win by absolute majority. We will also see Shri Ram in the grand Shri Ram temple being built in Ayodhya in

2024.

Encouraging the workers, the Cabinet Minister said that if there is a problem in the society, then there is a solution too.

An example of this is presented by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Just by blaming someone, one cannot be saved from his responsibility. An example of this can be seen in the current circumstances with China.

BJP city unit president Ganesh Kesarwani, Prem Narayan Kesarwani, Kamlesh Gautam, Sanjay Kushwaha, Gaurav Gupta, Kaushki Singh, Rajan Shukla, Pawan Gupta, Ramesh Passi, Dvesh Singh, Raju Pathak etc were present on the occasion.





Kanpur Divisional Commissioner, Raj Shekhar visits the leather export units and CETP on Saturday

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## DC inspects Jajmau common effluent treatment plant

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KANPUR

Kanpur Divisional Commissioner Raj Shekhar, who visited the leather export units and inspected the obsolete common effluent treatment plant (CETP) of the leather industries of Kanpur on Saturday, directed the Jal Nigam, JD Industries, Kanpur Nagar Nigam, Fire Department and district administration to work out and finalise a suitable land in the next one month for setting up a dedicated fire station for Jajmau industrial belt so that the proposal could be forwarded to the government for approval and sanction of funds.

He also directed the Namami Gange team to work out further plans and expedite the construction of the new CETP as a dedicated and hi-tech common effluent treat-

ment plant was required for the leather industries of Kanpur.

The divisional commissioner then visited the 36 MLD capacity old common effluent treatment plant at Jajmau which caters treats the combined effluents of industrial units and domestic waste.

The officials informed the divisional commissioner that the plant was treating around 9-10 MLD industrial effluent and 25-26 MLD domestic sewage.

The divisional commissioner was accompanied by Jal Nigam chief engineer and superintending engineer, regional pollution control officer, leather industry representatives and officials.

He said the visit was an effort to take a feedback of the working and the issues of the leather export units.

He also took feedback of the complete process of the unit

from raw hide to processed hide.

The Leather Industry Association appraised the divisional commissioner that last year, the export volumes were around Rs 38,000 crore but this year because of the COVID-9 pandemic, the production had nose-dived to almost one-third of the last year figures.

The Leather Industry Association also informed the divisional commissioner about the roster system of operation of the leather industries that was creating problems as production had been reduced to one-fourth.

It requested the government and the department to look into it and relax the roster in the interest of the leather export industry.

The divisional commissioner was also apprised of the issue relating to charges to be paid by leather industries to the

Jal Nigam for running and maintenance of the common effluent treatment plant that was in the process of settlement by a committee chaired by the district magistrate.

It may be mentioned here that the project has been under construction for the last two years but because of the delays in obtaining no objection certificates (NOCs) from various departments and COVID-19 lockdown, the project has got delayed. At present, the physical progress of the project is around 5 per cent only. Now the tentative revised schedule for completion of the project will be decided in the upcoming meeting of the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCNG).

This project is being monitored by the Supreme Court and the National Green Tribunal (NGT) for its qualitative and timely completion.

## 73 more test positive

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KANPUR

Kanpur Nagar reported 73 more coronavirus positive cases on Saturday evening.

Chief Medical Officer Dr Anil K Mishra said that 73 more people had tested positive for coronavirus infection between Friday evening and Saturday evening taking the tally of confirmed cases to 27,914 cases.

He said no COVID-19 death in the city was reported till Saturday evening keeping the death toll to 733.

The CMO said at present 780 active cases were undergoing treatment. Dr Mishra said 4575 samples were sent for testing in the city.

## Ex-BDC member shot dead in gambling den

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KANPUR

A former member of the block development committee (BDC) was shot dead in a gambling den at Bhadras village in Ghatampur Kotwali police area on Friday night.

According to reports, the victim, Vimal alias Pappu of Bhadras village and a former member of the BDC and deputy gram pradhan, was shot dead when he was gambling. His body was recovered from a field, about 20 metres away from a gambling den.

It is alleged that three persons, said to be cops in plain clothes, came to the gambling den with the intention of looting cash. On seeing them, when the gamblers, including Pappu, tried to escape, one of them wearing blue jeans and white shirt shot him dead.

The Samajwadi Party workers staged a demonstration at the Ghatampur Kotwali, alleging that cops in plain clothes had visited the village with the intention of looting cash from the gambling den. They further alleged that on seeing the police force, when the gamblers started escaping, the cops opened fire on them, killing the former BDC member. Reacting to the incident, Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav assured the family of the victim of justice.

On getting information about the incident, Samajwadi Party MLA from Mainpuri Sadar, Raju Yadav, former MLA Munindra Shukla and Kaptan Singh Rajput also reached Ghatampur Kotwali and visited Bhadras village.

They demanded post-mortem by a panel of doctors.

Circle Officer Ravi Kumar Singh said action would be initiated on the basis of facts and evidence.

Senior Superintendent of Police Pritinder Singh also visited the spot on Saturday afternoon to monitor investigation.

### DUPED

A bran trading firm's employee was duped of 5.15 lakh by two motorcycle-borne youths posing as CID officers, on Birhana Road under Collectorganj police station on Saturday afternoon.

Police have started investigation after going through the footages of the CCTV cameras installed near the spot.

Umang Sangal is engaged in bran trade near Gujarati Bhawan on Canal Road. Around 12:30 pm, his employee, Monu, was going to the bank to deposit Rs.8.75 lakh. On Birhana road, he was intercepted by two motorcycle-borne youths who said they were CID officers and asked him to show his bag. When Monu protested, the impostors threatened to put him behind the bars.

A scared Monu immediately handed over the bag to the youths who, after seeing the cash, returned it to Monu. After they left, when Monu checked the bag, he found Rs.5.15 lakh missing from it.

He informed his employer about the incident and he in turn apprised the police about the incident. Station House Officer Rajesh Pathak said in the CCTV footages, four miscreants riding on two bikes were seen and on the basis of their physique, raids were on to nab them.

### SUICIDE

A depressed youth committed suicide by hanging himself in Rawatpur village under Kalyanpur police station late Friday night.

## Safety our top priority: GM

CORRESPONDENT ■ GORAKHPUR

General Manager of North Eastern Railway (NER) Vinay Kumar Tripathi during a meeting held in GM's auditorium on Friday along with AGM Amit Kumar Agarwal and principal heads of departments reviewed NER's working and achievements. The working of Accounts, Operating, Commerce and Construction departments were reviewed on the occasion. In his address General Manager said, "safety is our top priority and our focus should be only on execution of works."

He said completing projects in a time-bound manner with high quality is also one of the priorities. For safe and secure rail operations he emphasised on remaining alert at all levels. Referring to economic activities, he advised to take effective steps to increase income and cut expenditure. Besides reducing energy consumption, continuous monitoring should also be done, he said. Stressing the need for making the NER a scrap-free zone, Tripathi said that all types of scrap should be auctioned on priority basis, which would result in an increase in railway revenue and improve environmental protection. GM Tripathi expected conscious efforts for development of NER and active participation at every level. He said that in our works apart from transparency honest efforts should also be reflected. In order to complete the tasks uninterruptedly the concerned authorities will have to ensure that the problems were solved quickly either their or at the higher level. Principal finance adviser Tanuja Pandey gave detailed information about the economic situation of NER to the GM through a power-point presentation and elaborated on the efforts and vigilance of the Finance Department in increasing income and reducing expenditure. Principal Chief Operating Manager Anil Kumar Singh apprised the General Manager about various aspects related to the Operations Department.

He informed about efforts being made by it in the field of movement of passenger and goods trains at a fast pace and their punctuality. Chief Administrative Officer/Construction RK Yadav informed about the updated status of various con-



struction projects on NER. He also apprised the efforts to complete the projects within the stipulated time frame. Earlier CPRO Pankaj Kumar Singh in his welcome address spoke about GM Tripathi's administrative skills. After doing his B.Tech in Electrical Engineering from Roorkee, he joined the rail service as an officer of the Indian Railway Service of Electrical Engineers (IRSEE) of 1883 batch. During his service in different railways by efficiently discharging his responsibilities on many important posts he had contributed significantly to the progress of railway. Trained in higher management in Switzerland and the United States, Tripathi has played a central role in the development of the three-phase electric locomotive of the latest technology and their indigenisation. Singh expressed confidence that under the able guidance of General Manager Vinay Kumar Tripathi the NER will be able to touch new heights of development. Meanwhile on Friday during his journey to Gorakhpur by 02556 Gorakhdham special express General Manager VK Tripathi conducted window-trailing inspection on the Lucknow division of NER. He sought information about passenger facilities available at Gorakhpur Jn station from the authorities concerned.

**HONOURED:** At a function organised at the Personnel department of NER headquar-

ters, on Friday Deputy Chief Personnel Officer/Non-Gazetted, Rana Pratap Chand, honoured 15 non-gazetted railwaymen retiring on Saturday by presenting them gold-plated medal, settlement documents, service certificate, CPRO PK Singh said. On the

occasion Chand that they all had spent most of their lives in the railway service for which the railway administration was grateful to them. He said that after retirement they would come in the category of senior citizens and they should spend most

of their time in social service and in the interest of the nation so that they remained healthy and had a good routine. He suggested that in order to avoid Covid-19 infection they should wear masks, use sanitiser and maintain physical distancing. The function was conducted by SPO/headquarters, Pradeep Kumar. On the occasion APO/Settlement, Aniruddh Prasad, personnel of Personnel Department and family members of the retiring personnel were present.

**MEMENTO PRESENTED:** A meeting of NER Promotee Officers' Association (NERPOA) under the chairmanship of its president, Krishna Singh, was held at its office, here on Friday, CP Chauhan, senior PRO, NER and joint secretary/Publicity, NERPOA, said. who presented a memento to the retired officer Ashok Kumar Tiwari, Traffic Costing Officer and wished him good health and a happy life. While conducting the meeting, general secretary, NERPOA, Ramesh Pandey, stressed on remaining vigilant in view of Covid-19 infection, using face masks and sanitisers besides maintaining social distancing and tell other officers too about it. Among those present in the meeting were Deputy CPO/secretary Indian Railway Promotee Officers' Federation (IPROF) RP Chand, finance secretary Sunil Kumar Singh, Vivek Mishra, Anil Kumar Srivastava, Ajit Singh, Ravindra Pandey and Umesh Kumar.

## Sardar Patel's contribution recalled

CORRESPONDENT ■ MIRZAPUR

A programme was held at A police office on Saturday to mark the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. It started with the garlanding of the portrait of Patel by Superintendent of Police Ajay Singh. The speakers threw light on Patel's personality and his contribution to keep the nation intact. They remembered his contribution as a lawyer, freedom fighter and first home minister of independent India. The programme concluded with the SP administering the oath of national unity to the police personnel.

**DIRECTIVE:** ASP City Sanjay Kumar has directed the cops to take every dispute seriously even at the initial stage and adopt preventive measures without any hesitation. Such direction was given by him during a meeting held at Dehat Kotwali for reviewing crime control in Sardar circle. During the review the ASP directed the cops



SP Ajay Singh administering the oath to policemen

to dispose of the pending case on merit without inordinate delay and tighten the noose around criminals. He made it clear that no laxity would be tolerated in connection with crime. He instructed them to keep a vigil over criminals who had got bail and if their activities

were found suspicious they should be incarcerated under the provisions. Reviewing each point in detail he directed them to ensure the compliance of the court orders on priority and do the needful to maintain peace in their respective areas. Referring to illegal liquor trade he directed the policemen to take action against those traders who were selling the commodity at their licensed shops. In view of Diwali he said that no gambling should be allowed in the name of the festival. The meeting was attended by the SHO's of Kachawan, Chilh, Padari and Dehat Kotwali and Circle Officer (CO) Sadar.

## Murder accused held

CORRESPONDENT ■ CHANDAULI

Rakesh Roshan Yadav, a resident of Dhurikot village in Sardar Kotwali area of the district was murdered by his younger brother, Mukesh Yadav. Mukesh was angry with Rakesh's illicit relationship with his wife. On Friday the police arrested him from an area near the Dhurikot village turn. A pistol used for committing the murder, two magazines and 10 cartridges were recovered from his possession. Giving details in this connection, Superintendent of Police Hemant Kutiya said that Mukesh Yadav, a res-



Chandauli SP Hemant Kutiya giving information about the arrest in connection with the murder case

ident of Dhurikot under the Sardar Kotwali, was in jail since 2017 on the charge of murder. When he came out of jail on bail in January this year, he came to know about his elder brother's illicit relationship with his wife. During interrogation, the accused said that he had also caught them red-handed. He said that during his stay in jail, he had become friends with a criminal Ashutosh Yadav. He said that along with Ashutosh and Ramanand he had hatched a conspiracy to kill his elder brother. Thereafter late in the evening on August 28 Mukesh took his elder brother to the canal near Digghi village. During a liquor party there along with friends, Mukesh shot Rakesh in his head with a pistol and escaped with Ashutosh on his motorbike. After the arrest of Ashutosh from Kurhana village on October 29 Mukesh's involvement in this murder came to light. On Friday inspector incharge Chandauli police station, Ashok Mishra, SWAT team incharge Abhay Kumar Singh and apprehended the accused Mukesh Yadav from an area near the Dhurikot turn.

## 2 meet tragic end

CORRESPONDENT ■ GORAKHPUR

Two persons lost their lives and three others sustained injuries when a speeding truck coming from Pipraich side suddenly went out of control and rammmed into a house on the Maharaji Uttari Tola Pipraich- Kusmhi road under the Pipraich police station here. According to the information received here, the truck coming from Pipraich was going towards Kusmhi at a high speed when its driver suddenly lost control over it and it hit Murali's house. The impact of the collision was so strong that the roof of the house fell over the truck. Consequently the driver and cleaner on it got buried under the roof. The cleaner died on the spot. Besides a 17-year-old youth, Ritesh Bharti, son of Murali, and his mother and Gopal, son of Murat, of the next door who were in the house too were seriously injured. Three to four houses adjacent to it were completely damaged and handpikes, valuables, two motorcycles etc were buried under the truck. As soon as the police got information about the matter sub-inspector (S-I) Sanjay Yadav, accompanied by other police personnel rushed to the spot. The trapped people were somehow rescued by getting the debris removed with the help of the JCB. They were then sent to the community health centre (CHC) situated in Pipraich. On seeing their critical condition, the doctors referred them to district hospital. However from there they were referred to the Medical College where the driver too succumbed to his injuries during treatment. The remaining injured were undergoing treatment, last reports received here said.

## Tributes paid to Sardar Patel

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KANPUR

The 145th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was observed as 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' on Saturday with District Magistrate Alok Tiwari offering floral tributes to Sardar Patel and then administering oath to preserve unity and integrity of the county to his office staff and officials of the district.

The Centre observes October 31 across the country as a day to foster and reinforce the government's dedication to preserve and strengthen the unity, integrity and security of the nation by celebrating it as 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' or 'National Unity Day' to commemorate Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's birth anniversary.

The district magistrate said the contribution of Sardar Patel could not be forgotten by the country.

Meanwhile, members of the Adhivakta Kalyan Sangharsh Samiti also celebrated the birth anniversary of



District Magistrate, City, Alok Tiwari, administering oath on 'Ekta Diwas' the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on Saturday

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Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel at the Lawyers' Association Hall here on Saturday.

President of Lawyers Association, Dinesh Shukla, newly-elected vice president of Kanpur Bar Association, Ajay Sharma, former president of Lawyers Association, Avinash Bajpai, and senior lawyer Ved Prakash Arya garlanded the portrait of Sardar Patel.

Speaking on the occasion, Lawyers Association president Dinesh Shukla said there was again need for a firm and

determined man like the Iron Man to make India a united India. Kanpur Bar Association senior vice-president Ajay Sharma said Sardar Patel was a visionary. He said by following Sardar Patel's ideals and principles, the society could progress.

Convenor Ravindra Sharma said like the Iron Man strengthened India by amalgamating hundreds of home-steads, lawyers could also be united by following his ideals.

It would be the real tribute to Sardar Patel if lawyers unit-

edly fight for the enforcement of Adhivakta Pension Scheme, increase of Adhivakta Kalyan Nidhi to Rs.10 lakh and payment of Rs.5,000 per year to young lawyers, he said.

Prominent lawyers present on the occasion included Mayur Saini, Yashu Shukla, SK Sachan, Suresh Sachan, Anoop Sachan, Ved Uttam, Rajendra Verma, Rizwan Abdi, Mahendra Tripathi, Kailash Sachan, Shahid Jamal and KK Yadav.

President of Uttar Pradesh Khadi Gramodyog Mahasangh, Suresh Gupta, also paid floral tributes to Sardar Patel.

Highlighted the role of Sardar Patel in the freedom struggle and in the post-freedom India, Gupta said the Iron Man was a lover of khadi. Addressing the gathering, Chhotebhai Noronha said Sardar Patel belonged to a farmer's family and possessed leadership qualities since childhood and he led an agitation in 1928 in Gujarat during drought.

## Goldiee Masale gives car to *risthte banayen* scheme winner

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KANPUR

Shubham Goldiee Masale Pvt Ltd successfully organised the Goldiee Ayen, Risthte Banayen scheme under which a lucky draw was held.

The winner of this scheme was Shiv Lal of M/s Abhay Traders, of Pandeyganj, Lucknow through super distributor Mayank Bajaj. The keys of the car were given to the winner at a grand function attended my several officials and owners of the company.

Addressing the gathering, sales officer Ashish Dwivedi said today the products of Goldiee had become prominent names and adorned the kitchens of every segment of society and this was more



Shubham Goldiee Masale Pvt Ltd organised the lucky draw scheme 'Goldiee Ayen, risthte banayen' on Saturday

because the organisation always offered quality products to its customers.

He said the brand was making deep inroads in Lucknow and had recently launched its products like masale, papad, hing, achar, tea

and several other products.

He said recently the organisation had launched Goldiee One-to-One noodles which cost ₹ 5 for a small pack and ₹ 10 for the big pack and was available easily in every shop.

He said the company was

in the process of introducing another scheme — Hum Sab Ek Hai Uphar Yojana — and said the products had received enthusiastic response.

He said the organisation was expanding its business and products in another 22 states of the country. He said the products of the organisation were now seen in Big Bazar, Metro Cash-Carry, Vishal Mega Mart, Easy Day, V-Meet, Family Bazar and many more prestigious business centres.

He said of late the organisation had started exporting its product to a few prominent countries as well.

Prominent among those present on the occasion included Balwant Yadav, Sunil Dixit, Krishna and several others.



# Ayurvedic drugs cured Covid-19 in 6 days: AIIA

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Doctors from Delhi-based All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) under the Union Ayush Ministry have found that immunity enhancer herbal drugs like Fifatrol and Ayush kwatha not only improved the health of a coronavirus-infected patient but also turned the virus negative in just six days of treatment.

They asserted that the present case study proves efficacy of Ayurveda interventions in mild-to-moderate case of Covid-19 infection in a very short period with complete regression of the symptoms given that at present there is no specific cure for the disease.

The case report has been published in the Journal of Ayurved Case Report, a quarterly journal of the AIIA. According to the report, the 30 year old patient, a male health workers was admitted with clinical symptoms such as severe fever and headache, fatigue, pain in eyes and loss of

appetite, smell and taste, all symptoms of Covid-19..

The patient was given Ayush Kwatha, Seshmani Vati and Lakshmi Vilasa rasa also besides Fifatrol, an immune enhancer tablets developed by Delhi-based AIIA Pharma. In fact, Fifatrol has found a mention among around 200 technologies and research activities evaluated by experts in a recently released 'Compendium of Indian Technologies for Combating COVID-19 (Tracing, Testing & Treating)', compiled by National Research Development Corporation.

From the day one of admission, the patient was given tablets of Fifatrol and other ayurvedic formulations Ayush Kwath, Seshmani Vati and Lakshmi Vilasa rasa. The patient recovered well and was discharged within six days after he was found Covid-19 negative.

The lead author of the report, Dr Sishir Kumar Mandal from the AIIA says that

the present case study proves efficacy of Ayurveda interventions in mild-to-moderate case of Covid-19 infection in a very short period with complete regression of the symptoms.

"The treatment was personalized, holistic, and purely based on Ayurvedic principles, and no conventional medicines were used. With this case study, it can be inferred that Ayurveda has vast potential to address the Covid-19 and such other pandemics; a large sample-sized, multicenter randomized and controlled clinical studies are the need of the hour," he said.

The evidence-based case showcasing successful management of the Covid-19 in ayush sector shows that the dimensions of the pandemic require an urgent harnessing of all knowledge systems as therapeutic strategy available globally as so far, no cure specific to coronavirus has been developed either in modern western medicine or in traditional medicines, said an official from the Ayush Ministry.

# Prez, PM recall Sardar Patel's 'iron-willed leadership'

**New Delhi:** India on Saturday observed 'National Unity Day' to commemorate the 145th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, with the President, the Prime Minister and a host of other dignitaries recalling his "iron-willed leadership and patriotism" and paying rich tributes to him.

A series of events were held across the country to mark the day and government officials, security personnel and others took a pledge "to preserve the unity, integrity and security of the nation and also strive hard to spread this message".

President Ram Nath Kovind, Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah paid floral tributes to Patel, the first deputy prime minister and home minister who is credited with unifying the country post Independence.

While the PM offered flowers at the 'Statue of Unity' monument in Kevadiya in Gujarat, the others paid tributes at his statue located at Patel Chowk in Delhi.

On the occasion, Prime



President Ram Nath Kovind, Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu and Home Minister Amit Shah arrive to pay homage to India's first Home Minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his 145th birth anniversary, at Patel Chowk in New Delhi on Saturday PTI

Minister Modi also launched a seaplane service between the Statue of Unity and Sabarmati Riverfront in Ahmedabad.

He also addressed probationary civil servants and said Sardar Patel used to call bureaucrats the 'steel frame'.

"The role of a steel frame is not just to support the system, but also to remind the country that they will fulfil the respon-

sibility of taking the country forward successfully amid big crisis and difficulties like a facilitator," Modi said.

"I would also request that whatever decision a civil servant takes should be in the national interest and aimed at strengthening the unity and sovereignty of the country and keeping India's constitutional spirit high," the prime minister

said.

In a social media post, Vice President Naidu said his fervent wish was to make every child familiar with the life and contribution of Patel. Similarly every civil servant must read his speeches and every politician must imbibe Patel's great qualities like integrity, firmness and keeping people's interest at heart, he said.

"His love for motherland, leadership qualities, simplicity, honesty, integrity, down-to-earth nature, pragmatic approach to resolving knotty problems, earthly wisdom, discipline, and organising skills will always remain an inspiration for every Indian," he said.

Naidu recalled that Patel earned the reputation of 'Iron Man' because of the manner in which he brought about and maintained internal stability as the home minister in the wake of the Partition.

In a series of tweets in Hindi, Shah said the country's first home minister is an epitome of national unity and lives in the heart of every Indian.

He said Sardar Patel unit-

ed the nation post Independence, which was scattered in hundreds of princely states, and laid the foundation of today's strong India.

"The country can never forget his great contribution, decisive leadership and unparalleled commitment towards the motherland," he said.

The home minister also said that from uniting India to reconstruction of the Somnath Temple, Sardar Patel devoted each and every moment of his life, for the unity and integration of the country.

"Iron willed leadership, devotion and patriotism of Sardar Patel ji will continue to guide us.

"On behalf of a grateful nation, I pay my respects to Sardar Patel, a great patriot and Iron Man of India," he said. Later, Shah also administered the "National Unity Day" pledge to government officials, security personnel and others. "I solemnly pledge that I dedicate myself to preserve the unity, integrity and security of the nation and also strive hard to spread this message among my fellow countrymen. **PTI**

# Raj Govt introduces 3 Bills to negate Union farm laws

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Days after the Congress-led Punjab Legislative Assembly passed four bills to counter the Centre's controversial farm laws, the Ashok Gehlot Government in Rajasthan on Saturday followed suit and introduced three bills to negate the central acts.

Apart from a few other amendments in the bills, three new sections have been added as special provisions for Rajasthan, providing for punishment for harassment of farmers and powers to the state government to give directions. The bill proposes punishment of imprisonment from three to seven years with or without a fine of Rs five lakh if any person, company or corporate house or any other asso-

ciation or body of persons harasses farmers.

On the first day of the assembly session, Rajasthan's Parliamentary Affairs Minister Shanti Dhariwal introduced the Essential Commodities (Special Provisions and Rajasthan Amendment) Bill 2020, the Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services (Rajasthan Amendment) Bill, has a specific provision to safeguard Minimum Support Price and seeks punishment for harassment of farmers and powers for the State government to give directions. The Bill proposes punishment of imprisonment from three to seven years with or without a fine of Rs 5 lakh if any person, company or corporate house or any other associ-

ation or body of persons harasses farmers. The Congress leadership has suggested that states where it is in power should pass laws of their own to counter the

imprisonment of three to seven years for harassment of farmers, have been included in the bills. The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services (Rajasthan Amendment) Bill, has a specific provision to safeguard Minimum Support Price and seeks punishment for harassment of farmers and powers for the State government to give directions. The Bill proposes punishment of imprisonment from three to seven years with or without a fine of Rs 5 lakh if any person, company or corporate house or any other association or body of persons harasses farmers. The Congress leadership has suggested that states where it is in power should pass laws of their own to counter the

central legislations that had triggered farmers' protests in several parts of the country.

In the Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services (Rajasthan Amendment) Bill, a provision states, "Provided further that no Farming Agreement for the sale or purchase of a crop shall be valid unless the price paid for such agricultural produce is equal to, or greater than, the prevailing Minimum Support Prices, announced by the Central Government for that crop."

"There has been extraordinary outrage amongst the farmers, farm labourers and all others engaged in incidental and ancillary agricultural activities. Since the direct consequences of the Central Act would be to nul-

lify the minimum support price mechanism that has stood the test of time and introduce several other infirmities and distortions operating to the grave detriment and prejudice of agriculture and the communities associated with it," the statement of the bill said.

"The Parliament has also introduced a mechanism for production, trade and commerce in agricultural produce through this Central Act, that is vulnerable to encroachment and manipulation by vested corporate interests through provisions such as contract farming minus a guarantee of minimum support price and leaving the farmer open to the vagaries of market forces for getting a remunerative price for agricultural produce, fruits and veg-

etables. No check has been provided against exploitation of farmers," it said.

In the Farmers Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation and Rajasthan Amendment) Bill, one of the proposed amendments pertains to regulation of notified agriculture produce, which says that the state government may notify a Fee/Cess/Cesses/Charges on notified agricultural produce, brought or bought or sold, by a corporate or trader for trade and commerce in a trade area.

After the House was adjourned, deputy leader of opposition Rajendra Rathore told reporters that the BJP will oppose the bills and will prove during the debate on Monday that the central laws are in favour of farmers.

# NMC issues list of requirements to set up new medical colleges

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In its first major regulation since it was constituted recently, the National Medical Commission (NMC) has come out with a detailed list of requirements needed for setting a new medical college and also for those existing ones --which plan to increase their intake. A notification has been issued by the Union Health Ministry in this regard which will be applicable to medical colleges being established from the 2021-22 academic session. During the transitional period, the established medical colleges will be governed by the relevant regulations existing prior to the current notification.

"The new standards have been defined keeping the functional requirements of the institution(s). These allow optimization and flexibility in utilizing available resources, and harnessing modern educational technology tools to facilitate moving towards quality education, even when resources are relatively scarce," said the notification titled as "Minimum Requirements For Annual MBBS Admissions Regulations (2020).

# ED raids premises of Ahmedabad-based firms in Ardor Group bank fraud case

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) carried out searches at six residential/office premises of an Ahmedabad-based consultancy firms/builder group, True Value Group and Vipul & Manish Associates, in connection with the bank fraud case of Ardor Group of Companies.

The searches were launched against these firms on Thursday and continued till Friday. This resulted in seizure of huge cash in Indian currency worth Rs 5.99 crore and foreign currency along with various incriminating documents, the ED said in a statement here on Saturday.

The ED initiated investi-

gation under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) on the basis of six FIRs registered by the CBI, Anti-Corruption Branch, Gandhinagar and an FIR by CBI, Bank Security and Fraud Cell (BS&FC), Mumbai under sections Indian Penal Code Sections relating to criminal conspiracy and cheating besides provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

The Ardor Group of Companies and its Directors, in alleged connivance with unknown Bank officials, had cheated and caused wrongful loss to the consortium of Banks amounting to Rs 488 crore.

"Investigation conducted so far under PMLA resulted into identification of assets

totaling to Rs 204.27 crore. These assets being the part of proceeds of crime have been provisionally attached under PMLA," the agency said.

Investigation also revealed that Vipul & Manish Associates and True Value Management Consultant Pvt. Ltd. floated numerous dummy companies and made their relative and associate persons directors of these companies to do circular trading with purpose to inflate books of accounts of Ardor Group Companies to facilitate them to obtain huge funds from consortium of banks which later became non-performing asset (NPA), it further said, adding further investigation is under progress.

# Mini strokes a wake-up call for major stroke: Experts

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Many of the mini or minor strokes can lead to a major stroke in the first month itself, neurologists have warned and cautioned that it should serve as a wake-up call.

Nearly 30 per cent of stroke victims usually have previously experienced mini-stroke which is medically known as transient ischemic attacks (TIA).

"Since the symptoms of mini-stroke go away completely - sometimes very quickly - mostly patients and relatives heave the sigh of relief thinking that everything is safe. But, it should be seen as an important warning sign as a mini-stroke or TIA could be a strong indication that a more severe stroke is on the way," said Dr Rajinder K Dhamija, head of the neurology department at

the Lady Hardinge Hospital in Delhi.

Hence, immediate treatment of TIA and evaluation to find out mechanisms causing these TIA's is important, he said.

A brain stroke happens when an artery in the brain or neck gets blocked or bleeds, as it causes disruption or cessation of the blood supply to the brain. The clot or blockage obstructs blood and oxygen from reaching the brain's tissues.

Worldwide stroke is a leading cause of death and disability, despite the fact that up to 80 percent of strokes are preventable. One in four people experiences a stroke during their lifetime.

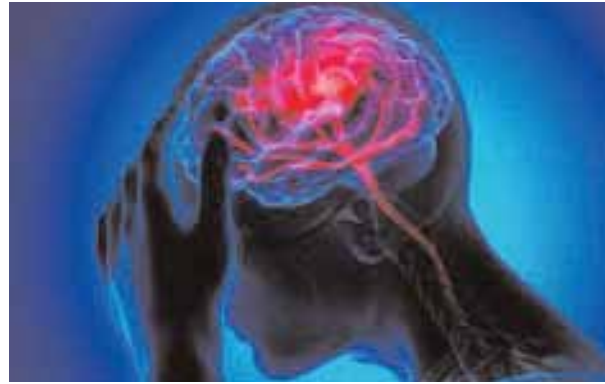
TIA symptoms include weakness or numbness of the face, arm, or leg on one side of the body, slurred speech, and

## How to minimize your stroke risk

- Be physically active
- Consume a healthy diet
- Limit sodium intake;
- Quit smoking and limit alcohol consumption
- Control cholesterol levels
- Control blood pressure ;
- Manage underlying health conditions
- Be aggressive about treating a transient ischemic attack (TIA, or mini-stroke)

sudden difficulty talking. A sudden severe headache, loss of vision, and a loss of balance could also indicate a minor stroke.

Unlike a stroke, which can make the symptoms permanent, symptoms of a mini-stroke go away completely after a short period, say from min-



utes to an hour with no lasting damage.

In western countries, TIA clinics have been set up to handle such cases, said Dr Dhamija even as he shared that in Indians and Asians, usually there is blockage of intracranial vessels inside the brain causing brain attack or stroke whereas in Caucasians, a blockage is

more common in carotid arteries which lie in the neck and supply blood and nutrients to the brain.

Brain attacks aka strokes can be prevented through lifestyle changes and proper management of chronic conditions like Diabetes, Hypertension and increased Cholesterol.

# NAFED invites bid for supply of 15,000 tonnes onions by Nov 20

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Cooperative Nafed on Saturday invited bids from importers for supply of 15,000 tonnes of red onions by November 20 in order to boost the domestic availability and check price rise. The cooperative has asked bidders to supply 40 to 60 mm size of red onions from any country of origin at Rs 50 per kg by November 20. They can bid for a minimum quantity of 2,000 tonnes to be supplied in multiple lots of 500 tonnes, it said.

The bidding will close on November 4 and received bids will be opened on the same day. The shipments are to be delivered at Jawaharlal Nehru Port and Kandla ports, it added. "We have floated tenders for supply of 15,000 tonnes of imported red onions. This will help increase the domestic supply situation," Nafed Additional Managing Director S K Singh said.

The bids will be evaluated based on volumes, quality and early date of shipment. Bidders have to supply fresh, well dried and cured onions, he added. Since the buffer stock of onion, which Nafed manages on behalf of the government, is



gradually getting depleted, the cooperative has been asked to augment domestic supplies with imported onions to continue with ongoing market intervention.

Last year, Nafed had not only imported on its own some quantities but also distributed onions imported by state-run MMTC. This year, it wants to get the supplies from importers so that shipments could arrive fast and improve the domestic supply situation. Even the size of onion Nafed has specified for supply is what Indians normally consume. Last year, big size onions were imported but there were hardly any takers for that.

So far, Nafed has offloaded around 37,000 tonnes of onion from the buffer stock of near-

ly 1 lakh tonnes in select mandis and retail markets so that to check retail prices which have skyrocketed to over Rs 80 per kg in some parts of the country due to damage to the kharif crop in the wake of heavy rains in the key growing states.

On October 30, Commerce and Consumer Affairs Minister Piyush Goyal had said that private traders have already imported 7,000 tonnes of onion and another 25,000 tonnes are expected to arrive before Diwali.

The government hopes that the several measures taken recently including ban on export of onion and stock limits on traders will help ease pressure on prices during the festival period.

# UP Govt approves proposal to reduce Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary area to half

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Standing Committee of the National Board of Wildlife (NBWL) of the Union Environment Ministry has approved the long-pending proposal of the Uttar Pradesh Government to reduce Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary area to half from 2,073 square kilometer (Sq Km) noting that the area has several towns and agriculture fields which need to be excluded from the protection zone.

The NBWL in a meeting held recently after giving nod, also asked the Yogi Government to notify the new area within next 30 days.

The move followed an order from the National Green Tribunal (NGT) which in February 2020 hearing a petition had directed the Centre and the UP Government to ensure that the proposal for rationalization of the boundaries of Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary is completed as early as possible.

The Uttar Pradesh Government had entrusted Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun, under the Union Government for the assessment of wildlife habitats with special focus on swamp deer in Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary.

The WII gave go ahead for reduction in area, noting that there

were many areas as big as towns, like Chandpur in Bijnor, large part of Amroha etc, which are part of the sanctuary. Other areas have also witnessed intense human activity, including agricultural fields. "All such areas have been excluded in the proposal and we have recommended the inclusion of 187.62 sq km near the northern boundaries of the sanctuary which is frequented by swamp deer, for which, the sanctuary was made in the first place," said the WII.

The Chief Wild Life Warden of the UP Government informed that after rationalization, the area of the sanctuary would be reduced to 1094.9 sq.km. "The State Government would take action for addition of 187.62 sq. km to the sanctuary or notify as Eco Sensitive Zone (ESZ)," said the Standing Committee of the NBWL.

Gaurav Bansal, petitioner in the case who had been fighting for the notification of the sanctuary for the last four years was of the opinion that in present form, the sanctuary was quite "haphazard with too much of human interference.

Over the decades, the interference has only expanded bringing man-animal conflict to the fore. With the rationalisation of the area, the sanctuary will be more protected now."

# Amit Shah to hold BJP organisational meetings during two-day Bengal visit

**Kolkata:** Union Home Minister Amit Shah Will hold organisational meetings with BJP activists in Bankura and Kolkata during his two-day visit to West Bengal from November 5, a senior party leader said on Saturday.

A preparatory meeting was organised by the state BJP in the evening, party sources said. "Amit Shah Ji will arrive at Andal airport in Paschim Bardhaman district on the night of November 4. He will visit Bankura the next day and hold an organisational meeting with BJP leaders of the two Medinipur districts, Birbhum, Purulia and Bankura.

"He will visit Kolkata on November 6 and hold a meeting with the state leaders," West Bengal BJP chief Dilip Ghosh said.

There is a proposal of Shah holding a press conference in Kolkata but nothing has been finalised yet, party sources said.

Asked whether Shah's visit is purely organisational or he will look into the allegations of worsening law and order situation in West Bengal, state BJP general secretary Sayantan Basu said they will take up the matter of political killings with him.

"It was during Amit Shah Ji's tenure as the BJP chief that we have tasted so much success in West Bengal. He is now the Union home minister. Every day, our party workers are getting killed. We will take up the matter of political killings with him," Basu said. Shah, along with BJP

national general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya, vice-president Mukul Roy and state chief Dilip Ghosh, will interact with booth and district-level leaders, sources said.

This will be Shah's first visit to the state since the COVID-19 outbreak. He had visited the state on March 1.

The home minister's visit next week assumes significance with Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar criticising the "worsening" law and order situation in the state.

State BJP leaders have also been demanding the imposition of President's Rule, citing "breakdown of the rule of law".

Dhankhar had on Thursday met Shah in New Delhi and discussed the "state of affairs" in West Bengal. Shah's visit comes just days after the party's state unit witnessed a major organisational change, as general secretary (organisation) Subrata Chattopadhyay was removed and his deputy Amitava Chakraborty was elevated to the post by the central leadership. After having a limited presence in the politically polarised state for decades, the BJP emerged as the main rival of the ruling Trinamool Congress, winning 18 of the 42 Lok Sabha seats in West Bengal in the 2019 general election.

With the BJP's strength increasing manifold in the state in the last few years, where it has never been in power, party leaders have exuded confidence that the party will end Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's 10-year rule in the assembly elections. **PTI**



# PM starts seaplane service Boards 1st flight to Sabarmati

**Kevadiya (Gujarat):** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday inaugurated the country's first seaplane service in Gujarat and undertook a journey on its inaugural flight from Sardar Sarovar in Kevadia to the Sabarmati riverfront in Ahmedabad.

The 45-minute seaplane service -- launched on the 145th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel -- connects the Statue of Unity at Kevadia with the Sabarmati riverfront 200 km away. The seaplane service was started by SpiceJet aviation company.

Modi also inaugurated a Water Aerodrome on the Sabarmati Riverfront in

Ahmedabad. It is a part of a series of Water Aerodromes planned to bring the last-mile connectivity in the country.

Earlier, during his address on Sardar Patel's birth anniversary, Modi said: "Today, seaplane service from the Sardar Sarovar to Sabarmati riverfront is also going to be launched. To see the Statue of Unity, the countrymen will now also have the option of seaplane service. All these efforts are going to give a big boost to tourism in this area."

The seaplanes with their ability to land and take-off from water surface help connect geographies or regions that otherwise are a challenge

owing to tough topography and help bring the remotest parts of India into the mainstream aviation network without the high cost incurred on building airports and runways.

These smaller fixed-wing airplanes can land on lakes, and dams, and even gravel and grass, thus offering easy access to numerous tourist spots.

The service will be provided incentives and benefits under the central government's 'Udaan' scheme, which is getting implemented as per a tripartite agreement between the Gujarat government, the Ministry of Civil Aviation, and the Airports Authority of India.

# Bihar Dy CM Sushil Modi slammed for campaigning despite being Covid +ve

**Patna:** Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Kumar Modi has landed in a controversy after it emerged he was involved in election campaigning despite testing Covid positive 9 days ago.

Modi was involved in road show in Danapur in favour of the BJP candidate on Friday evening and he is also campaigning in Peerpaiti, Bhagalpur, Bakhtiyarpur-Khusrupur and Fatuha in Patna district on Saturday.

Modi tested Covid positive on October 22 and was admitted in Patna AIIMS. As per Covid norms of health department any person found infected should undergo isolation for 14 days.

RJD leader and state spokesperson Chitranjan Gagan countered Sushil Kumar Modi and said: "Was he really infected with coronavirus or he was admitted in hospital to gain sympathy of voters? BJP leaders are one by one

infected with coronavirus."

"As he claims that he was having coronavirus and hospitalised in Patna AIIMS. The doctors have asked him to under go home quarantine for 14 days. Why he is doing election campaign and spreading the virus to others? Who gives him freedom to roam in public and put others' lives in danger?" Gagan said.

Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) went a step ahead and alleged that the BJP-led NDA government is responsible for "murder" of devotees of Durga and its leaders are spreading coronavirus to "kill" common people.

"This is bizarre to know that a person at a responsible post is involved in spreading coronavirus in public. Sushil Modi doesn't care about common people. His irresponsible act is completely unacceptable. He himself declared that he had tested Corona pos-

itive. NCP urges the Election Commission to take cognisance in this matter and initiate immediate action against him," said Sudip Pandey, Bhojpuri super star and NCP general secretary of Mumbai Mahanagar.

"He is a Deputy CM of Bihar and if he falls ill during campaign, he will get best medical facilities. But what about common people who may get infected after coming in contact with him? Everyone knows the kind of medical facilities available for common people," Pandey said.

During lockdown, the NDA government where he is holding Deputy CM's post had refused migrant labourers to enter into the territories of Bihar. On that occasion, he along with other NDA leaders were apprehensive about Covid-19 virus spreading in Bihar if they would allow them to enter inside," he alleged. **IANS**

# Covid: 455 test positive, 864 recover in J&K

**Srinagar:** A total of 455 people on Saturday tested Covid-19 positive in Jammu and Kashmir while 864 others were discharged from various hospitals after recovery, officials said.

A statement by the Information and Public Relations Department said that out of 455 who tested positive on Saturday, 161 are from Jammu division and 294 are from Kashmir division. So far, 94,785 have been infected with coronavirus in Jammu and Kashmir out of which 86,888 have completely recovered.

Besides, 1,478 have been killed by the dreaded virus so far including 7 patients who succumbed on Saturday. The number of active cases is 6,419 out of which 1,860 are from Jammu division while 4,559 are from Kashmir division. **IANS**

# Kerala Sports Council complicit in gold scam: BJP

**KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI**

The gold smuggling case that rocked Kerala politics took a new course on Saturday with K Surendran, BJP state chief, alleging that the Kerala Sports Council, an organisation under the department of youth and sports affairs, was acting as a conduit for gold smuggling activities. He shocked the film fraternity in the State with the allegation that a CPI(M) led drug cartel was deciding the day-to-day affairs of the film sector.

"Official vehicles belonging to the Kerala Sports Council had been used to ferry smuggled gold from Thiruvananthapuram airport to various places in the

State. A car belonging to the KSC had transported smuggled materials from Kerala to Karnataka. The KSC car had gone to Bangalore from Thiruvananthapuram on July 5 when the smuggling was reported to have taken place," said Surendran.

He said both Mercy Kuttan, president of KSC and her personal assistant were appointed by the CPI(M). "Both these are political appointments and a thorough probe should be ordered by the central agencies into the affairs of KSC," said surendran.

The BJP leader said Bineesh Kodyeri, son of CPI(M) secretary Kosiyeeri Balakrishnan, has major

stakes in Kerala Cricket Association. Bineesh owns two cricket clubs in Thalassery, the cradle of Kerala cricket and wields influence in the functioning of the sports body.

The woes of the CPI(M) aggravated further on Saturday as Manu Manoj, a party local leader in Idukki was arrested in connection with the suicide of a 16-year-old-girl in the district. The Dalit teenager who has been molested and abused by Manot much against her wish set herself ablaze last week and was admitted to a hospital with 65 per cent burns. She said in her death statement that it was because of Manoj's torturing that she took the extreme measure.

# CPM alleges agencies misused for silencing Opp, attacks Centre

**KOCHI:** A day after it was taken aback by the Enforcement Directorate arrested M Sivsankar, the former principal secretary of Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on charges of gold smuggling and money laundering and Bineesh Kodyeri, son of party strongman Kosiyeeri Balakrishnan, allegedly for financing narcotics trafficking, the CPI(M) launched an all out attack against the Centre for misusing its investigative agencies for silencing the opposition.

S Ramachandran Pillai, polit bureau member of the party, told media persons that Bineesh Kodyeri was being victimised by the BJP-led Government at the Centre. "Bineesh Kodyeri is innocent and the central agencies are tormenting him as part of political vendetta. Bineesh is a nice young youth and the CPI(M) does not have any ties with him. He is the son of Kodyeri Balakrishnan and the party would in no way come to the aid of Bineesh. He himself will prove his innocence," said Pillai, one of the fron-

trunners for the chief minister's post in the eventuality of Vijayan's tenure is cut short.

Pillai blasted the Central investigating agencies to leak out reports damning the CPI(M) leaders and the Kerala Government." This is being done to appease their political masters and this is unheard of in the history of the country," said Pillai.

MA Baby, polit bureau member, said the arrests of Sivsankar and Bineesh reflect the fear in the minds of the RSS and BJP leadership about the success of the opposition parties under the patronage of the Left forces in the upcoming elections including that of Bihar. "The dreams of the RSS and the BJP to have a Communist-free nation is collapsing and that is the reason behind hoisting of fake cases against the CPI(M) leaders and their relations. But the politically mature and intelligent people in the State would see through the ulterior designs of the Sangh Parivar and taught them an apt lesson," Baby told reporters.**PNS**

# J&K Govt tapping potential of youth to accelerate growth

**MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU**

The Jammu & Kashmir Government has now set its eyes on tapping the potential of a 'burgeoning' Army of unemployed youth looking for opportunities to shape their career dreams and contribute in the accelerated growth of the economy.

According to the rough estimates at least 65 percent population is below the age group of 35 in Jammu and Kashmir and over 5 lakh unemployed youth are struggling to earn their livelihood for want of better career opportunities. In comparison to the national average unemployment rate of 13.8%, J&K has a 25% rate, which is almost double the national rate. To address the burning issue a day long workshop on Youth

Engagement and Outreach in Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir was inaugurated by Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha at SKICC on Saturday.

The Workshop was attended by top Industry Heads from Ashok Leyland, ICICI foundation, Bombay Stock Exchange, Universities, IIMs/IITs and Policy Analysts from across the country.

Addressing the gathering of Policy Analysts and Corporate heads of different organisations during the inaugural session of the event, the Lt Governor Manoj Sinha said that the idea behind this Youth Engagement and Outreach workshop is to create institutional mechanisms to empower and groom our youngsters and to make them valuable for J&K as well as the country. He said, "The Youth of J&K will be benefited from the

programme through creation of opportunities in the field of Sports, Livelihood generation, Recreation, Education, Counseling to effectively support and encourage young individuals to shape their future as per their aspirations".

He said, "Kashmir offers abundant raw material for Agro & Food Processing, strategic location which is truly blessed by nature in its abundance, home to handloom and handicraft, responsive governance, minimum government, timely policy reforms & rapid single window clearances and industrial infrastructure".

It also has Strategic advantages which includes-an area Spread over 2 lakh square kilometres with the country's major tourist and spiritual destinations, including Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine, Gulmarg, Patni

Top, Shri Amarnathji Shrine; three perennial rivers Chenab, Jhelum and Ravi; leading producer of - Apple, Walnut, Almond, Saffron; Major producer of - Wool, Figs, Berries; over 57 industrial estates; International airports, 65% of the population in the age group between 15-59 years; over 7 lakh MSME units, over 10.25% of India's total Hydel Power production; Major handloom and handicraft industry with total exports of over 5000 crore over the last 5 years.

We have so much to offer and there is a lot that I expect this group to contribute for accelerated economic growth, the Lt Governor maintained. To fix the lag, we have before us Mission 2025 under which we have to bring opportunities to 80% of our J&K youth, he added.

# Maha deaths drop to 74 on Saturday

**TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI**

The Covid-19 daily death tally plummeted to more than a five months' low of 74 in Maharashtra on Saturday, as the infections dropped further to 5,548 in various parts of the state.

The Covid-19 deaths in Maharashtra went down below the 100 mark for the third time in less than a week and that too after a gap of more than five months. Earlier on October 26, the daily Covid-19 toll had dropped to 84 and two days later on October 28, 91 deaths were reported in the state.

The daily tally of below-100 deaths on three occasions in less than a week should be seen in the context of the fact that the previous low of 97 deaths was witnessed way back on May 26.

With 74 fresh deaths, the

total number of deaths in the state rose from 43,837 to 43,911. Similarly with 5548 fresh infections, the total infected cases jumped from 16,72,858 to 16,78,406.

As 7303 more people were discharged from various hospitals in the state, the number of people discharged from various hospitals after full recovery since the second week of March this year went up to 15,10,353. The recovery rate in the state rose from 89.85 per cent to 89.99 per cent.

Of the 74 deaths reported on Saturday, Mumbai accounted for a maximum of 32 deaths, while there were seven deaths in Pune, 6 in Thane, 4 in Nagpur, 3 each in Solapur, Sangli and Nanded, 2 each in Jalgaon, Akola, Jalna, Yavatmal and Chandrapur and one death each in Palghar, Raigad, Nashik, Parbhani, Beed and

Buldhana.

With 32 deaths, the Covid-19 toll in Mumbai rose from 10,261 to 10,293 while the infected cases shot up by 992 to trigger a jump in the infections from 256,505 to 2,57,497.

Meanwhile, the mortality rate in the state stood at 2.62 per cent. The number of "active cases" in the state dropped from 1,25,418 to 1,23,585.

Pune district, which continued to be the worst-affected city-district in Maharashtra, saw the total number of cases increase from to 3,33,106 to 3,33,962 while the total number of deaths in Pune increased from 6,671 to 6,678.

Thane district remained in the third spot --after Pune and Mumbai -- after the total number of infections rose from 2,22,507 to 2,23,197 while the pandemic toll climbed from 5,331 to 5,337.

# Ganja worth ₹60L seized, two held

**Aligarh:** The Aligarh police have arrested two smugglers after recovering ganja(drug) worth ₹ 60 lakh being transported from Odisha in a truck to Badaun. This success has been achieved during vehicle checking. A secret cabin was built in the truck and 425 kg of ganja were kept in it. The police sent both the smugglers to jail and informed the Badaun police.

# 90-year-old woman gangraped in Tripura

**Agartala:** A 90-year-old woman has been allegedly gang-raped by two men in her house in Tripura, police said on Saturday.

The incident took place at Barhaldi village in Kanchanpur subdivision of North Tripura district on October 24 but her relatives lodged a police complaint on October 29, a senior police officer said.

The two men accused of raping the woman are absconding and a manhunt has been launched to nab them, Superintendent of Police Bhanupada Chakraborty said.

"One of the accused used to call the woman 'grandmother', who was living alone in her house. On the night of the incident, he and another man broke into the house and raped the elderly woman," the officer said. The woman had fallen ill after the incident but she did not inform the police. When her relatives came to know of the incident, they lodged the complaint five days later, he said. **PTI**

# ED arrests Sai Chandrasekhar under PMLA in bank loan fraud

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has arrested one Sai Chandrasekhar for his involvement in a money laundering case along with Vikram Awasty, Vinod Sirohi of KPMG India Pvt Ltd and others for cheating Hassad Netherlands BV to the tune of Rs 750 crore.

The accused was produced before a special court here. The court granted seven days remand for his custodial interrogation. Earlier, searches were conducted at the residential and office premises of Sai Chandrasekhar on October 23 this year.

The ED had initiated investigation under Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) against Virkaran Awasty, Vinod Sirohi, KPMG India Pvt. Ltd. and others based on FIR registered by Economic Offence Wing, Delhi Police under various Indian Penal Code sections criminal conspiracy, cheating and criminal breach of trust following a complaint from Hassad Netherlands BV. The EOW had consequently filed charge sheet in the case.

Hassad Netherlands BV, a subsidiary of Hassad Food Company, was allegedly induced by Virkaran Awasty and Ritika Awasty, Directors of Bush Foods Overseas Pvt. Ltd.

to part with funds amounting to USD 120 million (approximately Rs. 750 crore) by misrepresenting the level of stocks/inventory, the ED said.

On the basis of such misrepresentations the accused persons induced Hassad Netherlands BV to provide corporate guarantee for the outstanding amount of Rs 714 crore of credit facilities availed from consortium of banks. Credit facilities were availed by Bush Foods Overseas Pvt. Ltd. on the basis of non-existent stocks/inventory.

"Investigation under PMLA revealed that Virkaran Awasty along with other directors created bogus stocks by inflating the inventory and fabricating financial statements of the company. Bulk transactions of sales and purchases were generated in order that Bush Foods could record increased turnover, profit margins and additional stock by generating approximately equal value of sales and purchases in a year. Artificial profit and artificial stock in the book value of inventory was recorded in the books by showing these bulk sales as domestic sales," the agency said. Accused Sai Chandrasekhar was an employee of Hassad Foods Company and was part of team which evaluated the transactions

# Andhra schools to reopen on Monday, only 16 students per classroom

**Amaravati:** With schools in Andhra Pradesh set to reopen from Monday for students of Classes 9 and 10, the Andhra Pradesh Government has once again emphasised that all health precautions and protocols will be followed, including seating of only 16 students per classroom.

Allowing limited number of students in each classroom is aimed at maintaining all social distancing norms, it said. The 2020-21 academic year has since been extended to April 30

to ensure 180 working days.

School Education Commissioner V Chinna Veerabhadru said that state schools will reopen in phases for different classes.

Class IX and X students will be physically present in classrooms from Monday onwards in afternoon hours on alternate days of the week.

For students of Classes VI to VIII, schools will reopen from November 23. For Classes I to V, physical presence in classrooms will resume from

December 14.

"Wearing masks, washing hands, and maintaining physical distance are mandatory for every student and teacher. Everyday, students will undergo orientation on Covid precautions. Classes will be held from 9.15 am to 1.45 pm, followed by midday meals," said Veerabhadru.

After physical classes in the morning session, online classes will be held for those who could not attend earlier ones. **IANS**

# Mizoram-Assam border row enters 4th day, blockade continues

**Aizawl/Guwahati:** As the blockade on National Highway 306, the lifeline of Mizoram, entered the fourth day on Saturday, the Mizoram Government ferried fuel and cooking gas from neighbouring Manipur and Tripura. The fresh deadlock at its border with Assam has been continuing since Wednesday despite a series of top level meetings, officials said on Saturday.

In Guwahati, Assam Minister and senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader Himanta Biswa Sarma said on Saturday that solving the vexed interstate border disputes of Assam with other northeastern states is top of the agenda for the party.

He said the Central government would take up the issue after the Assam polls that are five to six months away.

Mizoram's Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Minister K. Lalrinliana said that two trucks have been sent to Manipur to bring LPG cylinders and five more oil tankers are being sent to the state.

The department's Director Lahriatualti Ralte said that with the help of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd, similar efforts are on to bring trans-

port fuel and LPG from Tripura.

Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla also held his second meeting, through video conference, with the Chief Secretaries of Assam and Mizoram.

A senior official in Aizawl said on Saturday that Bhalla urged both Assam Chief Secretary Kumar Sanjay Krishna and his Mizoram counterpart Lalnunmawia Chuauango to take steps to withdraw security personnel from the inter-state border.

While the Assam Chief Secretary said that he has instructed Cachar Deputy Commissioner (DC) Keerthi Jalli to ensure that the blockade is lifted, the Mizoram Chief Secretary informed that a few policemen deployed along the border would not be withdrawn till people on the Assam side stopped the activities that could "harm public harmony and create panic".

The inter-state border trouble resurfaced after a fortnight on Wednesday along Assam's Cachar and Karimganj districts, which share mountainous borders with two Mizoram districts Mamit and Kolasib.

The DCs of Karimganj and Mamit districts and Cachar and

Kolasib districts were to hold separate meetings in Assam on Saturday but the first meeting that was held proved to be inconclusive, while the Kolasib DC did not turn up for the meeting.

Karimganj DC Anbamuthan M.P. after the meeting said that Mamit DC Lalrozama categorically told the meeting that they would not withdraw their forces from Assam.

Due to the National Highway 306 blockade at Lailapur (in Cachar district), around 200 Mizoram bound goods-laden vehicles are stuck while around 100 Assam bound vehicles from Mizoram returned to the state.

Also, the agitators in southern Assam refused to call off their blockade - now into its fourth day - of National Highway 306, seeking withdrawal of security personnel from Assam's territory.

Mizoram Home Minister Lalchamlia said that his government would not withdraw its forces from the state border with Assam till normalcy returns. Lalchamlia's announcement came nine days after senior officials of the two neighbouring states held a series of meetings and the Mizoram government officials, according to the Assam

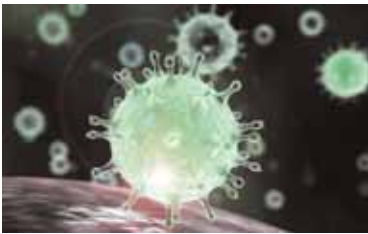
government, reportedly agreed to withdraw their forces gradually from Assam's territory.

Assam's Additional Director General of Police, Law and Order, Gyanendra Pratap Singh, who had reached southern Assam, held a series of meetings to normalise the situation.

Festering since October 9, the situation along the 164.6-km Assam-Mizoram border took an ugly turn when around 20 shops and houses were burnt and over 50 people sustained injuries in the attacks and counter-attacks by people on either side on October 17. Before the current standoff Union Home Ministry Joint Secretary (North East), Satyendra Kumar Garg had visited southern Assam and Mizoram earlier this month and held meetings with the Home Secretaries of Assam and Mizoram where it was agreed that both sides will maintain the status quo and hold regular talks to prevent any untoward incident.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah also spoke to Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and Mizoram Chief Minister Zoramthanga several times to normalise the situation. **IANS**

# 1,445 new corona cases in Telangana, recoveries outnumber infections



**Hyderabad:** Telangana registered 1,445 more coronavirus cases, taking its overall tally to 2.38 lakh, while 1,486 more COVID-19 patients recovered, officials said on Saturday.

Hyderabad accounted for highest 286 infections reported in the past 24 hours, followed by Medchal Malkajigiri district 122, Rangareddy 107, Nalgonda 102, Bhadradri Kothagudem 90, Khammam 77, Karimnagar 65, Warangal Urban 53, Siddipet 43, Jagtial 35, Mehboobnagar 26, Sangareddy 27, and Rajanna Sircilla 26.

Six more COVID-19 patients died in the southern state, raising its death toll to 1,336. Telangana's Covid-19 fatality rate now stands at 0.56 per cent compared with India's 1.5 per cent. **IANS**



# Joe betrayed Americans for last 47 years: Trump

**Washington:** US President Donald Trump has accused his rival and Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden of being a corrupt career politician who has done nothing but betray the Americans for the last 47 years.

Trump is known to make unsubstantiated allegations against his rival, often making untrue claims. There is no evidence of Biden ever being tainted by corruption.



Addressing a rally in Rochster in Minnesota on Friday, Trump, 74, said Biden has obsession for power.

“Biden is a grimy, sleazy and corrupt career politician who has done nothing but betrayed you for 47 long years. He will look you in the eyes, and then turn right around and stab you in the back. The only thing he cares about is political power,” Trump said.

A Democratic stronghold, Trump is seeking to wrest Minnesota for the Republicans for decades. He is currently trailing behind Biden with five percentage points.

Making a strong case for his re-election, Trump told his supporters that giving him a decisive victory on November 3 is the only way to defend their dignity.

“There is only one way to defend your family and your country. There is only one way to preserve, protect and defend the American Way of Life: you must show up and vote on November 3,” he said.

“On November 3, vote to defeat Biden and Save American Freedom,” Trump said, alleging that his opponent will continue his 47 years of cruelly betraying African-Americans.

Biden called them super-predators, ripped apart their

communities, and did everything in his power to wipe out the Black middle class, said the president.

Noting that Biden’s plan will delay the COVID-19 vaccine, postpone therapies, crash the economy, and shut down the entire country, Trump asserted that under his plan, the administration will deliver a safe vaccine to the American People in just a few short weeks!

“We will wipe out the China Plague once and for all! A vote for Republicans is a vote for the American Dream, and the party of Abraham Lincoln!” he said.

The US is the worst-affected nation by the coronavirus, with the total number of infections and deaths standing at 9,034,925 and 229,544 respectively, according to Johns Hopkins University.

“Over the next four years, we will make America into the Manufacturing Superpower of the World, and we will end our reliance on China once and for all,” he said. **PTI**

# Biden looks to restore, expand Obama administration policies

**Washington:** Joe Biden is promising to take the country on a very different path from what it has seen over the past four years under President Donald Trump, on issues ranging from the coronavirus and health care to the environment, education and more.

The Democratic presidential nominee is promising to reverse Trump policy moves on things such as withdrawing the US from the Paris climate agreement and weakening protections against environmental pollution. While Trump wants to kill the Affordable Care Act, Biden is proposing to expand “Obamacare” by adding a public option to cover more Americans.

Here’s what we know about what a Biden presidency might look like.

**ECONOMY, TAXES AND THE DEBT**

Biden argues that the economy cannot fully recover until COVID-19 is contained. For the long-term recovery,

the former vice president is pitching sweeping federal action to avoid an extended recession and to address longstanding wealth inequality that disproportionately affects non-white Americans. **AP**

**‘OBAMACARE’ SIGN-UPS BEGIN AS MILLIONS MORE ARE UNINSURED**

**Washington:** Millions of Americans who have lost health insurance in an economy shaken by the coronavirus can sign up for taxpayer-subsidized coverage starting Sunday. It’s not a new COVID relief program from the government but the return of annual sign-up season under the Affordable Care Act, better known as “Obamacare.” Open enrollment runs through December 15. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which runs HealthCare.Gov, says premiums are down slightly on average for 2021 and most people will have at least three insurers from which to pick plans. **AP**

# Indonesian leader condemns France attacks, Macron’s comments

AP ■ JAKARTA

Indonesian President Joko Widodo on Saturday strongly condemned terrorist attacks in Paris and Nice and comments by French President Emmanuel Macron that were deemed offensive toward Islam and the global Muslim community.

Widodo, the leader of the world’s most populous Muslim nation, told a televised news conference from the presidential palace in the capital, Jakarta, that his government strongly condemns the recent vigilantism in France against a teacher who was beheaded near Paris and a knife attack at a church in Nice that killed three people.

Flanked by religious leaders and Cabinet ministers, Widodo also condemned comments made by Macron at an Oct 21 national memorial for the teacher as an insult to Islam. Macron had said that the teacher, Samuel Paty, “was the victim of a conspiracy of stupidity, hate, lies ... Hate of the other ... Hate of what we profoundly are.”

# Unrest erupts in police shooting of Black man near Portland

**Vancouver (US):** Tensions boiled over into unrest following a vigil for a Black man shot and killed by law enforcement in a city near Portland, Oregon, in southwestern Washington state.

Mourners gathered late Friday in Hazel Dell, an unincorporated area of Vancouver, Washington, where family and friends say Kevin E. Peterson Jr., 21, was shot Thursday night. The city is about 12 miles (19 kilometers) north of Portland.

Hundreds of people gathered for the vigil Friday evening, with some holding signs reading, “Honk for Black lives. White silence is violence” and “Scream his name.” Nearby, tensions flared between left- and right-wing protesters. Video recorded by journalists in a parking lot showed two groups of people shouting at each other. Also, some armed demonstrators gathered near a building they told reporters they were protecting.

The crowds ultimately fizzled out near the vigil but a

group of hundreds of protesters later marched through downtown Vancouver. Windows were shattered, flags were burned and federal agents clothed in riot gear surrounded a building — warning people that trespassing on federal property would be subject to arrest.

Family and friends had described Peterson as a former high school football player and the proud father of an infant daughter. **AP**

# Tanzania's Opp demands new election, mass protests

**Dodoma:** Tanzania’s two main opposition parties are calling for a re-run of Wednesday’s election after alleging widespread fraud, and they are urging people into the streets for peaceful protests on Monday.

The joint statement on Saturday by the CHADEMA and ACT Wazalendo parties comes hours after populist President John Magufuli was declared the winner of a second five-year term. The ruling party also secured nearly every seat in parliament, giving it the power to change the country’s constitution.

“What happened on October 28 was not an election but a butchering of democracy,” CHADEMA chair Freeman Mbowe told reporters, asserting that more than 20 people were killed during the vote.

“We demand the election repeated with immediate effect and the dissolving of the national electoral commission.” The opposition has alleged widespread irregularities before and during the vote in the East African nation. **PTI**

# Nagorno-Karabakh fighting: Armenia asks Moscow for help

**Yerevan (Armenia):** Armenia’s leader urged Russia on Saturday to consider providing security assistance to end the fighting over Nagorno-Karabakh, the biggest escalation in the decades-long conflict between his country and Azerbaijan.

Following more than a month of intense fighting in which Azerbaijani troops forged into the separatist territory, Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinian asked Russia’s President Vladimir Putin to quickly discuss possible security aid to his country.

There was no immediate response from the Kremlin.

The request came as Azerbaijani troops forged deeper into Nagorno-Karabakh and both sides accused each of breaking a mutual pledge not to target residential areas hours after it was made.

Russia, which has a military base in Armenia and has signed a pact obliging it to protect its ally in case of foreign aggression, faces a delicate balancing act of trying to maintain good ties with Azerbaijan and avoid a showdown with Turkey. **AP**



Participants march through a street during a pride parade in Taipei, Taiwan on Saturday

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# France attack: Assailant’s family demands answers

**Sfax:** A third suspect is in French custody on Saturday in connection with an Islamic extremist knife attack that killed three people in a Nice church, as the family of the suspected Tunisian assailant demanded to see video footage of what happened.

Investigators in France, Tunisia and Italy are trying to determine the motive of chief suspect Ibrahim Issaoui and whether he acted alone and whether he premeditated Thursday’s attack on the Notre Dame Basilica.

Authorities have labeled the attack, which took place amid growing tensions around cartoons published by a French newspaper mocking the Prophet Muhammad, an act of Islamist

terrorism, Issaoui, who transited through Italy last month en route to France, is in critical condition in a French hospital after being wounded by police as they arrested him.

A 35-year-old man who had met with Issaoui in Nice was arrested overnight, a judicial official said on Saturday. A 47-year-old man who had met with Issaoui the night before the attack was already in custody, bringing the number of detained suspects to three. Their connection to the attack remains unclear. A previously unknown Tunisian extremist group claimed responsibility for the attack, and Tunisian and French authorities are investigating whether the claim is legitimate. **AP**

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### POLITICS ON PULWAMA EXPOSED, SAYS MODI

Against the backdrop of terror attacks in France and criticism being faced by its President Emmanuel Macron over a cartoon row, Modi said it was a matter of concern for the entire world how some people have come out in support of terrorism.

“In the present situation, all the nations, all the governments and people of all the faiths must get united against terrorism. Peace, brotherhood and respect for each other is the identity of humanity. Terrorism and violence is not good for anyone,” he said.

India understands the pain of terror victims very well, as terrorism has taken lives of thousands of Indian soldiers and citizens over the years, the PM added.

Stressing that the world needs to get united against terrorism, Modi also called for fighting all those forces that support it. On the issue of securing borders, Modi said the country’s soldiers now have the capability to give a befitting reply to the enemies.

“Aaj Bharat ki bhoomi par nazar gadane walo to muh tod jawab mil raha hai (Today those eyeing to grab our land are getting a befitting reply),” Modi said without naming China.

“India is building hundreds of kilometers of roads, bridges and tunnels near our borders. The country is committed and well-prepared to protect its honour and sovereignty,” he said.

On the occasion, Modi remembered all those police personnel, who sacrificed their lives while serving the society during the coronavirus outbreak. “When other countries are still struggling, 130 crore citizens of India came together to give a united fight against the pandemic. As a result, India is coming out of the coronavirus outbreak and marching ahead,” he said.

He said Jammu and Kashmir’s “unification” with India completed one year as his government scrapped Article 370 a year ago. Modi said that Sardar Patel would have resolved the Kashmir issue had he been allowed to do so.

“I am fortunate for getting the opportunity to complete the unfinished task of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Now, Kashmir has embarked on its journey of development,” he said, adding that efforts were also being made for bringing peace and prosperity in the north-east region. He said Patel started the “yagya” (mission) of reclaiming India’s cultural heritage by ordering reconstruction ofSonnath temple.

“The country saw the extension of that yagya in Ayodhya. The country witnessed the Supreme Court ruling on Ram temple, and people are now witnessing the construction of a grand Ram Mandir,” he said.

### GOVT TO BRING NEW LAW ON LOVE JIHAD: YOGI

of doing something worthwhile for farmers, these people sold off their sugar mills. “How dare they show their face to you and seek votes,” he asked.

He said the policies of his government and that at the Centre were clear from the day they came to power. “The mantra is development and the ideology is ‘Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas,’” he said, elaborating on how his government succeeded in distribution of free gas connections and electricity to lakhs of households during three-and-a-half years.

The chief minister asserted that his government devoted itself to the welfare of youth, poor, women and farmers without resorting to appeasement because for

the Bharatiya Janata Party, public service was never a political agenda.

He said his government had given employment to about 30 lakh persons, including returnee migrants, and provided jobs to about 3.50 lakh youths in the most transparent manner.

He said the new investment which was coming to the state would generate more employment for the youths.

During his day-long tour, the chief minister also visited Varanasi, the parliamentary constituency of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and reviewed the development works, including the work on Kashi Vishwanath Corridor.

### PROCESS TO BRING RAHUL BACK AS CONG CHIEF ON

mother continues to be the interim chief, though all decisions are being taken by Rahul in coordination with his sibling Priyanka Gandhi Vadra. Priyanka is general secretary in the party.

AICC sources said Rahul’s comeback is being planned ahead of the Assembly election in five States, including Kerala, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal next year.

The party is also expecting to form an alliance Government in Bihar, and if that happened the credit of it could be given to the Gandhi scion, added the source.

At a Congress Working Committee meeting in August, Congress interim president Sonia Gandhi had said a new president would be elected in six months.

The move came after 23 senior party veterans including Ghulam Nabi Azad, Anand Sharma, Kapil Sibal and Shashi Tharoor wrote to her seeking organisational elections and a new leader.

After this crisis, the CWC was also revamped, with multiple new entrants as permanent invitees. These include Digvijay Singh, Meira Kumar, Salman Khurshid, Pramod Tiwari, Pawan Kumar Bansal and Kuljit Nagraa and senior most leader Ghulam Nabi Azad was dropped from the team.

The letter had questioned Rahul Gandhi’s style of functioning following which other leaders such as Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Bhagel, several state Congress chiefs and all Lok Sabha MPs belonging to the party had urged Rahul to take over the reins if Sonia wants to step down. Rahul Gandhi had expressed his displeasure over the letter.

The reshuffle also effected several changes in roles, with the Congress constituting two new bodies, including one to assist Sonia Gandhi in her role as interim chief.

### BJP’S FREE VACCINE PROMISE NO VIOLATION OF MODEL CODE: EC

“The Directive Principles of State Policy enshrined in the Constitution enjoin upon the State to frame various welfare measures for the citizens and therefore there can be no objection to the promise of such welfare in election manifesto,” one of the provisions quoted by the EC said.

Trust of voters should be sought only on those promises which are possible to be fulfilled, the other provision cited by the EC said. “It is stated that the election manifestoes are issued by political parties, candidates in respect of a particular election,” the EC response said.

Gokhale wrote on Twitter on Friday, “ECi shockingly

ignored the fact that the Union Government announced it for a specific State and said action is taken when election atmosphere is vitiated.”

Earlier this month, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had released the BJP manifesto for the Bihar Assembly polls which promised free COVID-19 vaccine once it is cleared by the ICMR. Opposition parties had slammed the BJP for promising free COVID-19 vaccines in its Bihar poll manifesto and demanded action by the Election Commission, while alleging that the ruling party was using the pandemic for political gains. The RJD, the Congress, Shiv Sena, Samajwadi Party and the National Conference all raised questions on the BJP’s poll promise of free vaccine for Bihar, alleging that it is politicising the matter.

### NATH MOVES SC TO REGAIN ‘STAR’

“ECi cannot arbitrarily revoke the name of Petitioner from the list of ‘star campaigners’ when the entire statutory framework of Section 77(1) of Representation of People Act, 1951 does not grant such powers to the ECi,” says the plea.

The poll panel on Friday took note of alleged breach of “ethical and dignified behaviour” and revoked the “star campaigner” status of the Congress leader. While the political party pays for the expenditure of a star campaigner, the candidate pays for the expenditure of other campaigners.

Reacting on the EC’s order, Nath said, “Which post or position this star campaigner has? The EC had not given me any notice, nor had it asked me about . Why they are doing this in the last two days of campaigning only they know.” But the Congress leader defended his use of the word “item”.

“I was in Lok Sabha for so many years. There it is mentioned in the agenda sheet, item number 1, item number 2.. That was on my mind. I did not say it to disrespect anyone,” he said. “Yet, I had said that if someone feels insulted, then I express regret,” the former chief minister added. Nath also claimed that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi did not express disapproval about him in particular after the episode, but only said disrespectful language should not be used against women.

### SEAN CONNERY, ‘ORIGINAL’ BOND, NO MORE

For decades, with actors from Connery to Craig in the leading role, filmgoers have loved the outrageous stunts, vicious villains and likable, roguish hero who enjoyed a life of carousing, fast cars, gadgety weapons, elegant clothes and vodka martinis (always shaken, not stirred).

Connery continued as Bond in “From Russia With Love,” “Goldfinger,” “Thunderball,” “You Only Live Twice” and “Diamonds Are Forever,” often performing his own stunts.

“Diamonds Are Forever” came out in 1971 and by then Connery had grown weary of playing 007 and feared he wasn’t being taken seriously despite his dramatic performances in Alfred Hitchcock’s “Marnie” and Sidney Lumet’s “The Hill.”

“I’d been an actor since I was 25, but the image the press put out was that I just fell into this tuxedo and started mixing vodka martinis,” he once complained.

When he walked away at age 41, Hollywood insiders predicted Connery would soon be washed up. Who would hire a balding, middle-aged actor with a funny accent?

# Delhi sees coldest Oct in 58 years

**New Delhi:** The month of October was the coldest in 58 years in the national Capital, according to India Meteorological Department (IMD) data.

The mean minimum temperature in October this year was 17.2 degrees Celsius, the



lowest since 1962, when it was 16.9 degrees Celsius, the IMD said. Normally, Delhi records a mean minimum temperature of 19.1 degrees Celsius in October.

On Thursday, Delhi recorded a minimum temperature of 12.5 degrees Celsius — the lowest in the month of October in 26 years. The last time Delhi recorded such a low temperature was in 1994.

The national Capital had recorded a low of 12.3 degrees Celsius on October 31, 1994, according to the IMD data.

The normal minimum temperature for this time of the year is 15-16 degrees Celsius, the IMD said.

Kuldeep Srivastava, the head of the IMD’s regional forecasting centre, said the absence of cloud cover is a major reason for such low minimum temperatures this time.

Clouds trap some of the outgoing infrared radiation and radiate it back downward, warming the ground. Another reason is calm winds, which allow formation of mist and fog, Srivastava said.



HOME THEATRE

Shabana Azmi’s talent is wasted here



**KAALI KHUHI**  
**Netflix**  
**\*ing: Shabana Azmi, Sanjeeda Sheikh, Riva Arora, Satyadeep Misra, Leela Samson, Hetvi Bhanushali**  
**Rated: 5/10**

Just because there is a ghost in the movie, it doesn't make it scary. Sadly, most horror films are based on two premises — either the things that go bump in the night are flesh eating ugly as sin, (remember Ramsay Brothers ghosts?), blood dripping creatures or the ghost is just out for revenge. In *Kaali Khuhi*, it is the latter. This means that there are bodies that are falling left, right and centre and nothing else much.

It is another matter that Terrie Samundra, who has written and directed this one, has added a rather sad and horrible reason for this ghost to take revenge — female foeticide. The positives here are the subject of the film, which is

hard-hitting and the atmosphere that Samundra has managed to create — a non-descript village in Punjab, the sprawling fields, the early morning mist, the heavy rains and a well that has non-existent water. All this adds to the creepiness. Beyond this, there is nothing much here that will hold one's interest as the first half will leave one wondering what is happening. It is only after 45 minutes into the film that one will get some clarity which makes one wonder why such a long build up?

Even Shabana Azmi's talents are wasted here. There is nothing much for her to do here but appear to be part scared about what is coming and part trying to appear that all is well in a village that has a horrible practice of throwing newborn girl child into a well. Hence the title *Kaali Khuhi*. Despite this, she is the one who holds the film together.

Overall, a watchable movie.

— Shalini Saksena

Cute, sweet and fun

**HOLIDATE**  
**Netflix**  
**\*ing: Emma Roberts, Luke Bracey, Manish Dayal, Frances Fisher**  
**Rated: 6/10**

Are you the kind of person who loves to watch rom-coms with happily-ever after? If the answer is a resounding yes, then *Holidate* is a movie that is right up your alley even though we know how it is going to end. While there is nothing new that the movie has to offer — a single girl who is heart-broken and the family pushing her to date and parades a slew of eligible men – yet the way the movie progresses, it is sweet, cut and fun to watch even though we as Indians may not subscribe to the concept. Our mothers one the other hand, may have a totally different take on this.

Nothing gets you going like watching a romance film with clear undertones of comic timing even if there are a couple of moments that

will make one cringe or blush given whether one is a prude or is open-minded.

Believe it or not, a romantic movie is definitely what we need in these testing times. *Holidate* will leave the viewer feeling warm and fuzzy however cliched the story may be.

Emma Roberts as Sloane is cute and shines here. However, one didn't have to show the other women around her to be weird or strange. Take an example: Her aunt, a cougar, who will go after any man even the man Sloane's mother has chosen has her intended. But however weird or strange these other women may be, they are fun to watch as they meander through the film. They add the fun element to the movie.

Luke Bracey, Jackson, plays the Hemsworthy charm with aplomb to Roberts' aversion to crowds and dressing up. Together they look cute making this film watchable.

— Shalini Saksena



The horror is in your head



**HIS HOUSE**  
**Netflix**  
**\*ing: Wunmi Mosaku, Sope Dirisu, Matt Smith**  
**Rated: 5.5/10**

Have you ever wondered what would happen if you committed a crime and the evil followed you home and made a home for itself in your head? The result would be devastating and the guilt would eventually eat one alive and kill in the end. *His House* is not your typical horror movie where the ghost goes bump in the night to scare you away. This ghost has an agenda — an eye for an eye — death for death. And it all begins with the couple fleeing from war-torn Sudan and seeking asylum in Britain.

How does one win against the ghost that is in one's head? How does one move forward and live with what one did just so that he and his wife could flee and survive while many

from his village died? These are some of the questions that haunt the house where this couple lives. In that sense is it really the house that is haunted? Is the couple really the 'good people' like the husband keeps repeating so that they can stay in Britain and not be sent back?

*His House* explores all these questions with the haunting and horror explodes around the husband. He does his best to blend in — wears grays, eats with fork and knife instead of hands and insists he is home here in Britain. All the while, the wife wants to go back to Sudan even at the cost of letting the ghost take her husband in exchange for the little girl she lost.

Do the couple manage to overcome their differences? Are they finally at peace with themselves? Has ghost been vanquished? Watch this one.

— Shalini Saksena

TELLY TALE

MANISH KHANNA GOES BALD

Zee TV has presented several successful shows over the past 27 years and won its audience over with out-of-the-box and extraordinary content. Now, yet another compelling narrative is set to take the channel's audience on a trip full of fantasy with the second season of its immensely successful and intriguing show *Brahmarakshas*. Produced by Balaji Telefilms, the show will feature popular television actress Nikki Sharma alongside Pearl V. Puri essaying the lead characters of the show. Featuring alongside them will be the popular TV actor Manish Khanna, who is yet again all set to stun viewers with his impressive dedication towards his work and performance in a new role.

Essaying the character of a *tantric*, Manish is a notable name in the television industry and is known for playing varied positive as well as negative characters across a span of shows. Last seen essaying the negative character of Dushyant in *Kumkum Bhagya*, the actor has once again bagged another grey role, the preparations for which seem to be quite high and intense. Bowing to the needs and demands of his character, Manish decided to spot a clean bald look in order to bring out the best of his role.



Talking about the preparations that went in, the actor said: "My character has an evil shade to it which we felt was very necessary to depict in my appearance. From beards to moustaches to different wigs, we must have tried something like 15-20 looks before I finally decided to just drop the whole extra effort and go completely bald. And that worked very well! In fact, the appearance was much scarier than we imagined, and it perfectly reflects the character. I am quite content with this decision because I believe that adding fake touches to one's look doesn't showcase authenticity. Moreover, I feel they cause a hindrance to my performance as well and currently I am extremely comfortable shooting with this look."

While Manish is all set to once again channel the evilness within him for his new

role, *Brahmarakshas 2* will depict the journey of an ordinary young girl — Kalindi, whose destiny gets entwined with an evil force and a drastic twist of fate has her drawing all her inner strength to combat the wicked Brahmarakshas. Set against the backdrop of Songadh, while the latter garners its strength from kidnapping brides on the day of their wedding and casting a dark spell over the town, Kalindi's only source of strength is her love for her partner, Angad (played by Pearl V. Puri). As she navigates and manoeuvres her way through the world of evil and her own ordinary life, Kalindi finds herself fighting a tough battle to protect the people she truly cares for!

DAYA BEN ON INDIA'S BEST DANCER



Sony Entertainment Television's dance reality show has raised the dance competition quotient high with exceptional dance performances, especially with the finale getting closer. This weekend will be super fun with Taarak Mehta special episode where the whole cast of *Taarak Mehta Ka Ooltah Chashma* will be seen enjoying the performances as well as celebrating 3000 episodes of the show. While Daya Ben was definitely missed, after looking at the performance of Rutuja Junnarkar and choreographer Ashish Patil on the song *Baby Doll*, everyone was surprised with Rutuja's next to real portrayal of Daya Ben! Rutuja Junnarkar who hails from Pune stunned everyone when she performed her act as Daya Ben. Jethalal aka Dilip Joshi was left speechless, he said: "For a second I thought that Disha ji (Daya Ben) was dancing here. The way she entered the stage and danced, it was exactly how Disha Vakhani enacts. From the outfit and small nuances that they kept in mind during their performance, I really believed that Disha ji is performing here".

Asit Kumarr Modi who was so impressed with the performance, said: "*Kya expression hai! Jab expression ke saath dance hota hai to bohut mazza aata hai. Jo garba ke saath saath aapne beech mein alag alag steps kiye hain, jo aksar humari daya Bhabhi karti hain... kuch karte karte alag jagah par beh jaati hain. Main aaj is manch se ek cheez leke jaana chahta hu – aap ye Daya Bhabhi (Rutuja) ko humare*

*show mein de dijiye!*" Amidst huge fanfare and applause, Asit Modi continued: "*Humare Disha Vakani ne jo mehnat ki thi ye kirdaar ke liye, aur aaj bhi hum sab mehsoos kar rahe hain, unki kami humare show mein, toh agar kabhi bhi aisa laga, to main aap se (Rutuja) gujarish karunga... kya lagta hai jetha bhai?*" To which Dilip Joshi was quick to respond: "Full marks! *Chalo ek chota audition le hi lo... mauka bhi hai aur dastoor bhi!*"

Geeta Kapur said: "I was about to ask Ashish after the act why did he not bring Rutuja on the stage as I only saw Daya Bhabhi dancing. Daya's character is very important and strongly played by Disha Vakhani, her body language, the way she brought out her jaw to get into the character, she is not like that but she literally put life into that character. I still love the fact that she has gone to her *maayke* and has not yet come back and till date *aapne unki jagah kisi ko nahi di. Aur agar aap ye offer kar rahe hai Rutuja ko*, then I am very grateful. Rutuja, *aapki mehnat zaroor rang layegi. Yeh mehnat na*, has to pay off some day."

On Asit Kumarr Modi's request, since the entire team has been waiting for an opportunity to see *garba* played by Jethalal and Daya Ben, Rutuja and Dilip Joshi obliged and set the stage on fire with their *garba* performance on *Chogada!*

RAJVEER IS THE NEW NEEL

Zee TV's popular fiction drama, *Qurbaan Hua*, has been entertaining audiences with interesting twists and turns in the life of Neel and Chahat, who have tied the nuptial knot with vested interests arising out of fierce loyalty to their respective families. While Neel wants to get to Chahat's father — Dr Baig, the gynaecologist he holds responsible for his pregnant sister's death, Chahat is convinced she can get to the bottom of the case and clear her father's name by being a part of Neel's family.

In the upcoming episodes of the show, viewers are in for a shocking twist. While Chahat will be seen keeping the *Karwa Chauth* fast for Neel, Neel will meet with an accident in a factory wherein a splash of Lava will burn his face and parts of his body. Everybody will assume that they have lost Neel forever, but audiences will discover that Neel is rescued in the nick of time and having undergone multiple cosmetic surgeries, will emerge as a man of altered appearance. Consequently, actor Rajveer Singh will step into the shoes of Karan Jotwani as Neel.

Ecstatic to join the show as the male lead, Rajveer said: "I am extremely excited, as this is the kind of role I haven't explored before. Taking over a well-established character comes with a fair share of responsibilities and of course the pressure to live up to the image of the character built by the previous actor. Joining an already established show leaves me with enough to research and learn about my character and the dynamics he shares with various other characters. So, I will use that to my advantage and bring a sense of freshness to the character. This is my first project after the lockdown so I am looking forward to my new avatar and I do hope the fans of the show will like and accept me as their new Neel."

‘I was born to be an artist’

EISHA SINGH, who played the lead in the first episode of the new season of *Pyaar Tune Kya Kiya*, speaks with SHALINI SAKSENA about her role, how she got into acting and upcoming projects

■ **What is your role in *Pyaar Tune Kya Kiya*?**

I play Preet a girl who is already engaged. She enjoys life and loves her parents a lot. She is independent in her thinking and wants to fulfill her father's dream of opening franchises of his restaurant across India. That way she is very ambitious.

■ **How is this different from *Zara Siddiqui in Ishq Subhan Allah* on Zee TV?**

The main obvious difference of course is that Zara is from a Muslim family. Preet belongs to a Punjabi family. Zara is all about fighting for Muslim women's rights. Preet is more focused on realising her dad's dream.

■ **What were some of the things that you had to prepare for in *Pyaar Tune Kya Kiya*?**

I am not the kind to prepare for the character in advance. I read the script and go to the sets and go with my instincts on what feels right when I am finally in front of the camera. Also, for Preet, I didn't have much time to prepare. She has these layers that unravel which I learnt as the episode progressed. I had a different perspective on my character. The director and writer have a different one. So, the best thing was not to prep in advance. On the sets, once a scene was explained to me, I would close my eyes and think how she would behave and go with it and built my character

■ **What got you interested in acting?**

It was not one thing. I knew from the very beginning that I would not be able to do a 9 am to 5 pm job. I was born to act. Being an artist, I can live so many personalities. I can play so many professions. I am the tailor of my life. If I am playing Zara or Preet, I am me, Eisha yet I am not. I am playing someone else. I can experiment with different things in my life through my characters. I don't always have to be me. I can do so much more as an actor

■ **Did you think that *Dhaani of Ishq Ka Rang Safed* would become so popular?**

Not at all. I was 16 when I gave the audition for the show. I played a 20-year-old widow in the show and how she dealt with people who continuously targeted her



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because I was a widow. I was not sure whether people would accept me in this role. I too was not convinced whether I would be able to do justice to this role. But luckily for me everything fell into place. People loved Dhaani. I too learnt a lot along the way.

■ **Was it tough to play a widow at such a young age?**

It was extremely tough. I had no idea about the struggles of a widow. My maternal grandmother was a widow but she was in her 70s. I had no clue what young widows go through and how society looks at them and treats them. But when I actually got to play Dhaani did I realise the harsh reality of life and would cry when I would hear the real-life horror stories of these young women who have every right to live a colourful life but the society doesn't let them and puts so many restrictions on them – can't eat certain kinds of food, can't laugh or have dreams and ambitions.

■ **What next?**

I want to know the same. I am not sure where I will go from here. There are a few projects. But for now, I am at home taking a break.





From a 16-year-old Agra-based entrepreneur to a 14-year-old who has travelled to 24 countries to an eight-year-old who has developed a mobile app to help identify everyday objects, there is no bound to young talent. MUSBA HASHMI catches up with these young guns to bring you a report of their achievements

## Age no bar

At the age of 16, he is an entrepreneur and an author. He started his career when he was as young as 10 and has already seen both highs and lows. Meet Agra-based Ojas Batra, Founder and CEO of Hive Group of Companies and author of *Teenage AF*, a book that will be the torchbearer to all the readers out there and help them to adapt, improvise and step forth in life.

Take us through your journey. How did you start your career at 10?

"When I was 10, I realised that school didn't make much sense to me, as what I was learning didn't have a lot of implementation and practical application and to a certain extent was outdated. That was the reason I started experimenting and exploring practical skills that had value and were needed in the real world. I experimented with different skills and freelanced to implement my skills and understand if it is meant for me or not. While I was doing this, I stumbled upon e-commerce, specifically dropshipping when I was 12 and I was allured towards the concept so I invested some of the money that I had made through freelancing in my first store. The store failed but I understood the workings and learned a lot about marketing and e-commerce," Batra tells you.

Even after the failure, Batra didn't lose hope. He learnt from the mistakes and thought to give it another try. "I opened my second store and it succeeded beyond my expectations. I ended up having 14 successful e-commerce and selling all of them, and I left dropshipping in 2019 as I realised that it's becoming a saturated market and it is not suitable in the long-term. While I was running my e-commerce stores, I also started an EdTech startup to give back to the student community, as not everyone has the opportunity to leave school and go out of their way and

experiment with skills. My startup helped these students learn skills that I experimented with, like web development, digital marketing, content creation, 3D and VFX at an affordable price while they engage in school studies," he explains.

This startup got acquired in less than a year in 2019. "I had the option to take an investment in exchange of 25 per cent equity, but I rejected that and offered the whole startup as I realised that even though the idea was good and we were profitable, I lacked the knowledge and skills required to scale the startup. That's why after getting my startup acquired, I went on to work with multiple startups and with corporates to understand operations and skills needed to scale a company. I also started my marketing agency — Advgers in mid-2019. Once I

had enough confidence about skills to run and scale startups, I started Teen Hive and Skill Hive, which focuses on helping teenagers develop life skills, educate them about mental health, makes sure that they have the right mindset and help them build a career road map for themselves and helps individuals do trial and error with skills like web development, data analytics, digital marketing, content creation and others," he tells you.

Ask Batra what does it take to achieve so much at such a young age and he is quick to respond — acceptance of failure and self-believe.

"In order to achieve something at any point of your life, be it as a kid, a teenager or an adult, one needs to accept failure and learn from it. Self-believe, self-analysis, persistence towards your goal, the ability to make decisions and getting the best out of it is just as important. Also one should understand the difference between criticism and hatred and learn to take it sportingly," Batra says.

His success mantra, he says, has always been to explore things out of the comfort zone and keep challenging

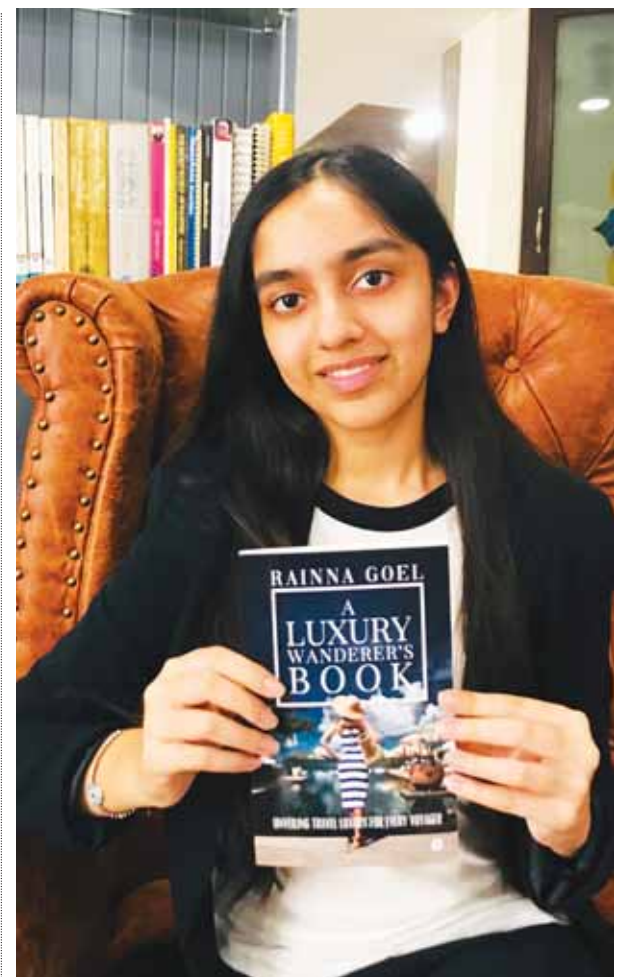
myself.

However, not everything was as easy as it sounds in Batra's life. He had to struggle a lot.

"When I started my journey of learning and experimenting with skills, I had to learn everything myself with help from YouTube and Google as institutes were not willing to give admission to a ten-year-old, which ended up being a good thing as I learned the ability to do research and figure out things all by myself. I faced much criticism from my relatives, teachers and friends around, who thought that this is not my cup of tea and that my focus should be on studies at this age. This was something that made me question myself in the early days. Even when I started freelancing, I had to do many projects for free as the clients were not able to trust a 10-year-old to do their work. But I learnt from it as well. Today, I even suggest my students to do their first few projects for free to understand how things are implemented the right way. Another big challenge I faced was when I started my first company. When I hired employees, they wanted to run my company for me as they had issues working for a 14-year-old but that also gave me many learnings about why credibility matters," he tells you.

Not that Batra didn't feel like quitting. He just overcame all the fears and setbacks. "There were many instances when I felt like quitting. But I always had my parents by my side who told me to give it another try. I also realised that such situations are a significant part of entrepreneurship, and ups and downs will always be there, we just need to learn from them," he says.

He has a piece of advice for students who want to do something similar in life but are not sure of where to start from. "The important thing is that you start, not where you start, find out the skills that are needed in the world and make a list of five that you might be interested in. Start learning and implementing them, as it's all about trial and error. One last thing that I would like to mention that my mentor always says is that confusion is what leads to clarity," he tells you.



## The world is her oyster

Once in a while we all must have dreamt of travelling around the world. But with age, the interest often fades away. But not for a Mumbai-based 15-year-old Rainna Goel, who is already a travel influencer, author and photographer.

"I began travelling when I was a toddler with my family for holidays during the summer and spring. That's how my love for travelling grew," she tells you.

Her first trip, she says, was to Dubai when she merely two years old. "I remember my first trip being to Dubai, UAE when I was one or two years old, the reason being a vacation. I couldn't remember much about it but it definitely added to my love for travelling and exploring the world," Goel, who has travelled to 24 countries, tells you.

Her most memorable trip, she says, was going for the Disney Cruise. "It was a cruise by Disney itself, taking us through the Scandinavian-Norwegian route. Since I was around 10, Disney always fascinated me, and being paired with travelling across seas, was the best part because as I said, exploring new destinations is something I absolutely love. It was truly a dream because Denmark and Norway were such tranquil and scintillating places," she tells you.

Taking her love for travelling to another level, Goel recently launched *A Luxury Wanderer's Book*, which is about understanding what luxury means to you, your preferred kind of travel. "The book takes you through destinations and places you've never even thought about. Right from hotels and being en vogue to going to your destination, this book covers it all," she says.

Having a travel blog for three years, writing a book was always on her cards. "I began writing my travel blog when I was 12. I showcase all my travel experiences through writing and pictures. My blog is titled *Travels A La Carte*. And having had a blog for three years, I always wanted to pen down

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a book. Hence, I stepped out of my comfort zone and inspired myself to come up with a because I was appreciated for my blog. Now, I finally had a topic I knew I was passionate about to write a book on, and so I did," she tells you.

The biggest lesson that she has learnt while travelling, she says, is to travel is to live. "I feel that every time I travel, I forget everything else and I feel like I am just living in the moment. Without this serene feeling, I don't think life is complete. And so, to travel most definitely is to live," Goel, who has recently been awarded Young Exuberant Traveller and a Budding Author by India Book of Records 2020 and nominated for the Young Author Award by The India Awaz 2020, says.

Her parents too has been extremely supportive and have always motivated her to do what she loves the most.

"I balance my time well by setting deadlines and allotting a certain amount of time to each of my chores. I prioritise the important things and balance the others. I really believe that if you want something then you automatically make time for it and because I consider writing, travelling and academics as things I love, I make time for them on my own. It doesn't feel like an added pressure at all," she tells you.

## AT 8. SHE HAS AN APP OF HER OWN

If you thought that eight-year-olds are only good at making sand castles at the beach, then you are clearly mistaken. Meet Manya Singhal, a Class IV student of Suncity School, Gurguram, Haryana, who has developed a mobile application to help identify everyday objects.

The app, Pickaboo (available on Google Play Store), helps kids scan real-life objects to hear the name. The application takes a picture of the object and sends it to a Microsoft Image Processing API. Once the API returns the description, it is sent to a Translator API (based on language settings). The result is then sent to a Text to Speech Converter and a translator

engine that spells out the scanned object's name in five different languages including English, Hindi, Spanish, French and German.

"I got this idea by seeing my two-and-a-half-year-old sister who keeps on asking everyone about the objects that she comes across in daily life. And no one was patient enough to keep on repeating the names of the object until she learns to pronounce it. So I made this app to make her and other children feel independent," Singhal tells you.

It's been seven months since Singhal has been learning coding on WhiteHat Jr and the app is nothing but a result of implementation of the learnt skills.

"There were times when I



got stuck while making the app. Sometimes the design was not what was desired and sometimes the result was not perfect. That time, I took my teacher's help and solved the problem. Apart from this, there were no major problems, however the design was the most challenging part," she explains and tells you that there are a few features that she wants to add in the app. One of them being a more personalised touch to the app.

It took her around one month to make the app, the reason being it is in its simplest form. "I worked for about two hours a day on the app," she tells you.

Apart from technology, there are many things that interest Singhal. "I love doing

yoga, dance and reading books," she says.

A message that Singhal wants to give out to children of her age is that one should never try to pull down others. "There are many children who bully their classmates. Some even try to pull down others by telling them that they can't do a certain thing. Instead one should always motivate his classmates. This is the best quality one can have," she tells you.

Seeing Singhal excelling in her domain at such a young age, her parents, teachers and friends are already on cloud nine.

"Manya dedicatedly spends time teaching new things to her sister. While she loves that little routine of hers,

she was curious to create something that would not only help nurture a young child's exploratory nature but also make them self-sufficient, and the learning experience fun. We are proud of Manya for her perseverance to create this app. It's endearing that despite being a kid herself, she's trying to help other kids deal with real-life problems with the aid of technology. We will continue to encourage her to find such creative projects that contribute to her holistic development," Harsh and Shikha Singhal, Manya's parents, tell you.

Though there is no specific thing on Singhal's cards, but she is sure to make best use of technology and make her parents feel proud in future too.







## Trend Slazer

### 'Role in Saand Ki Aankh was tough'

It was not at all easy for **BHUMI PEDNEKAR** to play the role of older woman in the film, *Saand Ki Aankh*.

Bhumi played the role of Chandro Tomar, the oldest sharp shooter in India, who along with her sister (played by Taapsee Pannu) has won laurels for India.

Recalling the challenges faced to play the role, Bhumi said: "I think SKA, in terms of difficulty where the physical work was concerned, was quite high because the make-up was specialised and that was honestly very tough to be in. Through that experience the make-up was so harsh on the skin to a point that I had actually burnt my skin and I had very major allergic reaction."



**I supported the idea of people not flocking to Puja pandals this year. It was important that people stay home and make their offerings to the goddess from home. I know it was tough for Bengalis not to venture out wearing new clothes, eat out and have bhog, but if you wanted to see next year's Puja, you had to make sure you stay safe and don't catch the virus.**  
—Chandan Roy Sanyal

**TAAPSEE PANNU** is tired of straightening her curly locks for her forthcoming film, *Haseen Dillruba*.

She shared her "curly hair" problems in an Instagram post.

"Last few days on *#HaseenDillruba* and that's my face when I have to roast my hair to straighten them everyday," she wrote along with a picture in which she gives a puffy-faced expression.

She tagged her post with *#CurlyHairIssues*, *#LookChange* and *#StressfulStraight*.



### The Meg 2 to be directed by Ben

Filmmaker **BEN WHEATLEY** will direct the sequel of the 2018 pre-historic shark thriller hit, *The Meg*.

The announcement of the sequel comes two years after *The Meg* grossed \$530 million worldwide.

The star cast of the first film, top-lined by Jason Statham, is expected to be back.

The first film was directed by Jon Turteltaub and it cast Statham as a shark expert fighting a giant megalodon that surfaces from the Mariana Trench, the deepest part of the world's oceans located in the Pacific. The film was adapted from a novel by Steve Alten and it featured Li Bingbing, Rann Wilson and Ruby Rose in pivotal roles.



On Dussehra, which emphasised the celebration of triumph of good over evil, actors shared their favourite films that define the theme of the festival.

For veteran actress Himani Shivpuri, it's the 1998 film Salman Khan-starrer *Bandhan*.

"*Bandhan* is easily one of my favourites as the title itself talks of eternal bonds. It is an excellent example of a film that shows truth always prevails. For all those have not seen it, the premise of the story was how Jackie Shroff's character falls prey to selfish motives and remarries. This leads to him spoiling his relations with his ex-wife and his brother-in-law. He realises much later the importance of relationships and the mistakes he made all along," she said, who also featured in the film.

"During this festive season, this film acts as a reminder to not fall prey to sinful or wrong thoughts and resentful actions but instead look for the good in

## Hope and victory

Actors share their favourite films in which the good triumphs over the evil. A Dussehra special

people before it gets too late," added she.

Actor-producer Tusshar Kapoor picks his forthcoming film *Laxmmi Bomb*, starring Akshay Kumar. "I can't think of any other film right now about good winning over evil but *Laxmmi Bomb*. It's special because it's a film about good winning over evil, a film with Indian values, something that everyone will connect with, something that will teach you a lesson, something that will inspire and can bring equality within our society," he said.

Harleen Sethi went a little back in time to pick her favourite good-over-evil film. "*Rang De Basanti* will never be outdated.



It encourages the youth to stand up against injustice, sparks a sense of patriotism and shows collective integrity against moral and political corruption. It forces

you to think that letting injustice happen is also a form of injustice. It's necessary to raise your voice for important issues and not take things lying down," said the actress.

*Mardaani 2* that saw Rani Mukerji in a cop avatar made many believe that good always beats evil. Actress Shamin Mannan thinks so, too. "The way Rani not just arrests, but beats the hell out of that serial rapist is just amazing. Everytime I watch that film, it gives me goosebumps. The way Rani's character SP Shivani gives that monologue in an interview talking about what all a woman has to go through, and why it should not be even compared to men,



is just outstanding. Such performances beat everything else. Of course, the negative lead has done a good job too, we need more films like this," said Shamin.

Actress Saba Saudagar agrees with her. "The reason why I love *Mardaani* is because I find it very real and very non-filmy. The evil part of *Mardaani* reflects the society we live in and the good part also reflects the society we live in but take it for granted. The last scene of *Mardaani 2* where Rani sits exhausted outside a residence, and then beats the antagonist with a Devi idol behind her,

literally gave me goosebumps," said Saba.

Actress Pooja Banerjee mentions *Kahaani*, starring Vidya Balan. "It had a fabulous plot, great screenplay, some power-packed performances and has Durga Puja as a background theme. It was the best for me as a film that shows victory of good over evil. Plus, seeing the reality of how some men treat women, specifically pregnant women, was really heart-wrenching. It really was the most impactful film for me," she said.

—IANS

Designer Anushree Reddy's bridal collections have been the most sought after by the brides and their entourage for years. At Lakmé Fashion Week 2020 Digital First Season Fluid Edition, Anushree unveiled another offering *Nazira* (meaning glowing with happiness) for bridal trousseaux shoppers. Once again there was that uber reflection of romance and femininity in the ensembles as they glided through the show on models. Anushree's creative design directions have always been deeply rooted in traditions.

The colour spread showcased a delightful array of hues. There was the ever-neutral pristine ivory as well as the haute bridal favourites like peachy pink, cherry red, strong royal purple and regal navy. When it came to the embellishments, she allowed her designing skills to bring in large offerings of handcrafted 3D crystal work, which was balanced perfectly with *Katdana* and delicate thread work.

Embroidery was the star of her collection with fine detailing like ornate scalloped edges for hemlines, dupattas and cholis. Dazzling *latkans* hung tantalisingly at the waist while strappy gowns replete with the most exotic blooms splashed all over were mesmerising. The almost lacy treatment with embroidery given to the choli sleeves presented a fragile look. The saris were treated with great opulence as the embellishments were lavishly used for the pallavs, borders and cholis.

Ridhi Mehra's collections have always moved with the fashion-forward trends season after season. For Lakmé Fashion Week, her collection called *Reflections* moved from modifying to modernising the fashion story. The leitmotif of the line was the ever-popular mirror work that was balanced with innovative designs and techniques. The inspiration was the royal heritage of Kutch that brought forth the characteristic bohemian craft in a riot of colour power play but suited to the contemporary silhouettes.

Keeping mirror work as the focal point on the ensembles, Ridhi fused in mixed elements of *gota patti* and *zari* on the silks as well as the prints that highlighted the fabrics like chiffon and organza. Offering a variety of silhouettes to suit the ethnic and western dresser, she unveiled anarkalis and luxuriously embellished saris and then moved to stylish jumpsuits with interesting design directions.

When it comes to showcasing creativity at its best for occasion wear, designer Jayanti Reddy can dazzle her buyers with her collections. Her line of ensembles, *Rouge*, was an ode to the different shades of red, which is considered the celebratory offering for all festive Indian seasons. The collection was all about vibrant seductive adventurous and bold clothes that will win the wearer showers of accolades wherever she goes.

Jayanti's kaleidoscopic fashion directions started with the fabric base. Here it was the elegant silks, the sheer beauty of traditional *chanderi* and the slinky glamour of satin that enchanted her imagination. The silhouettes that fitted perfectly into the festive and bridal mood, moved from lehenga, choli, and dupatta trios, then added regal fluid capes and completed the fashionable menu with draped skirts.

From tiny cape blouses to regal long-sleeved cholis matched with asymmetric robes, Jayanti's homage to red moved to long-sleeved gowns with scal-



## A power play of colours

While designer Anushree Reddy's collection spoke volumes about romance and femininity, the duo of Sukriti & Aakriti delved deeper into Indian traditionality, reflecting the festive season. Masaba Gupta chose to collaborate with music to lift spirits in these unprecedented times at the Lakme Fashion Week 2020



loped bib necklines, puff-sleeved jackets and innovatively woven matted cholis. The anarkalis and dupattas were edged with ornate silver borders, while the angarkha style kurtas had embroidered bodice as the focal point. A flame-red satin sari was edged with glittering border, but the accompanying choli was a glitzy one-button addition. Embellishments were always the focal point of the garments as they appeared in discreet but glittering forms though at times they were lavishly sprinkled on the garments.

Celebrating fashion for the festivities,

designing duo Sukriti and Aakriti unveiled their *Neo-Phulkari* collection. *Phulkari*, that often appears on bridal trousseaux, was given a revival touch by the designers, who incorporated it in fluid forms onto the Indian silhouettes. The base of the craft was the organic fabric as well as the naturally dyed *gota* work. In addition, Sukriti and Aakriti gave a creative contemporary thrust to *phulkari* so that it had a wider global appeal.

They started with a black and white offering comprising cropped pants with kurta. They kept the *phulkari* embroidery in all white for the black jacket. The designs included cropped jackets, white-on-white embroidered kurtas, kurtis, ghararas and flared empire line dress over calf-length pants. The ivory sherwani/lehenga duo, the peplum jacket, bralette and lehenga, choli, dupatta trio, as well as the seductive plunge 'V' neckline tunic over a white and gold maxi skirt brought formal wear into fashionable focus.

The black and white section was all about flamboyant styles as swirling long skirts looked perfect either with a bralette or giant balloon sleeved cholis, while a flouncy dupatta added that extra zing to the look. The showstopping pair, actors Radhika Madan looked radiant in a colourful lehenga, deep, round neck

choli and dupatta that perfectly balanced Aparshakti Khurana's embroidered *bundi* kurta and narrow pants look.

The electronics brand, boAt, teamed up with designer Masaba Gupta and unveiled a line of colourful headphone designs. Masaba will be back at fashion week next year to showcase her fashion collection that will be inspired by this collaboration.

She said, "We are super excited about collaborating with boAt. Lending House of Masaba's aesthetics to their headphones will invite a new consumer and excite the existing ones with cool, fresh and quirky products. Lakme Fashion Week and I have a long-standing association, it is where I made my debut. I think that is a platform that has consistently brought some amazing talent to the forefront. I am sure it would have been a little challenging in these unprecedented times that we live in. This seems to be a perfect collaboration. Through these headphones and my summer collection, I will be able to transport people into a parallel universe which I can't wait to share with them. I am looking forward to this."



## WEBBED



### HOLIDATE

Fed up with being single on holidays, two strangers agree to be each other's platonic plus-ones all year long, only to catch real feelings along the way. The film released on October 28 on Netflix.



### DASH & LILY

Opposites attract at Christmas as cynical Dash and sunny Lily trade messages and dares in a red notebook they pass back and forth around New York City. Season 1 releases on November 10 on Netflix.



### KAALI KHUHI

When a restless spirit curses a village that has a history of female infanticide, the town's fate lies in the hands of a 10-year-old girl. Starring Shabana Azmi, Leela Samson and Sanjeeda Sheikh, the film released on October 30 on Netflix.





■ **What is Kasaai about?**  
The film is about the barbaric side of a human being. I play Lakhan, who belongs to a socially and politically strong family. He wants to stand for the *sarpanch* election which is just round the corner. A series of events then unfold and ultimately his barbaric side gets revealed. He ends up killing his son out of anger

**Talktime**  
**RAVI JHANKAL**  
*He is known for playing varied roles in TV and films. The actor speaks with Musba Hashmi about Kasaai that released on ShemarooMe Box Office, a lesson that industry taught him and how he got into acting*

and defaming his wife just to retain his power in the society.  
■ **What made you take up the project?**  
I am from theatre and we automatically get attracted towards a good story. I have done a lot of varied roles, but I have never done a negative role like this. This was a challenge in itself. Also, the story is good. Moreover, I belong to Rajasthan and I am always in search of a role in which I get to show my culture or language. Also, the director is new with a fresh mind. It is great to get associated with young minds and learn something or the other on the sets. An actor is always learning, no matter how many projects he has done. Every new set teaches something new. Though I didn't get paid much for this film, but as an actor one has to realise that money comes easy but a good project doesn't. So if one has a chance to get associated with a good project, there's no reason to turn it down.  
■ **From Party (1984) to now Kasaai, you have been a part of the industry for about 36 years. What has been the biggest change that the industry has seen in all these years?**  
I have done a lot of work in corporate cinema and have been a part of

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both big and small projects and the biggest change that I have witnessed is that subject is the king. People have now started to work on the subject and content in depth. Films with good content and new actors are coming up and are receiving a lot of appreciation for it. *Pink*, *Qarib Qarib Single* and Seema Pahwa's *Ramprasad Ki Tehvri* are a few examples of it. This is a great time for cinema and to be a part of it.  
■ **How did acting happen to you?**  
I was a non-actor and nothing was planned as such. When I was five, the shooting for Ramesh Mehta's serial used to

happen near our house. I watched it daily from my window for hours. It fascinated me a lot. My father called it *aib* (flaw). He always told us to study, get a job and take care of the family. But I developed this *aib* out of nowhere and I started acting in those serials. Then I joined theatre. I earned appreciation for my work. People told me that I could explore acting as a career. With guidance from some people and a little work on my language, I got into this field. In the initial days of my career, I was able to earn as much to survive and gradually things changed for me. I consider myself a successful actor now. For me, if a person has managed to do away with his profession for 35 years, he is successful in his field. I did what I liked the most and this is success for me.  
■ **Do you have any regrets?**  
Yes. I regret not taking up the role in *Lagaan*. Ashutosh (Gowariker, the director) is my friend and he was offering me a part in the film. First, there were financial issues but it got sorted out. Then, I asked him to promise that I will be in the cricket team in the film. He said that he couldn't promise me that. Hence, I turned down the offer because I was not sure of what will I do in the film. But, now I regret that decision because I would have been able to establish myself with the part that

he was offering me.  
■ **What has been your take away from the industry?**  
You can't call anyone your close friend or family in the industry. The people whom you believe in won't live up to your expectations. However, the industry works on words, but now everything has to be on paper with much clarity. You can't trust anyone's words. They can change them anytime as per their convenience. It happened with me once. One of my close friends, who is a reputed name in the industry, was working with me on a project once. I gave money for that project. The people whom I trusted went ahead and registered that project with their names in it. That colleague of mine kept asking me to include her name in the project because as an actor she contributed certain nuances in that project. I denied because I have an agreement with the writer and without his permission I can't do it. But later on I got to know that the two of them, went and register the project in their name at Screenwriters Association. The writers name was removed from it. I was left disappointed and hurt with that deed of hers. I had done at least a dozen films with her. To cut the long story short, don't trust anyone in the industry. My fault was that I didn't sign any paper with them.

MUSBA HASHMI speaks to ROSHAN ABBAS, President, EEMA, about what the future holds for the event industry and whether virtual sessions will rule the industry next year too

## WAIT FOR BIG FAT EVENTS



An industry which was supposed to touch ₹10,000 crore in 2021 suffered huge losses with some estimating the losses at more than 70 per cent. The situation got worse as all the big-ticket events got stalled after the COVID-19 restrictions kicked in. Though many organisers resorted to an online format, the response was not up to the mark.  
Now, with easing out of restrictions by the Government, the industry is looking at the future with anticipation. Still, the fear is 'Will people attend events, and when is it going to happen'. Many are anticipating the rise of virtual events. As of now, everything is waiting, even the Big Fat Indian Wedding. The industry is not ecstatic as there are restrictions for events in Maharashtra, Rajasthan as well as in Delhi. The situation is not savoury given the fact that these states are the hubs of big-ticket events. Even the reports coming from the high fervour Durga Pooja *pandals* were not encouraging for the event organisers as they did not see rainfall of sponsorships like the previous years.  
"I am seeing a 60 per cent reduction in festival events also. There will be a lot of virtual Diwali or televised Diwali celebrations. Recently, I saw a company had partnered with a big ticketing portal to provide a virtual walkthrough of 250 different Puja Pandals," says Roshan Abbas,

President, Event and Entertainment Management Association (EEMA).  
Many of the industry insiders are literally writing off this year. "While the business has started, but it is still a trickle. In our internal survey, all the members are witnessing a reduction of up to 60% of spends from clients even during the festive season as clients are worried about consumer confidence," adds Abbas.  
Questions are being raised when political events are happening, and the way authorities are turning a blind eye to the flouting of pandemic norms. "So, when politics gets involved, there is no rule, and that is what we are telling all the State Governments. Many of them have listened, and many of them are very helpful. The Ministry of Culture has just released some new guidelines on how to do political events in an auditorium with restriction," avers Abbas.  
During the lockdown, organisers turned to virtual events, and many of them are still sticking to it to continue the lower value interactions on social channels. Social media, which turned out to be the most effective medium of communication during the lockdown, was utilised for organising webinars and discussions with the sole intention by the event management companies to register their presence in the minds of the target audience. Online event option was also utilised by the theatre groups to



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— Roshan Abbas

keep the cycle running.  
"We started sending WhatsApp to all the patrons and shared time limited link of our plays after payment of a certain amount. Though we managed decent earnings, it was nowhere near the earnings of physical execution of the plays. The intention was to ensure our presence in the market, which was more important during the time of the pandemic," says Abbas.  
While virtual events bring down the cost for the organiser, the event companies talk about the advantages of being the melting pot of mentalities at physical events. "Virtual events have advantages such as no geographical or physical barrier, and you can reach an unlimited number of people. There is a virtual event that I did on October 30, which has got 250,000 people attending from across the country. Now that is a big advantage, but it lacks face-to-face interactions on which human beings thrive on. Attending events is about meeting a person in the corridor or over a cup of tea, it is about a selfie with your favourite star standing next to you or with his hand over your shoulder; digital events cannot replicate these things," adds Abbas.  
Then comes the economic part as event companies employ staff for physical execution, says Abbas, adding that "The people are divided into creative, servicing, and production. Now at this moment, the phys-

ical production team is unable to do too much. Normally, an event company has a staff of 30 people, but a team of three people can do the virtual event. A good virtual event is happening at ₹10 lakh or ₹25 lakh range when it has got lots of content, videos, celebrities. So, this is the higher end; the higher-end physical events used to be ₹10 crore or above. Even the sponsors are not content with virtual events. A friend of mine who runs a big event company in India said that his dealers are happy to see me virtually but ask when he plans to do the main events and be physically present".  
However, the organisers are sure that the virtual events will rule for the next five-six months. "There is no option available. The physical events can happen if the government becomes a little innovative and says on every *chauraha* you can have a small stage and two performers, and people can watch from their balconies, which is happening in the West. But, I think the fear is for life and not a livelihood. It will take almost six months after the vaccine for the people to start moving out. So, March 2021 is when I am hoping we have a vaccine then next Diwali you will see people back to normal. I think 2021 will see a big change and all the physical events will have an add-on virtual event to them," says Abbas.

## ‘It’s my destiny to be where I am today’

Debutant director SHIV HARE speaks with SHALINI SAKSENA about how he ended up in the industry and collaboration with AR Rahman



■ **What is Atkan Chatkan about?**  
I wanted to make a musical film. Those who have not seen the movie, it is about hope, dreams, inspirations, music and kids.  
■ **Why this title?**  
I wanted a title that showcased the title and had a rhythm. There is this instrument that was popular back in the 60s and 70s. Almost everyone has seen this – a tin box with a couple of sticks. We used this instrument in this movie and had to look for the same in Bhindi bazaar. Also, almost everybody in North India has heard the word atkan chatkan. They don't know where and in what context but they have heard it.  
■ **You also wrote the story, where did you get inspiration from?**  
My love of music is why I am in this industry. I started off with theatre back in 1996-2000. I used to travel a lot. We have seen how musically inclined kids are especially from Rajasthan. They are able to play any instrument including khartal, an instrument we find difficult to even hold. The idea of the film came from there. Then there were childhood memories that found its way in the film.  
■ **How did you zero on your protagonists?**  
I have been a casting director for the last 10 years. I have worked with Gajraj Rao as associate director. I have worked on thousands of ads. I auditioned very few kids for my project. I had seen one of the protagonists, Sachin, in DID and saw how energetic he is. He was a little older than what was looking for but his vibrancy was infectious. Unfortunately, we couldn't keep him in with the project for long.  
■ **How did you end up in the industry?**  
I have been here since 2001. I have worked in many ad films. But we all know that in order to make a film is a different ballgame. I met a lot of people who promised a lot of things but it never worked out till now.  
■ **How did you end up collaborating with AR Rahman?**  
He is the presenter of the movie. I wanted to make a film about kids. This film is in flashback and when you showcase a legend, it is his story that one sees all through. And there is no bigger legend in music than AR Rahman. When we showed the film, he was a bit apprehensive in acting as he had just been part of a Tamil movie and wanted to stay away from acting but he agreed to present it.  
■ **This is your directorial debut. How does it feel to finally see the end product?**  
I have spent so much time on this project that now I feel nothing. I think it is destiny that has put me where I am today. I know this film hit the screen back in 2012 but it was destined to be released in 2020. And I am happy.  
■ **From music to theatre to a director, how has the journey been?**  
Nobody in my family encouraged me to pursue music. My father was dead against it and didn't think it was a career option. When I was 12-13, I shifted to my maternal grandparents' home and learnt music for three-four years. I shifted to theatre and would assist directors whenever I could and here I am.  
■ **As a first-time director did you face challenges?**  
To be honest, things were easy. I have been here for 20 years. I have learnt so much for world cinema and my experience as an assistant director.  
■ **What next?**  
Over the years, I have written so many stories. I am just getting started now. Films have an archival value. I am working on a few projects. Let's see how things work out. Music, romance, kids and fantasy are genres that excite me.

## FOR A SPOOKY EVENING

### PUMPKIN SANDWICH BISCUITS

These biscuits are filled with a naughty-but-nice chocolate ganache mixed with chesnut - your guests will never know the sorcery behind this secret ingredient!.

**INGREDIENTS**  
**FOR THE ALMOND SHORTBREAD**  
■ 300g butter  
■ 200g sugar  
■ 75g egg yolk  
■ 250g plain flour  
■ 100g cornflour  
■ 100g almond flour  
■ 0.5g vanilla (or use equivalent in vanilla extract)  
■ 10g ground Qualità Oro or Qualità Rossa coffee  
**FOR THE CHESTNUT GANACHE**  
■ 250g milk chocolate  
■ 200g fresh cream  
■ 65g boiled sweet chestnuts (peeled)  
■ 1g salt  
**DIRECTIONS**



■ Start by making the biscuits. In the mixer, use the paddle to work the soft butter with the sugar and vanilla and then add the egg yolks and lastly the flours sieved with the vanilla and ground coffee. Work fast and pour the mix into a pastry bag and fill the mould. Cook at 170 C for around 10 minutes.  
■ To make the ganache, heat the cream and pour it over the chocolate. Leave for a couple of minutes, add the chestnuts and work with a hand blender for 3 minutes or until the cream is silky smooth. Leave for at least 12 hours.  
■ To assemble, sandwich the ganache between two pieces of shortbread.

### SALTED CARAMEL PUMPKIN LATTE

Adding pumpkin and caramel to hot coffee makes a fall drink that tastes amazing. Don't forget to finish it off with some whipped cream and caramel drizzles.  
**Ingredients**  
■ 300ml free milk  
■ 2tbsp canned pumpkin puree  
■ 20ml caramel sauce  
■ 20ml vanilla extract  
■ ½ teaspoon pumpkin pie spice  
■ 1 cup strong brewed coffee (Preatrebaly french press)  
■ 1/2 cup Cool Whip  
■ coarse ground sea salt  
**DIRECTIONS**  
■ In a small saucepan, combine the milk, pumpkin, caramel, vanilla, and pumpkin pie spice. Stir until the mixture comes to a very slight boil.  
■ Remove from the heat immediately and pour the mixture into a blender. Pulse for about 2 minutes or until very frothy.  
■ Divide the milk into 2 large mugs. Pour 1/2 cup coffee into each mug.  
■ Top with Cool Whip, extra caramel, and sea salt. Makes two servings.

### ICED PUMPKIN SPICE LATTE

ICED Pumpkin Spice Latte. It's the taste of fall poured over ice, making it this unusual mix of refreshing and cozy.  
**Ingredients**  
■ 250ml milk  
■ 2 tsp canned pumpkin puree  
■ 2 tsp sugar  
■ 2 tsp vanilla extract  
■ 1 tsp pumpkin pie spice  
■ 1-2 shots espresso (about 1/4 cup of espresso or 1/2 cup of strong brewed coffee if you don't have an espresso machine.)  
**Directions**  
■ Brew your coffee or espresso and let it sit out for a few minutes until it reaches room temperature. You could also put it in the fridge or freezer to speed up the cooling process.  
■ In a saucepan combine milk, pumpkin and sugar and cook on low



heat, stirring, just until the sugar and pumpkin are dissolved. Remove from heat, stir in vanilla and spice, transfer to a blender and process for 15 seconds until foamy. If you don't have a blender, don't worry about it - just whisk the mixture really well with a wire whisk.  
■ Pour into a cup filled with ice. Add the espresso or coffee on top.  
■ Top with whipped cream and sprinkle pumpkin pie spice, nutmeg, or cinnamon on top.  
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FROM THE INSIDE

## Maya: The ultimate illusion

The essence of spirituality was summarised by Adi Shankaracharya in one page. Over time, we learnt to associate it with *maya*

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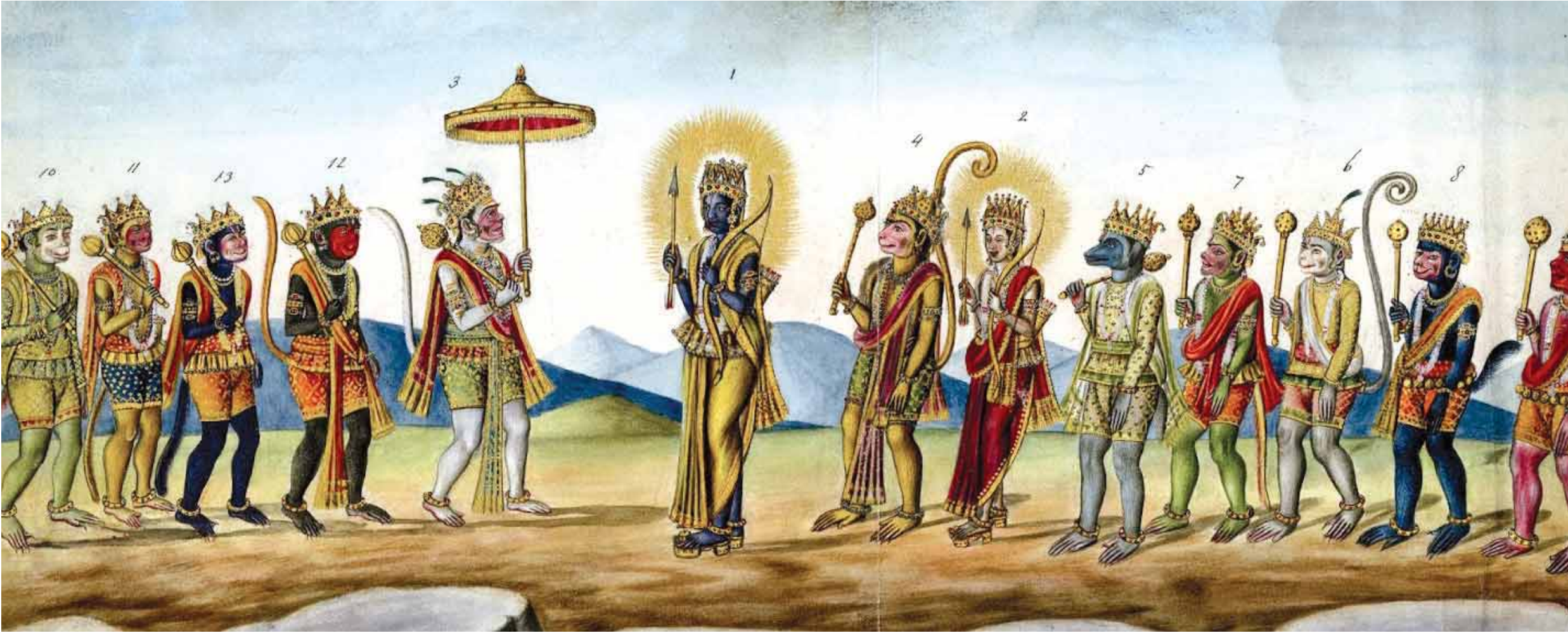


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## Astrology can be baffling

An accurate reading of the placement of planets in one's natal chart can reveal what the future holds for that person

Whatever you're going through in your life, don't ever give up  
— Mariah Carey



# BEING RAM: THE RELEVANCE OF THE RAMAYANA TODAY

Whether we choose to draw inspiration from Valmiki's original work or from Tulsidas's worshipful rendition, the fact is that the legend of prince Ram lives in us. It is kept alive because of our anxieties, writes MADHAVI S MAHADEVAN

Even with an abundance of religious festivals, thirty-six at a conservative estimate, *Vijaydashmi* or Dussehra has remained special. Marking the end of *Navratri*, it celebrates the victory of good over evil. A double victory — of the goddess Durga over the buffalo demon Mahishasura and of the legendary prince Ram over Raavan, the ten-headed king of Lanka. Anyone who has witnessed the burning of the enormous effigies of Raavan, his two *rakshasa* brothers, Kumbhakarna and Meghnad, cannot forget the high-octane drama that is a fitting finale to the preceding nine nights when one of the world's oldest epics, the *Ramayana*, is dramatised in parts of North India as the *Ramlila*.

Attributed to the sage Valmiki, composed between 200 BCE-200 CE, the *Ramayana* (Ram's Journey), a 24,000 verse poem in Sanskrit, is one of ancient India's principal literary works, a cornerstone of art and culture in, not just the subcontinent, but across Southeast Asia. The story, compressed, is about Ram, a righteous, dutiful prince, who struggles to rescue his wife Sita from the clutches of her abductor, Raavan.

Ram's difficulties, however, begin much earlier, on the eve of his coronation when, due to the machinations of his stepmother, he is exiled for fourteen years. The couple go to the forest accompanied by Ram's younger brother Lakshman. When both brothers spurn the overtures of the *rakshasi* Surpanakha, she incites her brother Raavan, the all-powerful king, who abducts Sita and imprisons her on his distant island kingdom. In his efforts to rescue Sita, Ram is helped by the armies of the monkey king Sugreev, and his minister Hanuman. A terrible battle follows, Raavan is killed. Reunited with Sita, Ram returns to Ayodhya to assume kingship.

While Valmiki planted the tree, the *Ramayana*, with over 300 transcreations, has grown into a forest. Among its offshoots in the Gangetic plain is the *Ramcharitmanas*. Composed by the 16th century Vaishnava saint, Tulsidas, the *chaupais* (quatrain verses of poetry popular in the medieval period) in Awadhi *bhasha*, are still recited in Hindu homes. Whereas high literary quality marks Valmiki's work, the *Ramcharitmanas* is regarded as a 'holy book'; Ram occupies a pedestal as *maryada purushottam*, the man who practised righteousness to perfection.

While its piety has given comfort to many, the *Ramcharitmanas* has also inspired a colourful annual ritual, the *Ramlila*, a theatrical event of immense popularity that had its first performance, it is said, in Varanasi around 480 years ago. Later, as Hindu immigrants crossed overseas, the *Ramlila* tradition travelled to Fiji, Mauritius, South Africa, Guyana, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago. Within India, although the *Ramayana*

has versions in several regional languages, *Ramlila* performances are almost exclusive to the north.

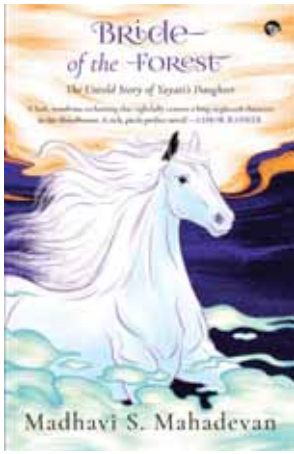
The story's episodic structure lends itself to enactment. Individual episodes bear titles like *Van Gaman* (Departure for the Forest), *Sita Apharan* (The Kidnapping of Sita), *Lanka Dahan* (The Burning of Lanka), *Raavan Vadh* (The Killing of Raavan). Though similar to the original, these amateur dramatisations can be a purist's worst nightmare come true. Using local talent for every aspect of the production — from lights and music to scripting, direction and acting — they frequently combine Bollywood style entertainment. Songs, dances and over-the-top dialogues are interspersed with reiterations of the messages of the *Ramcharitmanas*.

For instance, in the scene where Surpanakha makes overtures to Ram and Lakshman, she may sashay onstage to the song *Yeh mera dil pyaar ka diwana* (from the film *Don*). The next episode, showing the decadence of Lanka, may have the demon king, dressed in black and gold, quaffing wine and regaling his inebriated court with Urdu poetry. Zing is added to speech through rhyming, as when Hanuman proclaims his loyalty to Ram: Hanuman *aapka wafadaar hei, sahayata karne ko taiyaar hei*.

The didactic quality of the *Ramcharitmanas*, the razzmatazz of the *Ramlila* have contributed to the legend's popularity, but, in the last hundred years, movie-making has become instrumental in the spread of the meta-narrative. Dadasaheb Phalke who made India's first film, *Raja Harishchandra* (1913) also made *Lanka Dahan* (1917). However, the credit for, arguably, the most accomplished and, in their time, extremely successful screen adaptations of the epic belongs to Vijay Bhatt who made *Bharat Milap* (1942) and *Ram Rajya* (1943). The latter, supposedly, was one of the two films that Mahatma Gandhi ever watched. In recent times, the crown for record viewership goes to the televised version of the *Ramayana*, first aired in 1987 and, more recently, in April 2020 when it garnered, according to Doordarshan, 7.7 crore viewers. Following the re-telecast, the social media was inundated with memes and discussions, such as Manthara being voted the world's favourite villain, proving that the story is evergreen.

This begs the question: What does the legend of Ram offer modern audiences?

Among millennials, age bracket 25-40 years, the oldest were children when the 1987 telecast kept entire families glued to their TV sets. In subsequent years, as the country shed its socialist image and opted for more liberal economic policies, they entered the job market. Better educated than previous generations, internet-savvy, they have preferred the rapid growth promised by the private sector, irrespective of frequent job



WHAT MAKES THE RAMAYANA, IN PARTICULAR, INTERESTING IS THE WAY IT HUMANISES ITS HERO RAM: AS A MAN WHO, EVEN AT THE WORST OF TIMES, CHOOSES TO MAINTAIN HIS COMPOSURE AND, CONSEQUENTLY, ACTS WITH INTELLIGENCE, COURAGE AND COMMITMENT. THE LIFE LESSONS ARE CUSTOM-MADE FOR INDIAN REALITIES, PREDICATED ON THE NOTION THAT THE LIFE YOU LIVE ISN'T ALWAYS THE ONE YOU WANT, BUT THE ONE YOU ARE GIVEN



changes, over the slow-but-stable progression of government employment. Leveraging technology in the pursuit of their professional and personal aspirations, they have focussed on creativity and value-addition. Economically better off than their parents, owning a home and a car has become de rigueur, as has been affording their children a more comfortable lifestyle.

While the family remains a core concern, millennials are aware that having more choices has improved their quality of life. However, they are wary of being trapped by the 'hedonic treadmill'. While increased awareness of the world has meant that they are more individualistic in their choices, there is a concern about the environment, a respect for diversity, a growing egalitarianism. Articulate on social media, they are ready, through collective power, to generate dissent over societal ills, to push for change.

However, as newer realities emerge, hope has given way to anxiety. The economic slowdown, hugely exacerbated by the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, has already led (according to a CMIE report) to 21 million salaried job losses. In these circumstances, difficult decisions need to be taken. As disquiet builds up and a certain amount of introspection is inevitable, the legend of Ram becomes less about myth and more about examining the civilisational values it propagates.

Whether we choose to draw inspiration from Valmiki's original work or from Tulsidas's worshipful rendition, the fact is that the legend lives in us. Just as it nurtures us, it is kept alive because of our anxieties. As audiences of longstanding, we are in the narrative, seeing something of ourselves in its characters and something identifiable about them in us. What makes the *Ramayana*, in particular, interesting is the way it humanises its hero Ram: as a man who, even at the worst of times, chooses to maintain his composure and, consequently, acts with intelligence, courage and commitment. The life lessons are custom-made for Indian realities, predicated on the notion that the life you live isn't always the one you want, but the one you are given.

Ergo, opting to conduct oneself with dignity, decency and decorum is praiseworthy. It starts with the awareness of *dharma* — knowing what one's duty is to oneself, family and society. The advice, though not always simple, is sound: follow the path of truth and righteousness, work for unity within the family and in society, respect diverse cultures, use your judgement to filter good advice from bad, don't speak ill of others, keep your word, control your senses if you want to avoid sorrow, be compassionate. Understand that life can change its course in a split second; accept what you cannot control but do your best, via the right attitude and action, to deal with it. Finally, it is adversity that brings one closer to the Self.

While the wisdom of these tenets is respected, there are aspects of the legend that make millennials uncomfortable. (Devotees are different as they see all Ram's actions as godly acts.) There are three instances when Ram's behaviour appears questionable: the deceitful killing of Vali, the killing of the Shambuka, the *shudra* ascetic who performed *tapas* and the rejection of Sita. The last two appear in the seventh chapter of the *Ramayana*, *Uttara Kanda*, believed to be a later addition. Ram's treatment of Sita, in particular, is condemned. Nothing new in that: through folk narratives, women have always shown sympathy with Sita's pain.

However, millennials' views, focussed on the injustice, are gender neutral. Says Teesta, a thirty-five-year old Food Quality and Supply Chain Management professional, 'The *agni-pariksha* Sita had to undergo was uncalled for... synonymous with the disrespect and distrust of a man towards his wife. The foundation of any relationship is trust. Ram misjudged and misconstrued his wife to defeat this very basis. He is a man of principles, an ideal son and brother, but not perfect — not in today's context.'

Sanjay Rao, a thirty-year-old commercial pilot differs. 'He was the ideal man, but the people he ruled were not. It was they who made the allegations. As their king he had to take notice and act... though he sent Sita away to the forest, he remained constant to her, in an age when kings were allowed several wives.'

A third view is articulated by Tilak, a thirty-six year old investment banker: 'The trial-by-fire, though unpleasant, established Sita's blamelessness, but casting her away, because of a smear campaign, is unacceptable... She was pregnant at the time... If he felt that his credentials as a ruler were under a shadow, he could have considered stepping down, asked Bharat to continue, as he had been regent for fourteen years, or appointed Lakshman. That would have been more honourable and taught his people a well-deserved lesson.'

Epics are relevant for the questions they raise. While these don't change, every age finds new answers. Mythological time being immutable, we celebrate the victory of good over evil with every Dussehra, and welcome the victor home with every Diwali. Perhaps, as this year's *dijas* are lit, it's time to acknowledge that *Ram rajya* — a society built on virtues, morality and fairness — is what we create.

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# Bid to whip up angst against farm laws abortive

Thanks to our Prime Minister Narendra Modi for taking revolutionary steps to improve the agriculture sector and to provide new opportunities to farmers for their prosperity. The farmers got freedom from many legal restrictions and we have moved strongly towards the Prime Minister's determination to double their income.

These reforms were needed for a long time, but despite hollow promises, the previous Governments could not muster courage to implement them.

Today, those who have questioned the reformative efforts of the Government should be asked why they could not take any major and important decision in the interest of farmers even after ruling the country for six decades. Was their political compulsion behind this or some other reasons?

Efforts are being made to create an atmosphere of confusion in the country regarding the minimum support price (MSP). The canard of discontinuation of procurement by the Government at the MSP is being instilled in the minds of the uninformed people.

Also, it is being said the farmers will have no option but to sell their produce outside the market at less than the MSP. First of all, I would like to correct the misinformation. We have clarified many times that the MSP declaration will continue and the Government procurement on the MSP will continue in the future. The MSP or procurement at MSP has nothing to do with the new legislation. Those who question the Government regarding the MSP should know that only after the formation of the NDA Government under the leadership of Modi, the MSP is being determined by adding at least fifty per cent profit to the cost the produce, as per the recommendations of the Swaminathan Committee. The



Government of India declares the MSP of 22 crops.

One of the biggest outcomes of agricultural reforms in the country is that for the first time after Independence, farmers have got freedom from the clutches of middlemen. Till now the farmers were obliged to sell their produce in mandi and only about 30,000 to 40,000 licensed traders doing business in the mandis across the country used to fix the prices of the produce.

Through the Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020, farmers have not only got freedom to sell produce anywhere, but in today's technological era, a more con-

venient mechanism has been created to sell produce through e-trading. Through this agrarian reform, the farmers can also earn more profit on their produce by saving tax and transportation costs.

The question is being raised again and again that the new provisions will abolish the Agricultural Produce Market Committees (APMC). Here again, I want to make it clear that the APMC mandis will continue to work. The only difference is now farmers have freedom to sell their produce outside mandis also.

These amendments will also provide an opportunity to the mandis to develop their infrastructure and farmers will get

more facilities.

Similarly, the Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020 aims to connect farmers directly with traders, companies, processing units and exporters. The farmers will get remunerative prices in every circumstances as the price of their produce is fixed before the sowing through the agricultural agreement.

Here, I would also like to clarify that the farmers will get additional benefits under the terms of the agreement along with the minimum price. The confusion is being spread that the land of the farmers will be handed over to the industrial-

ists and traders. On the contrary, the truth is that in contract farming, there will be agreement between a farmer and a businessman to assure the price of produce at least at MSP. There is no issue of land in this case. No trader can take loan on a farmer's land nor can any recovery be made against the farmer's land. This law protects the interests of farmers in a much better way than the existing contract farming act of the States.

Provision has been made to make payment of produce to the farmers within three days of sale. Simultaneously, it has also been provisioned to settle the dispute at the local level within 30 days to preclude

court cases. With this step of the Government, farmers will be protected against the risk of price fluctuations in the market due to fixation of the price of the produce before sowing. Along with this, farmers will be able to access state-of-the-art technology, advanced manure, seeds and equipment.

Under the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act 2020, a provision has been made to remove grains, pulses, oilseeds, onions, potatoes, etc, from the list of essential commodities. This will increase the capacity of storage and processing and farmers can sell their crops in the market at a reasonable price.

Till now farmers have been

worried about the loss of perishable crops like potato and onion. With the new provisions, the farmers will be able to grow these crops with more confidence. The canard is being spread here that hoarding will increase and traders will earn profits by selling products at inflated rate. This apprehension is unfounded; the Government has retained control of the stock limit as before on increasing the price beyond a limit.

Disagreement in politics is the right of the Opposition but for that, one should not play with future of the farmers. Those swayed by the cry of the Opposition against the revolutionary farm laws should verify facts and read the manifesto of the Congress in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections that promised to abolish the mandi Act and remove ban on export and inter-State trade in agricultural produce.

In the same manifesto, they had promised to establish farmers' markets in big villages and towns to provide freedom to farmers to sell their produce. In the same manifesto, the assurance of amendment in the Essential Commodities Act was made. When the same issues are covered in the new provisions, the moot question is why the atmosphere of confusion is being created by protesting against the same.

Today after a long period, a serious effort has been made in the interest of farmers and for improving their condition. Full provision has been made in these Acts to ensure that farmers get remunerative prices for their produce and all their interests are protected. I will ask political parties to think once again in the interest of the farmers and the nation before whipping up a false opinion.

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## PERSPECTIVE

# Pregnant silence in Iran over US presidential polls

Top officials in Iran say the upcoming US presidential election doesn't matter, but nearly everyone else there seems to be holding their breath.

The race for the White House could mean another four years of President Donald Trump's "maximum pressure" campaign. Or it could bring Joe Biden, who has raised the possibility of the US returning to Iran's 2015 nuclear deal with world powers.

In the upper levels of Iran's Islamic Republic, overseen by 81-year-old Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, anti-Americanism is as deeply entrenched as at any time since the 1979 Islamic Revolution, with Presidents from both parties seen as equally repugnant. "America has a deep-rooted enmity against the Iranian nation and whether Trump is elected or Biden, it will not have any impact on the US main policy to strike the Iranian nation," Parliament speaker Mohammad Bagher Qalibaf said in September, according to the semi-official Fars news agency.

However noticeably, Khamenei himself hasn't commented on the election, even as public interest has soared. State-run radio rebroadcast a BBC Farsi-language service simulcast of the presidential debates live — even as Iran continues to target journalists for the British broadcaster.

That interest allegedly includes Iran's security apparatus as well. US officials accuse the Islamic Republic of sending emails to voters seeking to intimidate them into voting for Trump. It may have been an attempt to link the President to apparent election interference in order to sow chaos, like Russia's interference in America's 2016 election. Tehran denies being involved.

The Iranian public is paying attention. The state-owned polling centre ISPA said this month that 55 per cent of people believe the outcome of the election will affect Iran "a lot." Over half expected Trump would win, while a fifth said Biden. ISPA said it surveyed over 1,600 people by telephone, and did not provide a margin of error.

Trump's re-election would mean the extension of his pressure campaign, including sanctions on Khamenei and other senior officials. Some of the sanctions are largely symbolic — Khamenei has only once travelled to America and doesn't hold any US bank accounts — but others have devastated the economy and sent the local currency into freefall. As a hedge, Iranians have poured money into foreign currency, real estate, precious metals and the stock market — which hit a record high in August.

Trump on the campaign trail has hit on that and his decision to launch a drone strike that killed a top Iranian general in January — a move that led Tehran to launch a retaliatory ballistic missile strike, wounding dozens of American troops.

To cheers, Trump has described the general, Qassem Soleimani, as "the world's No. 1 terrorist," likely due to his being blamed for the improvised explosive devices that maimed US troops in Iraq and for supporting Syria's President Bashar Assad. Many Iranians revered Soleimani for fighting against the Islamic State group and in the Iran-Iraq war in the 1980s, and millions flooded the streets for his funeral processions. "The first call I get when we win will be from the head of Iran, let's make a deal. Their economy is crashing," Trump told a campaign rally in Allentown, Pennsylvania, on



In this May 28, 2018 file photo released by an official website of the office of the Iranian supreme leader, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei listens to a speaker during a meeting with a group of university students in Tehran, Iran. Top officials in Iran say the upcoming US election doesn't matter, but nearly everyone else there seems to be holding their breath. It could mean another four years of President Donald Trump's 'maximum pressure' campaign of crippling sanctions

Monday. "They will call and I want them to do well, but they cannot have a nuclear weapon."

Biden has left open the possibility of returning to the nuclear deal, in which Tehran agreed to limit its uranium enrichment in exchange for the lifting of economic sanctions. The other signatories — Britain, France, Germany,

Russia and China — have remained committed to the agreement and allowed a UN arms embargo to expire as part of the deal, despite a White House push to keep it in place.

After Trump withdrew from the deal in 2018 and restored crippling sanctions, Iran began publicly abandon-

ing the agreement's limits on enrichment. It now has at least 2,105 kilograms (2.32 tons) of low-enriched uranium, according to a September report by the International Atomic Energy Agency. Experts typically say 1,050 kilograms (1.15 tons) of low-enriched uranium is enough material to be re-enriched for one nuclear

weapon.

Iran insists its nuclear programme is peaceful and still allows IAEA inspectors to monitor its atomic sites. But experts say the "breakout time" needed for Iran to build one nuclear weapon if it chooses to do so has dropped from one year under the deal to as little as three months.

Iran in the past also has threatened to abandon a nuclear nonproliferation treaty or expel international inspectors. It recently began construction at an underground nuclear site, likely building a new centrifuge assembly plant after a reported sabotage attack there earlier this year.

"America First" has made

America alone," Biden said at a televised ABC town hall this month, playing on a longtime Trump slogan. "You have Iran closer to having enough nuclear material to build a bomb."

What a return to the deal means, however, is in question. Biden's campaign website says he would use "hard-nosed diplomacy and support from our allies to strengthen and extend it." One criticism of the accord was its narrow focus on the nuclear programme, despite concerns by the U.S., Israel and its Gulf Arab allies over Iran's ballistic missile programme and its presence in Iraq, Lebanon and Syria.

Iran maintains that its ballistic missile programme is vital for deterring potential attacks and non-negotiable. It is also unlikely to cease its military activities in Syria and Iraq, where it spent considerable blood and treasure in the war against the Islamic State group.

But ensuring the survival of the Islamic Republic, particularly amid the coronavirus pandemic, may require the same flexibility that saw Iran agree to negotiations with the US in the first place. Iran will hold a presidential election in June, but any decision to re-engage with Washington would have to be made by the supreme leader.

"Khamenei's revolutionary path actually leads to America — that is, by seeking a stable, safe, and meticulously measured relationship with the United States, he believes he can guarantee the survival of both the regime and its revolutionary content and orientation," wrote Mehdi Khalaji, a Qom-trained Shia theologian who is an analyst at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. "Tehran's objective is therefore a scandalous paradox: Deal with America to remain anti-American." AP



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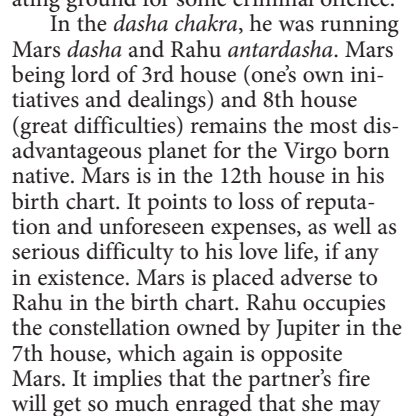
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# Astrology can be baffling

The person who had come to seek guidance seemed baffled with such a quick observation. He looked curiously towards my astrologer friend, as if asking him whether he had shared the details with me. The astrologer friend instantly pointed out that no information had been shared. It appeared that the person could not believe his observation. He asked me: "What is the basis

Well, it is very simple. Saturn the *lagna* sub-lord, representing the person concerned, is in the 5th house identified with love life. Saturn is opposite the Sun identified with government agencies as well as Venus, the planet reflecting a female and carnal desires. Cusp-wise Venus is in the 10th house identified with his profession, meaning that she would be someone associated with his works. Sun, incidentally is the 12th lord posited in the friend signifying 11th house. 12th being 8th from 5th implies that he would be put through an unprecedented situation because of some unforeseen happening to his girlfriend. Neptune in the 2nd house identified with family, is placed adverse to Saturn, Sun, mind signifying Moon and Venus. The obvious implication is that the girl's presence in his life was an embarrassment to his family members. Saturn aspects Jupiter, the 4th and 7th lord, respectively signifying the mother and wife, and which is placed adverse to Rahu and Mars. All put together makes him vulnerable to be confronted with unforeseen circumstances, difficult to withstand, when time becomes adverse.



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