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Biden takes insurmountable lead

Democrat candidate on cusp of US presidency with gain in Pennsylvania

PTI/AP ■ WASHINGTON

Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden on Friday took crucial leads over Donald Trump in the key battleground States of Georgia and Pennsylvania, bringing him on the cusp of a historic victory over the incumbent Republican US President in the closely-fought election.

The focus on Pennsylvania, where Biden led Trump by more than 9,000 votes, and Georgia, where Biden led by more than 1,500, came as Americans entered a third full day after the election without knowing who will lead them for the next four years. The prolonged process added to the anxiety of a nation whose racial and cultural divides were inflamed during the heated campaign. The 77-year-old former Vice President was trailing Trump by more than 50,000 votes in Georgia till Wednesday.

Thousands of requested overseas and military ballots may arrive by the deadline Friday, and there are provisional ballots left to count. Georgia secretary of state Brad Raffensperger said on Friday that there will be a recount given the tight margin.

Biden continued to maintain his small lead in the other two battleground States of Arizona and Nevada. To be declared the winner of the US election, either of the two candidates needs at least 270 of the



Democratic presidential candidate former Vice President Joe Biden waves as he gets into his motorcade on Thursday AP

538 electoral college votes.

As per the latest projections, Biden has 253 electoral college votes and Trump trails behind with 213. But some US media outlets have given 264 votes to Biden and 214 to Trump.

Biden was at his home in Wilmington, Delaware, as the vote count continued and aides said he would address the nation in primetime. Trump remained in the White House residence as more results trickled in, expanding Biden's lead in must-win Pennsylvania. In the West Wing, televisions remained tuned to the news

amid trappings of normalcy, as reporters lined up for coronavirus tests and outdoor crews worked on the North Lawn on a mild, muggy fall day.

Trump's campaign, meanwhile, was quiet — a dramatic difference from the day before, when it held a morning conference call projecting confidence and held a flurry of hastily arranged press conferences announcing litigation in key States.

However, Trump showed no sign of giving up and was back on Twitter around 2:30 a.m. Friday, insisting the "U.S. Supreme Court should

decide!"

In the US election, voters decide State-level contests rather than a single, national one. Each US State gets a certain number of Electoral College votes partly based on the size of the population, with a total of 538 up for grabs.

President Trump at a White House news conference accused the Democrats of massive ballot fraud and alleged that the election was being stolen. He did not offer any evidence to back his claim.

His campaign has filed multiple lawsuits in the States of Pennsylvania, Michigan,

Georgia, and Nevada and has demanded a recount of votes in Wisconsin.

The Biden campaign has denied the allegations.

Several American news channels on Thursday evening cut off the live telecast of Trump's White House news conference as they believed that his allegations of voter fraud were without any evidence. "In America, the vote is sacred. It's how the people of this nation express their will. And it is the will of the voters, no one and not anything else that chooses the President of the United States. So, each ballot must be counted and that's what is going on now. And that's how it should be," Biden said in his address to the media in Delaware on Thursday.

"Democracy is sometimes messy, so sometimes it requires a little patience. But that patience has been rewarded now for more than 240 years with a system of governance that has been the envy of the world. We continue to feel very good about where things stand," he said.

Meanwhile, a senior aide of Donald Trump on Friday said the incumbent President does not have plans to immediately concede the election to Biden.

Reacting to the leads established by Biden, the aide told Fox News that the President's counsellors have been giving him advice in both directions, with some telling Trump that a concession is the correct

thing to do, and others pushing him to continue to fight to ensure the vote was correct and legitimate.

The aide, who was not identified, told Trump's favourite news channel that the President is "simply skeptical."

The aide said, though, that the President "may ultimately concede." "He's just not there yet," the aide added.

Reacting to the Trump aide's remarks that President Trump has no plans to concede the race, Biden spokesperson said, "As we said on July 19th, the American people will decide this election."

"The United States government is perfectly capable of escorting trespassers out of the White House," campaign spokesperson Andrew Bates said in a statement.

Biden currently has a lead of 4.1 million votes in the count nationwide, reflecting a 1.3 per cent swing toward his party from 2016 in the votes counted so far.

But more than 6 million ballots may remain to be counted, many of them in California and New York, which is likely to increase Biden's margin, *The Washington Post* reported.

The shift toward the Democrat in the presidential race was small but consistent across the country. Only eight states and the District of Columbia voted less Democratic than they did four years ago, based on current counts.

Bihar's final phase polls in MY belt

Fate of 1,204 candidates to be sealed today

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Bihar is going to polls for 3rd and final phase on Saturday for 78 seats spread over 16 districts, many of them considered the stronghold of the RJD-led grand alliance.

The NDA will have to do better than expected to make up for the losses it is feared to have suffered in the first round.

About 2.34 crore voters, spread across 78 Assembly segments of the 243-strong Assembly, will decide the fates of 1,204 candidates, including the Speaker and 12 members of the State Cabinet.

Out of these 78 seats, in the 2015 Assembly elections, the Janata Dal(U) won 24 seats, the RJD 20, the Congress 10, and the BJP 19 seats.

The 16 districts which are going to the polls fall under Seemanchal, Mithilanchal and Koshi regions. All of them have a heavy presence of Yadav and Muslim voters, who form the base of the grand alliance. Mithilanchal has a good number of Brahmin voters. For the first time in 15 years, the Brahmin votes are understood to have not gone lock, stock, and barrel with the NDA.

The 78 seats also have a



good number of extremely backward caste voters who form the biggest chunk of support for the JD(U). Nitish Kumar has cultivated this section of voters assiduously over the years.

The BJP has gone all out to polarise the voters in this phase in a repeat of the 2015 attempt when the party gave full-page advertisement exhibiting the plight of the "cow mata."

Leading from the front, Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his campaign speech said on Tuesday at Forbisganj and Saharsa that "these people don't like to hear Jai Shri Ram. The opponents of Bharat Mata have got united and are seeking votes."

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No breakthrough in 8th round of LAC talks, parleys to continue

India reiterates disengagement has to take place across entire eastern Ladakh

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

There has not been any breakthrough in the eighth round of talks between India and China though both countries on Friday reaffirmed their resolve to sustain the momentum of dialogue to end the tension at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) leading to speedy disengagement and de-escalation.

This commitment to persist with the engagement came during the eighth round of Corps Commander-level talks between the two sides at Chushul in Ladakh. The talks began at 9.30 am.

"As expected, there was no immediate breakthrough during the parleys to break the continuing logjam in Ladakh," said an official.

The Indian delegation was led by Lt General PGK Menon while Major General Liu Lin represented the Chinese team. Menon was heading the talks for the first time after taking over as the Leh-based 14 Corps chief in mid-October from Lt General Harinder Singh. He led the previous seven rounds of talks since the face-offs began in early May. Singh is now the Commandant of the Indian Military Academy (IMA), Dehradun.

During the current round of talks, India reiterated its stand that disengagement has to take place across the entire eastern Ladakh. It also maintained that there should be no effort to unilaterally change the LAC, sources said.

After the developments on the South Bank of Pangong Tso in August when the Indian Army occupied several dominating features which were lying vacant, China has been pressing for discussing South Bank first and other friction areas later.

As successive rounds of parleys at the military and diplomatic level have failed so

far, India is prepared for a long haul. The Army has shored up its supplies including winter clothing and insulated huts to enable the soldiers to withstand the harsh cold when the temperatures dip below minus 20 degrees. China has also ramped up its military strength for the winter months.

Incidentally, the two sides in a joint statement after the sixth round of talks on September 21 agreed to "stop sending more troops to the frontline" and "refrain from unilaterally changing the situation on the ground." The seventh round took place on October 13. Then, the two sides agreed to sustain the momentum of dialogue and maintain peace and tranquility at the LAC.

Last week, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said the ties between India and China have come under "severe stress" and that the agreements inked by both sides on management of the border must be respected "scrupulously" in their "entirety" to restore normalcy in relations.

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Ensure no smog in Delhi: SC to Centre

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday asked the Centre to ensure there is no smog in Delhi as it was informed that the commission on air quality management has started functioning from today.

The pollution problem has to be dealt with by the executive as it has the power, money and resources for this, a bench headed by Chief Justice SA Bobde observed and posted the pleas related to air pollution in Delhi-National Capital Region (NCR) for hearing on December 8.

The Centre on Thursday appointed former Chief Secretary of Delhi MM Kutty as the chairperson of the Commission for Air Quality Management (AQM) in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta informed the bench, also comprising Justices AS Bopanna and V Ramasubramanian, that the Commission will start functioning from Friday and the government has appointed its members.

"The only thing is that you ensure that there is no



smog in the city. We are not concerned with commission. There are many commissions and many brains are working but just ensure that there is no smog in the city," the bench said.

"We are a court of law. This is a problem which has to be dealt with by the executive. They have the money, the power and the resources for

this. We are not abdicating our responsibility or functions but understand this, we have some limitations," the bench observed after one of the counsel referred to the situation of pollution in Delhi.

Mehta told the bench that the Government is taking all efforts on war footing to deal with the situation.

Senior advocate Vikas

Singh, appearing for petitioner Aditya Dubey who has raised the issue of pollution caused due to stubble burning in neighbouring states of Delhi, said the chairman of the commission is a bureaucrat and it could have been a retired judge of the HC.

"There is no member from the Union health ministry,"

Singh said, adding that pollution is linked to health issues.

The bench said the commission can talk to anybody in the country. Singh contended that there is no classification of offence in the recent ordinance on air pollution and Rs 1 crore fine and five year jail term is a little bit arbitrary.

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Capital's air remains 'severe'

New Delhi: The national Capital's air quality remained "severe" for the second consecutive day on Friday, while Government agencies said it is likely to improve slightly on Saturday.

Experts said while meteorological conditions were "moderately" favourable for dispersion of pollutants, a "very high" number of farm fires in Punjab was the primary reason for the "severe" air quality on Friday.

According to the India Meteorological Department, the maximum wind speed was 10 kilometres per hour on Friday and the minimum temperature 11.2 degrees Celsius. Calm winds and low temperatures trap pollutants close to

the ground, while favourable wind speed helps in their dispersion.

The Ministry of Earth Sciences' air quality monitor, SAFAR, said the share of stubble burning in Delhi's PM2.5 pollution was estimated at 21 per cent on Friday. It was 42 per cent on Thursday, the maximum this season so far.

The city's 24-hour average air quality index (AQI) stood at 406. On Thursday, the AQI was 450, the highest since November 15 last year, when it was 458.

The neighbouring cities of Faridabad, Ghaziabad, Noida, Greater Noida and Gurugram also recorded "very poor" to "severe" air quality.

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India assures world of help on vaccine

To assist countries enhance cold chain

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In an effort to play a key role in fighting coronavirus pandemic, India on Friday assured the world it will use its vaccine production capacity and is prepared to help countries enhance their cold chain and storage capacities for delivery of vaccines.

Foreign Secretary Harsh Shringla made this commitment while briefing the diplomatic corps and representatives of international organisations on India's Covid-19 response and vaccine development programme, including international cooperation in this field.

"Several countries have been approaching us for receiv-

ing vaccine supply. I reiterate our Prime Minister's commitment that India's vaccine production and delivery capacity will be used to help all humanity in fighting this crisis," said Shringla.

He also said India will also help interested countries in enhancing their cold chain and storage capacities for the delivery of vaccines.

As a first step, Shringla said, the Government will take a delegation of ambassadors on a tour of vaccine and diagnostic facilities in Pune to give them a "flavour of India's robust and resilient progress in vaccine development and in the trial process."

On the ongoing endeavour to develop the vaccine, he said India is "on track" in the development and trial of vaccines.

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High PM 2.5 turns Covid more fatal

Air pollution may increase episodes of coughing, thus spreading Covid, adds US study

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

While parts of north India battles alarmingly high levels of air pollution, a new analysis of more than 3,000 counties in the US has suggested that people with long-term exposure to PM 2.5 may be more likely to die from Covid-19. The study underlines the fact that higher air pollution may increase episodes of coughing and sneezing spreading Covid-19 faster.

A team of the US researchers, including Xiao Wu from Harvard University, after

assessing the impact of long-term exposure to air pollution on Covid-19 death rates in 3,089 counties in the US, found that chronic exposure to PM2.5 pollutants — tiny particles in the air that are two-and-a-half microns or less in width — is linked to greater county-level Covid-19 mortality rates.

The Harvard researchers noted that chronic exposure to PM 2.5 might cause overproduction of ACE-2 receptor proteins in the lungs, which the novel coronavirus uses to enter host cells. They believe prolonged exposure to air pollution might also impair people's immune system, compromising their abilities to fight off the novel coronavirus infection.

"Chronic exposure to PM2.5 causes alveolar ACE-2 receptor over expression and impairs host defences. This could cause a more severe form of Covid-19 in ACE-2-

Covid-19 IN INDIA

TOTAL

CASES: 84,48,629

DEATHS: 1,25,455

RECOVERED:

78,07,787

ACTIVE: 5,13,575



depleted lungs, increasing the likelihood of poor outcomes, including death," the Harvard scientists wrote in the study.

STATES	TOTAL CASES	DEATHS	RECOVERED
Maharashtra	17,10,314	44,965	15,62,342
Karnataka	8,41,889	11,347	7,97,204
Andhra Pradesh	8,38,363	6,768	8,09,770
Tamil Nadu	7,39,147	11,299	7,08,846
Uttar Pradesh	4,93,527	7,155	4,63,240
Kerala	4,73,469	1,641	3,88,504
Delhi	4,16,653	6,769	3,71,155
West Bengal	3,97,466	7,177	3,54,732
Odisha	2,98,768	1,446	2,85,174
Telangana	2,47,284	1,366	2,26,646
Bihar	2,20,992	1,129	2,12,911
Assam	2,08,054	934	1,99,455
Rajasthan	2,07,597	1,966	1,89,354
Chhattisgarh	1,96,233	2,360	1,70,760
Haryana	1,78,413	1,880	1,61,176
Gujarat	1,77,598	3,751	1,62,946

But they acknowledged that this is only a hypothesis. The researchers said they were unable to account for individ-

ual-level risk factors such as age, race, and smoking status as such data was unavailable.

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RBI lauds UP's fight against Corona virus

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

The Reserve Bank of India has lauded Uttar Pradesh's strategy to control COVID-19 pandemic. According to the 'State Finance Report' released by RBI, UP successfully managed to control the overall situation in the first wave of coronavirus infection in comparison to other states.

"Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and his Government has fought COVID well on every front to control the Corona epidemic, so much so that it has topped in the eight out of nine parameters on the basis of which the performance of a state was to be ascertained," the report said. According to the 'Study of State Budgets' report,

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‘Ensure farmers are not harassed over stubble burning’

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Friday directed officials to ensure that farmers were not harassed or misbehaved when action was taken against stubble burning.

“It should be ensured that farmers should not be misbehaved with or harassed while taking action against stubble burning,” an official statement quoted the chief minister as saying.

Yogi Adityanath said the farmers should be made aware of the impacts of stubble burning on the environment and pollution caused by it. He asked the Agriculture Department to run awareness programmes for this.

“It is the duty of the officials of the Agriculture Department to create awareness among the farmers over the serious damage to the health of the soil and environment caused by stubble burning,” he said.

“Dear farmers, you have a

close bond with nature and environment. Stubble burning is injurious to the environment and health of all of us. You are the food provider to the nation and your role is to provide strength to life. Let us take a pledge to not burn the stubble and take environment-friendly measures for the productive use of the stubble,” Yogi Adityanath tweeted on Friday.

The chief minister said the guidelines for the disposal of stubble had already been issued and the farmers must be apprised of the fact that besides adding to the air pollution, stubble burning also degrades the health of the soil and its fertility.

He said with the burning of the stubble, several important soil nutrients like nitrogen, phosphorus and potash were also destroyed along with the bacteria.

“The Supreme Court and the National Green Tribunal have held stubble burning as a cognisable offence. The farmers, instead of burning the stubble, should avail of the

schemes formulated by the state government for the safe disposal of crop waste by which the waste can be put to productive use,” the chief minister said and added, “The government also provides subsidy on the purchase of equipment for this purpose.”

Yogi Adityanath pointed out that at several places the farmers were using stubble as a source of additional income and the farmers of the rest of the state could learn from them and the Agriculture department officials should spread this knowledge among them.

“Effective use of stubble can help farmers in increasing their income,” he added

The chief minister said that new experiments to use crop residue should be encouraged and projects to prepare bio fuel/power from stubble should be reviewed.

Stubble burning has been identified as a major cause of air pollution ahead of the onset of winter in north India. The police in several districts have

arrested farmers for burning stubble, a waste of the paddy crop which is being harvested.

Meanwhile, the police spokesman said that nearly 144 FIRs had been lodged in different districts in the last 24 hours alone for stubble burning.

The police lodged 15 FIRs in Balrampur, eight each in Bahraich and Kushinagar, seven each in Aligarh, Basti and Hardoi, and six each in Rampur, Shahjahanpur, Siddhartha Nagar among others. Six persons were also arrested in Saharanpur for burning stubble.

Director General of Police (DGP) HC Awasthi has already issued a circular directing all district police chiefs to stop air pollution by spreading awareness against stubble burning and for proper disposal of crop residue by involving village committees and village heads.

Senior officials at the DGP headquarters said additional chief secretary (agriculture) had informed the DGP that in spite of repeated instructions,

stubble burning cases were not coming down.

ADG (Law and Order) Prashant Kumar said the Supreme Court was monitoring the situation and the district police chiefs had been asked to ensure that the guidelines for curbing stubble burning were followed.

Meanwhile, Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Friday criticised the government for action against farmers for stubble burning.

She alleged that the farmers were being sent to jail instead of making proper arrangements for disposal of stubble.

In a tweet, Priyanka said, “Are only farmers responsible for pollution? When will the real responsibilities of pollution be acted upon?”

The Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) demanded withdrawal of cases against the farmers and threatened agitation if “victimisation” of farmers was not stopped.

Last month, the Central government said in the

Supreme Court that it would soon bring a law related to pollution. After this, the apex court stayed the decision to form a one-member committee headed by Justice Madan B. Lokur to monitor the burning of stubble.

Meanwhile, a large number of bees were reportedly charred to death in a farm in Shahjahanpur due to stubble burning.

A bee farmer, Dharmendra Kumar, claimed that he suffered huge losses in the incident and filed a complaint in this regard.

Dharmendra had signed up for beekeeping training in Pipraula village. In 2017, he secured a loan of Rs 2.5 lakh under the Prime Minister’s Employment Generation Programme and started his apiary with 50 hive boxes. Each hive box cost Rs 4,500 and each hive produced nearly 25 kg honey.

Besides honey production, bees play an important role as pollinators in the crop production.

Yogi’s Deepawali gift to police officials

Lucknow (PNS): A day after the Uttar Pradesh government announced Deepawali bonus to the state employees and reduced the mandi fee for farmers, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Friday decided to give promotions to 52 state police service officers as a festival gift. The chief minister took to the Twitter and shared the news of promoting the police officials in the various grade pay of additional superintendent of police rank.

Among the promoted officers, 21 have been promoted to the rank of additional superintendent of police, special category-i, grade pay 8700, 21 officers of them have now been designated as additional superintendent of police rank.

He, however, clarified that in the future, no PAC personnel will be transferred to the civil police. It may be mentioned that on September 9, Yogi Adityanath had expressed displeasure over the move to demote PAC jawans after shifting them back to PAC from the civil police.

superintendent of police, high-grade pay 10000.

Meanwhile, Yogi Adityanath also gave another Deepawali gift by facilitating adjustment of Provincial Armed Constabulary (PAC) personnel in the Armed Police (AP) of the civil police.

Yogi Adityanath tweeted that all PAC personnel who, as per rule, were shifted to the civil police before November 29, 2004 would be deemed to be adjusted in the civil police with immediate effect. He, however, clarified that in the future, no PAC personnel will be transferred to the civil police. It may be mentioned that on September 9, Yogi Adityanath had expressed displeasure over the move to demote PAC jawans after shifting them back to PAC from the civil police.

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The Chief Administrative Officer/Const.-II/Northern Railway, Kashmir Gate, Delhi, for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-tender under Two Packet System for the under noted work:-

1.	Mode of Tender	E-Tender (Two Packet)
2.	Tender Notice No.	74-W/3/2437/WA/LKO Dated 05.11.2020
3.	Full name of work	Shahganj-Akbarpur Section: Miscellaneous works such as construction of platform works, duty huts at level crossings & other allied works between Shahganj (excluding) and Akbarpur (excluding) and construction of LHS by Air pushing methodology between Jaunpur and Akbarpur section in connection with "Proposed Doubling of Jaunpur-Akbarpur" of Lucknow Division on Northern Railway.
4.	Approx. cost	Rs. 49.84 crores
5.	Completion period	24 (Twenty four) Months
6.	Earnest money amount	Rs. 26.42,100/- only
7.	Sale/availability of tender document on Rly. Website	Tender documents will be available on IREPS web site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 09.11.2020 to 01.12.2020 upto 11.30 hrs.
8.	Last date/Time of upload of tenders	01.12.2020 upto 11.30 hours. Tender documents can be uploaded by the tenderer on IREPS web site w.e.f. 16.11.2020 to 01.12.2020
9.	Date and time of opening of tender	01.12.2020 at 11.30 hours (immediately after close of uploading of tender (D2). In case of two packet system, Financial bids of the eligible tenderers would be opened subsequently on the date & time to be notified later on.

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Sl. No.	Particulars	3 Months ended 30.09.2020 (Unaudited)	Half Year ended 30.09.2020 (Unaudited)	Corresponding 3 Months ended 30.09.2019 (Unaudited)
1.	Total income from operations	-	-	-
2.	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(10.33)	(17.84)	(12.45)
3.	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(10.33)	(17.84)	(12.45)
4.	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(10.33)	(17.84)	(12.45)
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax)	(10.33)	(17.84)	(12.11)
6.	Paid-up Equity Share Capital (Face value of Rs. 10/- per share)	85.01	85.01	85.01
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	-	98.33	-
8.	Basic & Diluted Earnings per share (of Rs. 10/- each) (For continuing and discontinuing operations) (Not Annualised) (in Rs.)	(1.22)	(2.10)	-

Note: The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Half Yearly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full formats of the Quarterly/Half Yearly Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange website: www.bseindia.com and on the Company's website: www.khandelwalextractions.com.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors
Dinesh Khandelwal
Director (Finance & CFO)
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Place: KANPUR
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NOTICE

NOTICE pursuant to the regulation 29 and 47 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 is hereby given that the meeting of Board of Directors of the Company will be held on Thursday, 12.11.2020, inter alia, to approve the unaudited financial results for the 02nd quarter and half year ended on 30th September, 2020.

Note: the detail notice is also available at BSE website (www.bseindia.com) and Company website (www.continentalchemicalssoft.com).

By order of the Board of Directors
Nareesh Kumar Chhabra
Managing Director

Place: Noida
Date : 06.11.2020

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NOTICE

It is hereby notified that Share Certificate No.12443 for 9 Equity Shares bearing Distinctive Nos.42587196 to 42587204 standing in the sole name(s) of Chander Prabha Jain of Ludhiana issued by the Company is reported lost. Any objection for issuance of duplicate share certificate must be filed with the Company within 15 days from the date of publication of this Notice, failing which duplicate share certificate will be issued without incurring any liability for the said issue.

For J.K.Cement Ltd. (Shambhu Singh)
Asst.Vice-President (Legal)
Place : Kanpur & Company Secretary
Date : 06.11.2020 M.No:FC5 5836

बैंक ऑफ बड़ोदा
Bank of Baroda

Possession Notice

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice calling upon the borrower & guarantor to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being with in 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with rule 8 & 9 of the said rules.

The borrower/guarantor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the first charge of Bank of Baroda for amount & interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provision of sub-section (8) of 13 of the act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Name and Address of Borrower/Guarantor & Description of Mortgage Property and O/S Amount as per Demand Notice/Demand & Possession Notice Date

Borrower : Shri Vineet Dalmia & Shri Sachin Dalmia, Both R/o : Flat No. 201, Parv Apartment, 3/90, Vishnupuri, Kanpur. Demand Notice Date: 11-08-2020 - Date of Constructive Possession: 02.11.2020

Description of Mortgage Immovable Property : Flat No. 201 on 2nd Floor, 3/90 Parv Apartment, Chak No. 3, Vishnupuri, Kanpur Nagar in the name of Shri Vineet Dalmia & Shri Sachin Dalmia. Area : Builtup Area 96.57 Sq. Mtr. & Undivided Share in Land 44.63 Sq. Mtr. Bounded- North : Star Case & Flat No. 202, South : Open Area, East : Open Area, West : Open Area

O/s Amount as per Demand Notice : Rs. 23,64,374.78 + Intt. + Others Charges

Please Note that without prejudice to Bank right and contention, over previous possession notice of SARFAESI Act, 2002 issued dated 17-12-2019 in the captioned matter is hereby withdrawn and be treated as cancelled.

Date : 07-11-2020 Place : Kanpur Authorised Officer

Limited scope law against conversion not to stand judicial scrutiny: Mittal

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

The Uttar Pradesh Law Commission has said that the “limited scope legislation” for restricting inter-faith marriage between Hindus and Muslims for curbing love jihad will not stand judicial scrutiny.

UP Law Commission Chairman Justice (Retired) Aditya Nath Mittal said if the state government brought the legislation to curb inter-faith marriages, it would not stand in law. The commission in December 2019 had submitted a draft bill — The Uttar Pradesh Freedom of Religion Act, 2019 — to curb conversion of religion by fraud and inducements.

Justice (Retired) Mittal said the state government was examining the draft bill and it was possible that the state government could bring a law with minor changes.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, on October 31, while addressing an election meeting in Jaunpur, had issued a warning against love jihad and said the government was working to bring a strict law to curb incidents of love jihad.

Referring to an order of the Allahabad High Court which said religious conversion was not necessary for marriage, the chief minister said, “I warn those who conceal identity and play with the respect of our sisters. If you don’t mend your ways, your ‘Ram naam satya’ journey will begin”

Though the draft bill submitted by the UP Law Commission makes no mention of love jihad, it provides that “no person shall convert or attempt to convert, either directly or otherwise, any

other person from one religion to another by use or practice of misrepresentation, force, undue influence, coercion, allurement or by any fraudulent means or by marriage nor shall any person abet, convince or conspire such conversion”.

The draft bill also provides that “conversion done for the sole purpose of marriage to be declared null and void”.

It says, “Any conversion which was done for the sole purpose of marriage by the man of one religion with the woman of another religion either by converting himself before or after marriage or by converting the woman before or after marriage may be declared null and void by the family court or where family court is not established, the court having jurisdiction to try such case on a petition presented by either party thereto against the other party of the marriage.”

The law commission on the basis of media reports about forcible conversion had taken suo motu study and prepared the draft of the anti-conversion bill. The commission in its report to the state government said that forcible conversion was still prevalent.

Considering all these aspects, the commission took this study suo motu and it is of the view that the incidents of conversion by force, fraud and allurement are still taking place in the state of UP and while other states of India, like Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Arunachal Pradesh have enacted a specific law on this point, the state of UP should also consider to enact a specific law on this point to curb and control the fraudulent conversions.

CM Yogi : Govt to promote UP as ‘favoured investment destination’

Lucknow (PNS): The Uttar Pradesh government was committed to promoting the state as a favoured investment destination across the globe, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said on Friday.

“Under the able guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, UP is committed to becoming a favoured investment destination across the globe. The Ease of Doing Business ranking and single window clearance system are clear indicators of our investor-friendly policies,” the chief minister said in a tweet.

He shared a tweet of Mahindra Group Chairman Anand Mahindra in which the

latter said, “The first few drops, which turn into a trickle, then a strong flow and finally a flood. Let’s make sure we do nothing to prevent this ‘good’ flood of investment. It’s a huge opportunity. I hope @invest India can catalyse this.

Mahindra’s tweet came on a report about German shoe brand Von Wellx shifting its production to Agra from China. Due to the investment-friendly initiatives in the state, UP has gained the second position in the Ease of Doing Business ranking, leaving behind Maharashtra, Gujarat, Telangana and Rajasthan. The German shoe brand is sold in over 80 countries and has over

100 million customers worldwide.

According to an official spokesman, the collaboration will provide over 10,000 direct and indirect jobs and will manufacture over 50 lakh pairs of shoes every year.

He said Von Wellx would invest about Rs 300 crore in three projects in Uttar Pradesh. The brand will set up its factory near Jewar, while the manufacturing unit will be set up in Kosi-Kotwan, Mathura.

Von Wellx shifted its two shoe-making units in Agra on November 3. Earlier, the company announced that it would shift its entire production from China to India.

HANUMAN CHALISA AT MOSQUE

BJP leader, maulvi made to sign ₹ 5-lakh bond each

Baghpatt (PTI) : Police here have made a local BJP leader and a maulvi sign a bond to ensure there is no untoward incident following the recent recitation of the Hanuman Chalisa at a mosque.

According to police, they are liable to pay ₹ 5 lakh each if any untoward incident takes place.

The maulvi has also been told by his community leaders to go home for a few days till the controversy dies down, according to police.

On Tuesday, BJP’s district executive member Manupal Bansal had recited the Hanuman Chalisa at a mosque in Baghpatt’s Vinaypur village and telecast it on social media.

The incident followed a similar act at a Mathura temple, where two Muslim men offered namaz recently.

However, Khekhda police station Anil Kumar Singh here said the situation is normal at Vinaypur village after the incident. He said maulvi Ali Hasan, who gave permission for the recitation of the Hanuman Chalisa, has been sent home for a few days and refuted reports of his removal from the mosque following a meeting by a Muslim community.

However, the SHO said they got BJP leader Manupal Bansal and the cleric sign a bond of ₹ 5 lakh each.

Meanwhile, Manupal Bansal said reports of the Ali Hasan’s removal from the mosque were wrong.

He tried to give a message of brotherhood, Bansal said.

He said the BJP and the Jansakha Foundation, of which he is the national vice-president, had nothing to do with the incident. “It was my personal decision,” Bansal said.

HC asks CBI to reply to disqualified MLA’s appeal against jail

Lucknow (PTI): The Delhi High Court on Friday sought the CBI’s reply on disqualified UP MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar’s appeal challenging his conviction and 10-year imprisonment in the custodial death case of the Unnao rape victim’s father.

Justice Vibhu Bakhu issued notice to the CBI and also asked the agency to respond to Sengar’s application seeking suspension of the sentence till pendency of the appeal. The high court listed the matter for further hearing on November 10, Sengar, who was also sentenced to the “remainder of his natural biological life” for raping the minor Unnao girl, was stripped of his membership on February 25 as the lawmaker of the Uttar Pradesh Assembly following his conviction in the rape case.

The father of the rape victim was arrested at the behest of Sengar in the Arms Act and had died in custody on April 9, 2018 owing to police brutalities in custody. On March 4, Sengar, his brother and five others were convicted for the death of the victim’s father in judicial custody by the trial court which on March 13, sentenced them to 10 years imprisonment.

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I have changed my name from Vijay Laxmi to VijayLaxmi Kushwaha W/o Rajendra Prasad Kushwaha R/o-2A/191 Azad Nagar, Kanpur, for all future purposes.

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In my Intermediate Marksheet & Certificate, my father's name has been wrongly mentioned as Basudev Panera. While his correct name is Vasudev Paneru. Jheel Paneru D/o Vasudev Paneru, R/o B-331, Indira Nagar, Lucknow.

NOTICE

Original Sale deed & deed Sale Agreement of my house no MS 48, Sector-D, Aliganj, Lucknow, registered in Book No-I, Section-995, Page 207-224, No 17/4 dated 28/2/2020, has been lost.- Ruhul Ahmad Khan S/o Ameer Ahmad Khan.

NOTICE

Harshita Singh and Hrshita Singh Tomar are two different names but of the same person that it me. In future I should be known as Harshita Singh Tomar for all purposes. Harshita Singh Tomar D/o Sanjay Singh Tomar R/o 105/716 Anand Bagh, Kanpur

NOTICE

I have declared that My daughter's name is mistakenly written from Hiba Fatima to Heeba Fatima in school records. So her correct name is Heba Fatima and She known by her correct name in future. Shakeel Ahamad s/o Khaleel Ahamad R/o Mohalla Pyarepur, Tehsil, P.S. & City-Lakhimpur, District-Kheri.

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मैं, आर्मी नं० 13998947 Y रैंक हवलदार राम लखन निग्राम नखलोली, पोस्ट अकोन, तहसील अटेर, जिला भिंड मद्रा प्रुन्टि ओ टी सी, ए एस सी सेक्टर एंड कॉलेज लखनऊ मेरे सर्विस रिकॉर्ड में मेरी पत्नी का नाम अनिता कुमारी दर्ज हो गया है जबकि मेरी पत्नी का सही नाम अनिता देवी है सर्विस रिकॉर्ड में उसका सही नाम दर्ज किया जाये।

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Notice
We Mrs. Mayuri Agarwal W/o Mr. Sanchit Agarwal and Mr. Sanchit Agarwal S/o Mr. Ashok Kumar Agarwal both are R/o 202, Surya Lake View Apartment, Vikalp Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow (U.P.), have lost following 4 original property payment receipts of plot no. B-33, DLF Garden City, Raibareilly Road, Lucknow- 1. GDN/CRB/00424/ 1211 31/12/2011 Rs. 4.00,000.00/- 2- GDN/CRB/00119/0913 16/09/2013 Rs. 10,00,000.00/- 3-GDN/CRB/00075/0316 16/03/2016 Rs.22,00,000.00/- 4- GDN/CRB/00076/0316 16/03/2016 Rs.32,213.00/- Mobile: 8795817012

Lucknow second most polluted city in country with AQI at 447

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Lucknow was the second most polluted city in the country on Friday with the Air Quality Index (AQI) at an alarming level of 447, which falls in the severe category. Lucknow was second to Moradabad, which was the most polluted at AQI 457, followed by Kanpur at AQI 441.

District Magistrate Abhishek Prakash said pollution is being caused by the burning of crop residue and garbage, which has an adverse impact on the health of residents. He directed block-level officers and city magistrates to take action against those burning garbage and crop residue. Air-borne particles (PM10 and PM2.5) at high concentration increase mortality and morbidity in people exposed to them. As per a senior IITR scientist, the exact mechanism of particulate matter toxicity is yet to be understood clearly.

“The degree of effectiveness depends on physico-chemical properties of the par-



ticulate matters which depend largely on the level of associated metal oxides, constituents of inorganic, organic chemicals, pollutants as well as other bacteria, viruses and pollens. Overall, the effects depend on the cumulative or synergistic effects of physico-chemical properties of particulate mat-

ter, meteorological condition and other environmental circumstances, including receptor conditions. Though the inorganic lead and nickel components may constitute a small fraction by mass of the particulates, they may have profound health effects,” he said. He added that high levels

of lead can induce severe neurological and hematological problems in the exposed population, especially children.

“When we inhale a gas mixture with particles of a diameter less than 10 micrometre and fine particles of a diameter less than 2.5 micrometre, it causes severe health impairment. These particles can penetrate beyond the larynx and deposit in the lungs and have a lesser chance to come out with spit or cough. Small particles penetrate deep into the lungs and can cause respiratory disease such as emphysema & bronchitis and aggravate existing heart disease. Ultra-fine particles ranging from 0.001 to 0.1 micron in diameter are able to penetrate deep into the lungs and alveolar sacs where gaseous exchange occurs. Further, these tiny particles increase the rate of blood flow and vascular permeability to white blood cells, elevating clotting activity, constriction of the airways and fever induction,” the scientist explained.

70% of active cases in dist under home isolation

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Seventy per cent of the active coronavirus cases in the state capital are under home isolation. There are 1,916 patients under home isolation out of a total of 2,700 active cases in the district.

A senior official at the CMO office said one problem that they face is that patients under home isolation have to be convinced for hospitalisation in case of co-morbidities. “Patients prefer home isolation because they do not understand the gravity of situation. They are often of the view that it is better if they can manage at home. These patients normally do not have too many symptoms and thus they avoid going to hospitals and have to be persuaded if they have co-morbidities,” he said.

He further said that they have dismantled five Level-1 Covid hospitals but the same continue to be notified. “Authorities concerned have been informed that these hospitals will be taken again, if and when required,” he added.

The official said that with the rising pollution levels in Lucknow, coronavirus cases may increase because Covid-19 is directly related to breathing problems. Regarding directives to hospitals in this regard, he said: “The OPDs should be vigilant and check if there are any patients with respiratory problems. They should test as many patients for Covid-19 as possible and the symptoms may include fever and breathlessness.”

Regarding two students testing positive in a BKT college recently, he said the situation was under control.

“However, people in general need to be alert and ensure all the precautions, be it in

288 more test positive



Lucknow (PNS): As many as 288 persons tested positive for coronavirus in Lucknow on Friday while 256 recovered. The new patients included 29 from Indiranagar, 28 from Gomtinagar, 18 from Rae Bareilly road, 17 from Hazratganj, 11 each from Alambagh, Ashiyana, Chinhat, Aliganj & Vikasnagar, and 10 each from Chowk and Cantt.

There were nine deaths in the city and only one of the deceased belonged to Lucknow.

Across the state, 2,187 persons tested positive,

including 185 in Ghaziabad, 184 in Gautam Buddh Nagar and 147 in Meerut, taking the UP tally to 4,93,527.

There were 25 deaths in the state, including three in Gorakhpur, two each in Varanasi, Agra & Bahraich, and one each in Meerut, Jhansi, Saharanpur, Ayodhya, Deoria, Muzaffarnagar, Maharajganj, Etawah, Mainpuri, Sant Kabir Nagar & Balrampur, taking the toll to 7,155. Besides, 2,167 patients recovered, taking the recovery figures to 4,63,240 while there are 23,132 active cases in the state.

IITR appeals for cracker-free Diwali

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Indian Institute of Toxicology Research (IITR) has appealed to people to avoid bursting firecrackers in Diwali in view of the ongoing pandemic and rising pollution levels. Coronavirus and pollution impact lungs and could well make the situation worse.

IITR director Alok Dhawan said they have always insisted that Diwali is a festival of lights and not firecrackers. “We will be conducting a survey to assess post-Diwali air quality,” he said.

IITR had conducted an air quality survey at nine locations (Aliganj, Vikasnagar, Indiranagar, Gomtinagar, Charbagh, Aminabad, Chowk, Alambagh and Amausi) to assess the impact of fireworks last year and the respirable particulates pre-Diwali, Diwali and post-Diwali were well above the national ambient air quality standards of 60 and 100 µg/m3 for PM2.5 and PM10, respectively.

On Diwali night (October 27), the mean level of PM2.5 increased from 159.2 to 346.5

µg/m3 over the pre-Diwali night and reduced to 190.7 µg/m3 the night after Diwali. On Diwali night too, the level of PM10 also increased from 234.1 to 536.5 µg/m3 over the pre-Diwali night and reduced to 307.7 µg/m3 after Diwali.

“Firecrackers are responsible for the increasing particulate levels as other sources such as traffic and industrial activities had minimal contribution on account of Diwali holidays,” a senior scientist at IITR said.

Meanwhile, IITR celebrated its 55th Annual Day on

Friday. The celebrations were organised using virtual platform. Director Alok Dhawan apprised the gathering of several success stories of the institute in the year gone by, especially its contribution to the fight against coronavirus. DSIR secretary and director-general of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (New Delhi) Shekhar C Mande was the chief guest and he delivered the ‘24th Professor Sibte Hasan Zaidi Oration’ in memory of the founding director of the institute.

Rajnath inaugurates ICCJW-2020

Lucknow (PNS): The 21st International Conference of Chief Justices of the World (ICCJW-2020), organised by City Montessori School, began online on Friday. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the event virtually while mayor Sanyukta Bhatia honoured former President of Trinidad and Tobago Anthony Thomas Aquinas Carmona by presenting him the ‘key to the city of Lucknow’.

Earlier, CMS founder Jagdish Gandhi and others acknowledged the presence and participation of the heads of states, chief justices and judges at the event based on Article 51 of the Constitution of India. Presidents, prime ministers, heads of states, chief justices, supreme court judges and peace promoters of famous organisations representing 63 countries are participating in the event online on the call given by over 55,000 CMS students campaigning for a united and peaceful world to safeguard the safety and security of all the children of the world and the generations yet to be born. At the inaugural ceremony, Rajnath Singh said it should be the foremost aim to provide a safe and secure future for the coming generations and the significant step taken by chief justices and judges of various nations to unite and move ahead in this direction would revolutionise society and help establish a new world order.

Man found hanging in house

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A 34-year-old man, identified as Raj Kamal of Faridnagar in Indiranagar, was found hanging from the ceiling with a saree tied around his neck. However, no suicide was recovered from the place.

His wife Anju spotted him hanging late Thursday night. Police said Raj lived with his wife and their three children. The family had dinner together on Thursday and according to Anju, Raj was in a cheerful mood and his behaviour appeared to be normal. She said she then went to a room on the first floor along with the children. She said she was shocked to see her husband hanging when she came down around 1 a.m.

Raj was a native of Barabanki and ironed clothes to make ends meet for the family. Investigating officer DK Sonkar said probe was under-

way to ascertain as to why he ended his life.

Meanwhile, mutilated body of a youth was recovered from railway tracks near Jaitipur under Banthra police station area on Friday morning. The deceased was identified as Pankaj, who was a resident of Harauni in Unnao. He was identified with the help of his driving license which was recovered from his wallet. The police said a railway employee, Rajesh Kumar, spotted the mutilated body first. He was inspecting the railway track between Harauni and Jaitipur around 6 a.m. The information was passed on to Banthra police station. The police said Pankaj’s house is at stone’s throw distance from the place where his body was found. It was yet to be ascertained if he was run over by a train while crossing the track or fell down from one. A plumber, he was

working with a contractor.

In another incident, a youth, identified as Rohit Kumar (24), was recovered from a pond behind Divine Hospital under Vibhuti Khand police station on Friday afternoon. His father told the police that Rohit was a drug addict and suffering from depression.

He said Rohit mysteriously disappeared from the house on November 3 morning and he lodged a missing complaint the same night.

In another incident, a 22-year-old girl, identified as Vaishnavi Kapoor, hanged herself at her house in Pandariba under Naka police station on Friday evening. However, no suicide note was recovered from the place. Her father Mahesh Kapoor is the driver of a private taxi. The girl was home alone when she ended her life.

Gang of auto-lifters busted; three arrested

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Police on Friday claimed to have busted a gang of auto-lifters who mainly targeted hospitals and other public places. Those arrested were identified as Shubham Rastogi, Syed Mohammad Yusuf and Kanhaiya Lal. A dozen stolen two-wheelers and 20 fake registration number plates were recovered by the police.

Rastogi, who was said to be mastermind of the gang, worked as a cycle mechanic

while Yusuf, who runs a cyber cafe, is a commerce graduate. Lal is a college drop-out and a tout at RTO. The police said fake registration number plates were used for the stolen vehicles with the help of Lal and the amount received after selling stolen vehicles would be distributed among the gang members. The police stumbled upon the gang during a vehicle checking drive in Chowk. Yusuf was stopped by the police late Thursday night. As he became nervous, he was taken

to police station. During interrogation, he confessed to his crime and disclose the names of his partners.

Meanwhile, police also claimed to have arrested two drug peddlers from Gulala ghat under Thakurganj police station on Friday afternoon. Those arrested were identified as Danish (22) and Akash (19). Half-a-kg ganja was recovered from their possession. Informers tipped off police about the drug peddlers.

FOUR ARRESTED FOR CHAIN-SNATCHING

Police arrested four persons on the charges of chain-snatching in trans-Gomti areas. They were identified as Mohsin Raza (22), Anish alias Munna (19), Moazim Hussain (19) and Nadeem Hussain (22). Two dozen stolen gold chains, 17 smartphones and Rs 2,000 in cash were recovered from their possession. Nadeem was rounded up first and he disclosed the names of his accomplices, who were arrested later.

Illegal structures demolished

Lucknow (PNS): In an action against land mafia, the district administration and Lucknow Development Authority demolished a marriage hall in Jankipuram and other illegal structures in Vasant Kunj on Friday. The joint team freed 2.17 hectare land worth Rs 1.51 crore. Officials said the marriage hall had been constructed without proper map approval. In Vasant Kunj Yojana, the joint team removed encroachments on



5,500 square metre land. DM Abhishek Prakash said stern action would be taken against

land mafia and builders who have constructed illegal buildings.

Females continue to be prime target of goons

Lucknow (PNS): The Mission Shakti has failed to deter goons from targeting females with half-a-dozen cases of crime against the fairer sex being reported in the last 24 hours. While a man was brutally battered to death for objecting teasing of his daughter in Deoria, a girl was sacrificed by her father in Barabanki while three little girls were raped in separate localities.

Reports from Deoria said that some local goons teased a girl in Ishwarpura hamlet of Ekauna on Thursday after which her father, Bhola Prasad (50), objected and threatened to complain to the parents of the accused. This annoyed the accused and they brutally attacked him with sticks and rods, critically injuring him.

Bhola Prasad was taken to the district hospital from where he was referred to the Sanjay Gandhi Post-Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences in Lucknow but he died on the way.

The police registered a case against the accused, identified as Shree Ram, Abhishek, Monu, Sonu,

Jairam, Ravi, Anil and their unidentified accomplices. Efforts were on to nab them.

In another shocking incident reported from Barabanki, a 10-year-old girl was allegedly beaten to death by her father who believed that the “sacrifice” of his daughter would help him discover treasure buried in his house. The accused committed the crime on the advice of a tantrik.

According to the police, the now-deceased girl’s father, who is a resident Badosarai area of Barabanki, was told by the tantrik that a treasure was buried under his house and he would have to “sacrifice” his daughter to discover it. Thereafter, the accused, along with the tantrik and another man, brutally thrashed the 10-year-old girl, causing serious injuries to her that led to her death.

The accused also thrashed his wife when she tried to save the girl. Later, he buried the girl’s body in the house, according to the local residents.

When the maternal grandmother of the victim learned about the inci-

dent, she approached the police and filed a complaint. Subsequently, the police registered a case on the basis of her complaint and initiated investigation that led to the arrest of all the accused.

“A man named Alam beat his daughter during his wife’s treatment. The victim died due to the assault. He later buried the body without informing the police. After receiving information about the case, the police recovered the body and sent it for post-mortem,” Barabanki district police chief Arvind Chaturvedi said. Further investigations are on.

In Hardoi, a 3-year-old girl was raped in Beniganj area. The accused, identified as Ashok, took the girl to a mango orchard and raped her on Thursday. As the girl started bleeding, the accused escaped. Luckily, a villager noticed the incident and he shifted the victim to a hospital and informed the police about it after which the accused was arrested on Friday morning.

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CORRIGENDUM

In reference to E- auction Sale notice dated 07/10/2020 for three properties (in Raebareilly District) published in two daily news paper (Pioneer (English) & Amar Ujala (Hindi) dated 07/11/2020) issued under SARFAESI Act 2002. Due to change of service provider E- auction portal, we hereby partly modify/change the point no - 01 & 10 under the Terms & conditions of the said notice, accordingly, please, read as under-

Point No -	Modification
01	The auction sale will be "online e - auction" bidding through website www.msctcecommerce.com on 13.11.2020 between 12.30 P.M. to 1.30 P.M. with unlimited extensions of 5 Minutes each.
10	This Publication is only an abridged form of notice. Bidders are advised to go through the website: www.msctcecommerce.com for details terms and conditions of auction sale before submitting their bids and taking part in e - auction sale proceeding. The link of URL as under - URL for prospective buyers - https://bapi.in URL for auction site - https://www.msctcecommerce.com/auctionhome/bapi/index.jsp and for any for only property related query

Date: 07.11.2020

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Doubling farmers' income by 2022 attainable: Shahi

Lucknow (PNS): Doubling farmers' income by 2022 is challenging but it is needed and is attainable, and can be carried out with a three-pronged strategy focused on development initiatives, technology and policy reforms in agriculture.

This was stated by Agriculture Minister Surya Pratap Shahi while speaking at a webinar organised by UP Chapter of PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry on 'Advanced crop production and innovative fertiliser technologies' on Friday.

The minister said that technical and scientific advances have made the application of fertilisers more efficient in recent years, and have helped farmers maximise their benefits while reducing risks.

He said the Agriculture department is providing lucrative subsidies and incentives on the purchase of agricultural machineries and equipment. He said PHDCCI, with its membership base, should encourage industrialists to invest in this area and set up their manufacturing units in the state. He said MSMEs are entitled to take collateral free credit from Rs 50 lakh up to Rs 2 crore. He also encouraged entrepreneurship in the dairy sector since UP happens to be amongst the largest milk producing states of the country.

98 more test positive in Varanasi

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

As many as 98 new COVID-19 patients have been detected in the district on Friday, increasing the total number of cases to 17,301. The day also saw two more deaths, increasing the toll to 278. During the day, the follow-up negative reports included 51 and all of them have been recovered from home isolation, increasing the number to 13,541. As no patient has been discharged from any hospital, the number remained at 2,831. The total number of patients who have been recovered so far is 16,372, leaving 651 active cases. The recovery rate has declined further to 94.63 per cent but the mortality rate has

remained at 1.60 per cent.

Meanwhile, under the ongoing 10-day awareness campaign launched by the Varanasi unit of Field Outreach Bureau (FOB), Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, several programmes were organised at Bhaupur, Sattanpur, Hathibazaar, Barni, Jansa and Rameshwar to create awareness towards prevention of spread of coronavirus. Through mobile exhibitions, birha, posters, stickers and quiz competitions, messages towards washing hands properly with soaps and water from time to time, wearing masks and social distancing were spread. A quiz contest was also organised at Hathibarani Inter College, Hathib

Bazar in which questions were asked about symptoms of corona, preventive measures, nutritious diet to increase immunity etc. Prizes were awarded to 10 winners. Field Publicity Officer Dr. Lalji said that by changing behavior we can avoid the infection of corona.

Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Dr VB Singh has informed that in the first report of the day, 68 positive patients were found out of 2,226 reports received. Till then, the total test reports received were 3,43,875 and the results of 3,618 are awaited. Out of them, 3,26,604 were negative, while 17,271 positive. The total number of samples collected was 3,61,913. Earlier, two males aged 56 and 80 from Chandan Nagar

(Karaundi) and Agrasen Nagar Colony (Pahadia) respectively succumbed to COVID-19 at Sir Sunderlal Hospital, Banaras Hindu University (SSH BHU). With the addition of seven new red zones, the total number of hotspots has increased to 2,353 including 181 red zones. There are 2,172 green zones with 14 new ones. Under ongoing mass/ group antigen tests, all 315 tests at Shree Shiv Prasad Gupta (SSPG) Hospital, Kabirchaura, 133 at Government Women's Hospital, 115 at CHC Shivpur, 95 at Swami Vivekanand Government Hospital, Bhelupur, 175 at LBS Hospital, Ramnagar and 290 at SSH BHU were found negative.

47 COVID-19 patients found

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The sequence of relief from corona infection continued here in Prayagraj it is because the Covid report of 47 people including a medical officer came positive in 24 hours. At the same time 49 people became infection free. Of these, 15 people were discharged from Covid hospitals. Home isolation of 34 infected was completed.

According to CMO Dr GS Bajpai, samples of 6,137 people were taken for corona testing during the day. The testing of the people of Target Group also continued. He

said that active cases have also reduced with patients admitted to Covid hospitals. CMO further informed that the corona patients were admitted to SRN Hospital, Beli Hospital and United Medicity Hospital. SRN Hospital has 60 infected admitted, 42 in Beli and 21 in the United are being treated. The number of active Covid patients in the district is 908.

According to Nodal Officer for Corona Dr Rishi Sahai, the list of infected included the Medical Officer of CHC Jasra, Section Officer of High Court, Revenue Inspector of Municipal Corporation. At the same

time, the Chief Ticket Collector posted at Chheoki Railway Station, Assistant Manager of SBI Mutual Fund Civil Lines Branch and Branch Manager of Indian Bank, have tested corona.

The changing weather is affecting the health of children. Children's Hospital is full of pediatric patients. All 120 beds of the hospital are full. About 300 patients are coming to OPD every day. So far, two children suffering from pneumonia were found to be Covid positive, referred to SRN Hospital for treatment.

According to hospital

superintendent Dr Mukesh Bir Singh, children suffering from weather-related illnesses have fever and some have symptoms of pneumonia. Children are being admitted only after screening Covid. Covid infection was confirmed in two children who have undergone OPD. Those referred to SRN Hospital. He informed me that all the beds of the hospital's NICU and ICU unit are full. Due to the presence of non Covid Hospital, sick children are coming here with their attendants not only from the district but also from the surrounding districts.

Get life certificates at home: PMG

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

Now pensioners will not have to go to the treasury, banks or any other departments to submit life certificates (digital life certificates). Pensioners can get the certificates issued through the postmen or gramin dak sevaks of their nearest post offices. A fee of only ₹ 70 has been fixed for this. The certificates will automatically reach the concerned

departments. There will be no hindrances in getting pensions. This facility is being made available in all post offices through India Post Payments Bank, informed Postmaster General (PMG) of Varanasi Region Krishna Kumar Yadav. Yadav said that, keeping in mind the COVID-19 pandemic, the facility of providing digital life certificates at home is being provided to pensioners of all departments through the Indian Postal Department.

The pensioners have to present life certificates in the treasury, banks or concerned departments, usually in November and December every year. For this, pensioners from remote areas have to face many difficulties in coming to the treasury or other places, spending a lot of money in their travel. In such a situation, this initiative of the Postal department will provide considerable comfort to the pensioners. Pensioners can call the post

information or the India Post Payments Bank toll free number 155299 to avail this facility. For this, the pensioners will have to provide the Aadhaar, mobile, bank/post office account and PPO numbers.

Assistant Director Shambhu Rai said that along with this, pensioners can withdraw the pension amount from their account through the Aadhaar Enabled Payment System from home.

IFFCO to invest ₹150 cr to produce nano fertilisers

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IFFCO Phulpur unit of Prayagraj will invest ₹ 150 crore to produce nano fertilisers. This was announced by the IFFCO Managing Director Dr US Awasthi at a video press conference organised after a virtual plant visit on Friday.

The capacity of new nano fertiliser plant will be 50 KL per day for nano nitrogen and 25 KL per day nano boron. An area of 11.1 acre is already earmarked for the plant and bhumi puja for the same has been done on August 26, 2020.

The Kalol unit of IFFCO will start production of nano fertilisers in April 2021. At present zinc, copper, and nitrogen nano fertilisers are to be produced, and DAP will also be added in the near

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future, he added. It will be easy to use and cost effective for the farmers, and will also not add to atmosphere warming, that was done by urea.

Despite challenging time of COVID-19, IFFCO Phulpur unit has operated continuously and dispatched 11.6 lakh MT of urea. In this financial year, IFFCO unit is targeting to produce around 19 lakh MT of urea. Since inception of plant, IFFCO

Phulpur unit has produced and dispatched more than 445 lakh MT of urea.

IFFCO Phulpur Unit-II has been adjudged as runner-up for 'Best Production Performance' unit in nitrogenous fertiliser for the year 2019-20 by Fertiliser Association of India (FAI), New Delhi.

IFFCO Phulpur unit's effort on energy conservation has been acknowledged by Confederation of Indian

Industry (CII), Hyderabad and IFFCO Phulpur-I unit has been awarded as 'Excellent Energy Efficient Unit' and Unit-II has been awarded as 'Energy Efficient Unit' for year 2019-20.

To enhance the safety of the plant, IFFCO unit has installed and commissioned new 'Double wall Double Integrity Type' ammonia storage tank.

In renewable energy front, this year, IFFCO Phulpur has produced 151 MW of electricity from solar energy and saved almost 105 MT of CO2 being released to the atmosphere.

For water conservation, IFFCO is constructing a lake in CORDEP area and installing additional Rain Water Harvesting Systems in the IFFCO township.

Muslim women making 'diyas' for Deepawali

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

A section of Muslim women of this holy city are busy these days in making 'diyas' (earthen lamps) terming them 'lamps of harmony' to send a positive message in the society against the violence being spread around the world by Islamic fundamentalists. They feel that the festival of Deepawali is celebrated to mark the arrival of Lord Ram in Ayodhya after his triumph over 'Demon King' Ravana, who symbolises an evil force. They said that through their bid they want to spread a message of peace and goodwill among the people against religious fanaticism.

Under the joint auspices of Muslim Mahila Foundation (MMF) and Vishal Bharat Sansthan (VBS), these Muslim women have started making special diyas from cow dung mixed soil at Lamahi here on



Muslim women making 'diyas' for Deepawali in Varanasi on Friday

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Friday. MMF chief Nazneen Ansari said that hundreds of diyas are being made daily by Muslim women with a message to the people to boycott use of Chinese lights and these diyas will be distributed by their own hands to some Hindu families so that they can lit the same on occasion of

Deepawali. 'No matter how deep the darkness of hatred, even the slightest light of a lamp has the power to eliminate darkness. The whole world should resort to the name Ram to end iniquity, hate and violence. These 'Ram Deepak' is a symbol of the cultural light of the world,' she added.

VBS founder president Dr Rajeev Srivastava said that faith in Lord Ram works to connect family, society and country. Ram is the ancestor of the inhabitants of all the countries of the world, so all countries should adopt the culture of Ram in their country in view to help the world march towards peace. Najma Parveen of MMF said that like every year, this time too, on the occasion of Deepawali, Lord Ram's Aarti will be performed by Muslim women.

VBS general secretary Archana Bharatvanshi said that the countries run on cultural ties and now the women have taken the command to end violence and hatred.

Among those who were also present were Mahnaz, Munni Begum, Nagina, Shaheedun Begum, Tabassum, Nazma, Hajira, Jamila, Sunita, Ramta, Poonam, Saroj and Geeta.

SMS secures place among top 50 B-Schools

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In a laurel to the city, the School of Management Sciences (SMS), Varanasi secured a place among top 50 B-Schools of the country with its qualitative study-teaching and quality placement. The SMS is NAAC 'A' Graded and Global Sensitive B School. The students of the institution got job offers with the attractive annual package by multinational companies even during the period of COVID-19 pandemic.

Extending his congratulation to the students who got job offers from the multinational companies, the Director

of SMS Prof PN Jha informed, the students of the institution are receiving job offers in the 2019-20 placement year when the entire world is facing recession because of the global COVID-19 pandemic. The BYJUS has given job offers to two students of the institute with the annual package of ₹10 lakh each, while ITC offered the job to a student with the annual package of ₹ 7.30 lakh.

More than 50 reputed national and international companies from various industrial areas such as logistic, banking, retail, information & technology, etc visited the institute campus for the

placement of students and selected as many as 40 students whom the average annual package is ₹40 lakh, he informed.

The institute is running the educational programmes such as MBA, MCA, MCom, BBA, BCA, BCom (Hons), BA, Mass Communication, etc and imparting education to more than 2,000 students through highly qualified teachers and as per international standard, he informed adding, the institute continued the teaching with quality through world-level e-learning (LMS) platform during the COVID-19 period and the students got the advantage of

employability enhancement programme and industry expert interaction for the placement. The institute has so far secured the placement of 80 per cent students, he informed further.

PNB MD TO VISIT CITY: Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Punjab National Bank (PNB) CHSS Mallikarjun Rao will be arriving on Saturday. During his visit to the city, he will inaugurate the newly constructed zonal office of the bank situated at Maqbool Alam Road at 11 am and thereafter, he will chair a commercial meeting of executives of the bank.

Petrol pump employee shot at, injured

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ ALLAHABAD

A petrol pump employee was shot at and injured for the second time in a span of one and a half years over a land related dispute. The petrol pump employee was coming to join the duty from home on Friday evening when he was shot at by some unidentified motorcycle borne miscreants.

On hearing the sound of firing, the attackers fled when the people nearby reached the spot. On getting the information, the police took the injured petrol pump employee to CHC whereupon doctors referred him to the district hospital after first aid.

Kanhai Lal (40) son of Dayaram Yadav, resident of Sheetalpur village under the Mauaima police station, works at a petrol pump located in Block Market in Mauaima. On Friday evening, he got off his bicycle for duty in the night



Injured Kanhai Lal

shift. On the way he had hardly reached the Sarai Mazre of Khwaja village when suddenly two young men came on a bike and stopped by

overtaking in front of his bicycle. After this, one of them whipped out a country-made pistol and shot a fire at him.

Kanhai fell on the ground bleeding profusely as soon as the bullet hit him. The villagers rushed on hearing the sound of firing. The villagers saw that Kanhai Lal was lying on the road in a pool of blood.

The police also reached there on getting information. He was brought to the hospital. Kanhai Lal's family members also came after receiving the news.

The relatives said that one and a half years ago, while going to duty, Rahul and Manoj shot at him in the village, in which he was seriously injured. A case was booked against both the accused for attempt to murder on basis of the written complaint given by the victim, but the police gave a final report in the case.

Inspector incharge Ramkeval Patel said that after getting a complaint, a case will be registered and the accused will be arrested and sent to jail.

Ganga marathon organised

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To make the common man aware towards keeping the river Ganga clean, a 'Ganga Marathon' was organised in the city on Friday under the aegis of the Forest department and Uttar Pradesh Sports department. The event was inaugurated by Chief Conservator of Forests, UP, N Ravindra.

On this occasion, DFO Prayagraj YP Shukla said that the marathon is organised by the Forest department and the aim of this marathon is to revive the condition of the river Ganga and spread awareness among the masses and to instigate the feeling of respect

for the river.

The event, which was observed under the statewide events to mark 'Ganga Day', was aimed to ensure that the common man comes forward in ensuring that the Ganga flows uninterrupted and clean. The programmes were organised by the state's Clean Ganga Mission, Namami Gange and Rural Water Supply department (UP).

The marathon was flagged off at 7 am from the Amitabh Bachchan Support Complex (Muir Hall). After passing through Dhobihat intersection, Heera Halwai intersection, Sai temple, Indira Gandhi crossing it returned to the

originating venue.

HC GRANT'S BAIL: The Allahabad High Court has granted bail to a person from Deoria accused of making objectionable remarks against Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and other public representatives.

However, while granting bail to Akhilanand Rao, Justice Siddhartha barred him from using social media for the next two years. Secondly, he was also ordered to cooperate in the trial sincerely without seeking any adjournment till the conclusion of the trial before the trial court.

A first information report (FIR) was registered against

Rao by the police under sections 420 (cheating), 120B (conspiracy) of Indian Penal Code and section 66D of IT Act at Kotwali police station of Deoria and he is in jail since May 12, 2020.

It was also alleged that he had falsely shown his status and had tried to obtain undue advantages.

Further, the applicant was also posting objectionable posts against some local police officers on social networking sites.

The petitioner's counsel submitted before the court that it is a case of false implication by the police. The bail was granted on November 2.

AU declares PG admission test results

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ ALLAHABAD

Authorities of Allahabad University have announced the results of postgraduate admission test (PGAT). This year, the counselling for admissions in undergraduate and postgraduate courses will be held online.

The postgraduate admission test (PGAT) was conducted last month by the university for admission in all the PG courses for the academic session 2020-21.

'Candidates can check their results on the official website of AU: www.aupravesh2020.com,' said admission director Prof Prashant Agarwal.

In the overall merit list, Ila Dwivedi of Aliganj, Sultanpur topped PGAT with the highest score of 260.40 marks. She had applied for Geography. Member of the admission cell, Shailendra Rai said that the admission process will soon start through online mode.

Kulendra Chaturvedi and Sarvesh Mishra topped the

Hindi entrance test. Both of them scored 256 marks. Mukund Mishra (Ancient History), Shalvika Upadhyay (Anthropology), Aman Singh Gargvanshi (Botany), Ajay Pal (Chemistry), Shivang Shukla (Computer Science), Intezar Ansari (Defense Studies), Sonam Priya (Economics), Divya Tiwari (Education), Amit Kumar Yadav (English Language) and Yashita Mishra (English Literature) topped the test in their respective subjects.

In Statistics, Vaibhav Singh and Shankar Gulati topped with 196 points. Himanshu Balian and Kanchan Patel scored 202 points in Medieval and Modern History.

Cut-offs for BSc courses declared: AU has declared the cut-off marks for admissions in BSc courses. The online admission window will open from November 6. The cut-off marks for BSc (Maths) has been set at 182 for all categories. Students can visit the website for detailed information

Mosquito-borne diseases occur after rainy season: CMO

VARANASI (PNS): The mosquito-borne diseases like dengue, chikungunya, malaria etc. start spreading rapidly after the monsoon season and in view of this, the staff and frontline workers of all the community and primary health centres (CHCs/ PHCs) and sub-centres of the district have been directed to make the community aware about cleanliness, said Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Dr VB Singh, adding that if anyone suffers from diseases, he/she should go to the nearest health centre and get free treatment. He also cautioned the patients not to take any medicine without consulting the doctors and all CHCs/ PHCs and government hospitals of the district are providing free treatment for such diseases. District Malaria

Officer Sharat Chandra Pandey said dengue, chikungunya and other mosquito-borne diseases generally occur after the rainy season. Mosquitoes are the cause of dengue and chikungunya and the main symptom of both diseases is fever but sometimes people develop confusion regarding dengue and chikungunya. 'If these diseases are not treated at the right time, then they may prove to be harmful. There is a difference between these two diseases and it is important to know it. Mosquitoes thrive due to water-logging and dirt nearby and mosquito bites cause these diseases,' he said. According to him, chikungunya is caused by the genus Alphavirus, which is spread by the bite of Aegypti and Alopictus mosquitoes of Aedes species while dengue is

caused by the genus Flavivirus, which is caused by only Aegypti virus of Aedes species. The initial symptoms of both diseases are the same, so sometimes it is difficult to distinguish them based on the symptoms. However they can be detected on the basis of these symptoms. 'Dengue begins with high fever, headache and backache. For the first 3 to 4 hours, there is also a lot of joint pain and the eyes turn red. Dengue fever lasts for 2 to 4 days and then gradually the temperature returns to normal. Along with fever, there is a lack of blood in the body. Body temperature rises to 104 degrees and blood pressure also falls much below normal. In chikungunya, there is a high fever with mild swelling in the feet, hands and wrists, severe

back pain, headache, muscle pain with fatigue, red skin rash that usually appears within 48 hours,' he added.

AWARENESS RALLY: Angry with the gender discrimination and child marriage, the girls on Friday took out an awareness rally in protest against such social evils which are still prevailing in society. They emphasised on eradicating these evils for the equality based society. Girls in scores gathered at Panchayat Bhavan of Bhatpurwan Gram Sabha in Sewapuri development block and took out an awareness rally under the auspices of NGOs Asha Trust and Lok Samiti raising slogans against the gender discrimination, child marriage, foeticide and other social evils prevailing in society.



Divisional Commissioner Raj Shekhar inspects the new milk plant.

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New plant to start processing milk in a month: Shekhar

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KANPUR

Divisional Commissioner Raj Shekhar, while inspecting the new milk processing plant here, said there was plan to start milk processing in the next one month.

He said that initially the plant would process 50 KL milk per day and its capacity would be scaled up to 4 lakh litre per day in one year.

The divisional commis-

sioner said the project was undertaken by the Pradeshi Cooperative Dairy Federation (PCDF) under the Dairy Development department of UP government.

He said the initial project cost was ₹151 crore and now it had been revised to Rs.161 crore.

Shekhar said the new plant was fully automated with 4 lakh litres per day processing capacity and was

the best plant in this category in the whole of North India.

He said the project was sanctioned and started in the year 2016 and now 95 per cent of its work was complete and the rest would be completed this month.

He said 70 percent of milk will be processed as ghee, khoa, milk powder and paneer and the rest 30 percent would be sold as packaged

milk.

The general manager of the plant has requested the PCDF headquarters to sanction ₹ 5 crore as revolving fund for milk procurement and payment and deployment of staff to run the plant.

He said the plant would boost the agricultural economy of this region and would cover the six districts of the Kanpur division.

‘Lung cancer a leading cause of deaths’

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KANPUR

Lung cancer is a leading cause of deaths across the world and a major health care problem in India. November is observed as Lung Cancer Awareness Month and this year much emphasis is being laid on creating awareness on the subject.

Lung cancer is one of the commonest cancers and cause of cancer-related deaths all over the world and accounts for 13 percent of all new cancer cases and 19 percent of cancer-related deaths worldwide.

In India, lung cancer constitutes 6.9 percent of all new cancer cases and 9.3 percent of

all cancer related deaths and in both sexes. Lung cancer is the commonest cancer and cause of cancer related mortality in men.

This was stated by chest specialist and former director of ML Chest Hospital, Prof Sudhir Chaudhary, while addressing a virtual session on ‘Lung Cancer Awareness’ on Friday.

He said the incidence and pattern of lung cancer differed as per geographic region and ethnicity and largely reflected the prevalence and pattern of smoking.

He said in India, where tuberculosis was prevalent, the applicability of screening tool was questionable.

Prof Chaudhary said smoking tobacco, both cigarettes and beedis, was the principal risk factor for causation of lung cancer in Indian men. He said apart from this, exposure to chemicals, fumes, ultraviolet radiation environment were some other factors which could lead to many types of cancer as well.

He said lung cancer originated from the tissues of the lung, usually from cells lining the air passages. He said the two main types were small cell lung cancer and non-small cell lung cancer.

Prof Chaudhary said that in a study conducted among patients with lung cancer and COVID-19, the severity was

high in lung cancer patients with 62 percent of the patients being hospitalised and 25 percent dying.

He added that although severe, COVID-19 accounted for a minority of overall lung cancer deaths during the peak of the pandemic in India.

He said although symptoms such as cough (70 percent) and fever (59 percent) were common, the constellation of symptoms within a given patient were variable and nearly 62 percent patients required hospital admission and 25 per cent died and of the patients who required ICU level of care (21 percent, 14 percent recovered and 72 percent died.

UPMSRA stages demonstration

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KANPUR

Members of Uttar Pradesh Medical & Sales Representatives’ Association (UPMSRA) on Friday staged a demonstration at the office of the district magistrate to press their demands.

They also appealed to the medical and sales representatives to make the proposed nation-wide strike on November 26 a grand success and handed over a memorandum, addressed to the prime minister to ACM (III) Anil Agnihotri. Addressing the gathering, UPMSRA’s local unit secretary Arvind Tewari said the memorandum was handed over to the district magistrates across the country by the 387 units of the association.

He said during the strike, over five lakh medical and sales representatives of the country would go on strike and boycott field and online work. In the memorandum, the association said the proposed strike was in protest against the wage cuts and loss of jobs.

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in large-scale job loss and has brought misery for the common people, especially the weaker sections of society, the UPMSRA said, adding that the measures proposed by the government for providing relief to millions of workers, who lost jobs and were on the verge of starvation, were inad-

equated.

It said the sales promotion employees both in the pharmaceutical and other industries were also facing similar punitive measures from a section of employers and were being denied wages and being removed from job.

The UPMSRA leaders said they were perturbed by reports published in the media that the government was going ahead with implementation of four labour codes with effect from April 1, 2021. They said implementation of these measures by the government would push workers into slavery-like conditions and help the corporate to maximise their profits.

They urged the prime minister to protect the jobs of workers, ensure payment of wages and initiate necessary measures to alleviate the sufferings of the common people caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The memorandum contains 31 demands.

MASTERCARD BRINGS TEAM CASHLESS INDIA TO KANPUR

Mastercard brought its flagship Team Cashless India campaign to Kanpur Nagar on Thursday.

In a virtual press conference, Mastercard Vice President, Merchant Acceptance, South Asia, Vikas Saraogi, said the campaign

would engage with merchants and consumers in the city over a span of four days from Thursday to November 7 to create awareness about convenience, safety, and security of digital payments.

Teams will visit popular markets such as Naveen market, Nayaganj sarafa market, Sisamau market and Gumi/Govind market to interact with merchants about the importance of digital payments.

During the visit, the teams will duly comply with the government’s COVID-19 protocols of social distancing and also distribute sanitisation kits to merchants.

He said Mastercard, in partnership with legendary cricketer Mahendra Singh Dhoni, would encourage everyone in Kanpur to nominate one or more merchants who currently do not accept digital payments. It will provide select nominated merchants and consumers a chance to join Mahendra Singh Dhoni’s Team Cashless India.

He said so far, Team Cashless India, Mastercard had completed on-ground outreach exercises in five cities and had contacted over 30,000 merchants. Furthermore 13,000 nominations (and counting) had come in from people who would like their neighbourhood merchant to be enabled with digital payments, he added.

DDS ORGANISES EXHIBITION

The Divyang Development Society (DDS) organised an exhibition of handmade items at the KDA campus here on Friday. It was inaugurated by KDA Vice Chairman Rakesh Kumar Singh.

He praised the efforts of specially abled children in making various items, including water candle, wax candle, floating candle, vandanar and other decoration material for Diwali, different types of pickles etc. Singh said these differently abled children were not less than anyone and were a major part of this society. Boosting the morale of the children, he said these kids were a living example of the adage that nothing is impossible if there is firm determination.

He also praised the efforts of Divyang Development Society’s office-bearer, including its secretary Manpreet Kaur, and members. A large number of people, including KDA officers and employees, bought various items from the exhibition. Prominent activists present at the programme were Joginder Lal Bhatia, Anshu Verma Shloak and Mushir Ahmad. Specially abled children Himanshu, Rishu, Ankita, Adarsh and Sunny were also present. Manpreet Kaur proposed the vote of thanks for making the event a success.

94 more test positive

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KANPUR

Kanpur Nagar reported 94 more coronavirus positive cases on Friday evening.

Chief Medical Officer Dr Anil K Mishra said that 94 more people had tested positive for coronavirus infection between Thursday evening and Friday evening taking the tally of confirmed cases to 28,275 cases. He said that 23 cases were discharged from hospital and cured figure stood at 7663.

He said one COVID-19 death in the city was reported till Friday evening keeping the death toll to 737.

The CMO said at present 679 active cases were undergoing treatment. Dr Mishra said 4674 samples were sent for testing in the city.

Barra police arrest wanted criminal

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KANPUR

The Barra police, on Friday, arrested a criminal wanted in a loot case.

He was identified as Mukul Kashyap and was absconding for the past several months. Several cases are registered against him at the Barra police station.

Station House Officer Harmit Singh said on June 9, Sarvesh Kumar of Sachendi was robbed of Rs.5,000 by three miscreants. On June 10, the Barra police had arrested Mohd Mumtaz of Bagahi and Shankerlal Yadav of Rae Bareilly after an encounter with them in Tatyatope Nagar. Apart from country-made pistols and motorcycle, police had also recovered the looted cash from the criminals. Since then, one of their accomplices, Mukul Kashyap of Gunjan Vihar, was on the lam.

On a tip-off, the police raided a place near Patel Chowk and arrested Mukul Kashyap late Thursday night.

The SHO said the accused was also found involved in many cases of murderous attack, loot and other serious crimes lodged with the Barra police.

Murder accused held

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KANPUR

A retired armyman Ashok Katiyar, who had shot his father dead on Wednesday night in Nasirpur village under Sikandra police station of Kanpur Dehat, was arrested by the police on Friday. Police recovered the licensed double-barrel gun used in committing the crime from him.

A heavily drunk Ashok had gunned down his father Lalaram Katiyar (80) when the latter had refused to shut down the TV.

On Friday morning, the police arrested him near the national highway and on the basis of information given by him, recovered the licensed gun hidden on the outskirts of the village.

POLICE CLUELESS

The police are still groping in the dark to get clues to the miscreants who robbed a brand trader’s employee of ₹ 5.15 lakh five days ago.

The raids conducted by the police in Shuklaganj and Unnao have brought no result. The police had raided some places in Shuklaganj and Unnao after on the basis of CCTV footages which showed four suspects riding two motorcycles escaping towards Unnao via Phoolbagh after the crime.

The police teams are collecting information about the activities of the members of other old gangs of tricksters, including the Irani gang, who have been released from jail.

It may be recalled that the brand trader’s employee, Ranjit, was robbed of ₹ 5.15 lakh by bike-borne youths posing as CID officers on Birhana Road under Collectorganj police station five days ago.

The miscreants had asked Ranjit to show the bag he was carrying and had removed the cash while checking it.

Accident-relief trains should be inspected regularly: NER GM

CORRESPONDENT ■ GORAKHPUR

In continuation of the review and working of various departments and divisions by North Eastern Railway (NER) General Manager Vinay Kumar Tripathi, the working of Personnel and Medical departments were discussed in detail at a meeting organised in the GM’s auditorium, Gorakhpur, on Thursday. Addressing the review meeting, General Manager Vinay Kumar Tripathi said employees’ satisfaction and their welfare plays an important role in increasing the work efficiency of the railways. Tension-free railway personnel are in a position to give their best in the progress of railways, he said. He said that redressal of employees’ grievances should be done without delay. Moreover, the employees whose promotion was due their promotion process should be completed on a priority basis within the stipulated time-frame, he said and also directed to settle the appointment cases on compassionate grounds soon. Tripathi said that all railway personnel should necessarily get fed their data in Human Resource Management System (HRMS). After HRMS was fully implemented most of the employees’ problems will be solved with one click, he said. While issuing instructions to ensure the availability of all necessary materials in the accident-relief trains (ARTs), he said that the chief safety officer and his team and other officials concerned should inspect them regularly. The General Manager directed the Principal Chief Medical Director to provide better medical facilities to the retired



NER General Manager Vinay Kumar Tripathi addressing the review meeting

railway personnel. He said that some more high-level hospitals should be included in the panel of North Eastern Railway so that proper treatment of serious patients could be done. Principal CPO Shailendra Kumar and Principal Chief Medical Director Dr Chhatra Singh Anand through power-point presentation gave detailed information about their respective departments and assured to follow the instructions given by the General Manager.

ESSAY COMPETITION: Under the aegis of Rajbhasha department of an essay competition was organised at Multidisciplinary System Training Centre, Gorakhpur, on Thursday. The topic of the essay competition was ‘Climate change and environment’ and ‘How professional and practical Hindi is in government work’. As many as 31 railway personnel participated in the competition, CPRO PK Singh said. It may be pointed out here that the contestants who secure first place in the competition will get an opportunity to participate in the All India Railway Essay Competition to be held at the Railway Board level. This competition was held under the direction of Chief Rajbhasha Officer and PCME of NER Arvind Kumar Pandey and concluded under the supervision of Rajbhasha Officer/Headquarters Mo. Arshad Mirza. The competition was organised following all the Covid-19 prevention guidelines, including maintaining physical distancing. The noting and drafting and speech competition will be organised on November 10 at the Multidisciplinary System Training Centre, Gorakhpur.

Proposal for beautification of crossings, parks sought

CORRESPONDENT ■ MIRZAPUR

A meeting of Mirzapur-Vindhyachal Development Authority Board was held on Thursday which was presidency of its chairman/DC Preeti Shukla. Addressing it the chairman



directed the officials concerned to chalk out a plan with a detailed map for the overall development of the area. She sought a proposal from members for beautification of main intersections and parks and directed the staff to identify a place for shopping complex. A proposal to deploy city magistrate Jagdamba Singh as secretary of the authority was approved. For other vacant posts the DC directed the officials concerned to fill them up through outsourcing. The meeting was attended by DM Sushil Kumar Patel, city magistrate Jagadamba Singh and members of board, Mani Shankar Mishra and Omkar Nath Yadav.

APPEAL: UP Minister of State for Energy Rama Shankar Singh Patel at a training camp organised by Rajgarh unit of BJP appealed to workers to emulate the party leaders who kept the nation at the top. He told them to publicise government schemes and ensure their benefits to the needy. Among those present were HC Singh, Praveen Pandey, S Maurya, S Kesari, RN Vishwakarma and Shri Krishna Tripathi.

Darbhanga-Amritsar puja spl from Nov 10

CORRESPONDENT ■ GORAKHPUR

The railway administration for additional convenience of passengers during festivals will run the 05529/05530 Saharsa-Anand Vihar Terminus-Saharsa weekly puja special, 05211/05212 Darbhanga-Amritsar-Darbhanga daily puja special and 05531/05532 Saharsa-Amritsar-Saharsa weekly puja special as follows. All coaches in them trains will be of reserved category and passengers traveling in them will have to follow the Covid-19 prevention guidelines, CPRO PK Singh said.

SAHARSA-ANVT PUJA SPL: The 05529 Saharsa-Anand Vihar Terminus (ANVT) weekly puja special will from November 11 to 25 every Wednesday leave Saharsa at 14.30 hrs, Semri Bakhtiyarpur at 14.57 hrs, Mansi at 15.40 hrs, Khagaria at 15.52 hrs, Begusarai 16.20 hrs, Barauni at 17.00 hrs, Samastipur at 18.28 hrs, Muzaffarpur at 20.05 hrs, Bapudham Motihari at 21.09 hrs, Sugauli at 21.32 hrs, Bettiah at 21.49 hrs, Narkatiaganj at 22.28 hrs, Harinagar at 22.44 hrs, Bagaha at 23.10 hrs, Kaptanganj at 23.15 hrs, Gorakhpur at 02.40 hrs, Basti at 03.43 hrs, Mankapur at 04.34 hrs, Gonda at 05.15 hrs, Sitapur at 08.25 hrs, Chandausi at 14.02 hrs, Moradabad at 15.15 hrs, Hapur at 16.52 hrs, Ghaziabad at 17.45 hrs and reach ANVT at 18.25 hrs. On the return journey the 05530 Anand Vihar Terminus-Saharsa Weekly puja special will from November 12 to 26 every Thursday leave Anand Vihar Terminus at 23.45 hrs, Ghaziabad at 00.25 hrs, Hapur at 01.15 hrs, Moradabad at 03.00 hrs, Chandausi at 04.00 hrs, Sitapur at 08.30 hrs, Gonda at 11.10 hrs, Mankapur at 11:37 hrs, Basti at 12.43 hrs, Gorakhpur at 14.30 hrs, Kaptanganj at 15.40 hrs, Bapudham Motihari at 17.45 hrs, Harinagar at 17.45 hrs, Narkatiaganj at 18.08 hrs, Bettiah at 18.42 hrs, Sugauli at 19.04 hrs, Bapudham Motihari at 19.23 hrs, Muzaffarpur at 21.55 hrs, Samastipur at 22.50 hrs, Barauni at 00.20 hrs, Begusarai at 00.38 hrs, Khagaria at 01.20 hrs, Mansi at 01.43 hrs, Semri Bakhtiyarpur at 02.11 hrs and reach Saharsa at 03.05 hrs. A total of 18 coaches will be attached in it.

DARBHANGA-AMRITSAR

PUJA SPL: The 05211 Darbhanga-Amritsar puja special will from November 10 to 30 daily leave Darbhanga at 17:10 hrs, Laheria Sarai at 17:21 hrs, Haiaighat at 17:32 hrs, Samastipur at 18:58 hrs, Karpoori Gram at 19:08 hrs, Dholi at 19:25 hrs, Muzaffarpur at 20:20 hrs, Motipur at 20:42 hrs, Mehshi at 20:55 hrs, Chakia at 21:05 hrs, Pipra at 21:17 hrs, Bapudham Motihari at 21:51 hrs, Sugauli at 22:14 hrs, Bettiah at 22:31 hrs, Chantipata at 22:47 hrs, Narkatiaganj at 23:13 hrs, Harinagar at 23:29 hrs, Bagha at 23:58 hrs, Khadda at 01:26 hrs, Siswan Bazar at 01:42 hrs, Ghughli at 01:56 hrs, Kaptanganj at 02:18 hrs, Pipraich at 02:44 hrs, Gorakhpur at 03:55 hrs, Basti at 04:57 hrs, Gonda at 06:25 hrs, Burhwal at 07:40 hrs, Mahmudabad Avadh at 08:18 hrs, Sitapur at 10:25 hrs, Sitapur City at 10:55 hrs, Shahjahanpur at 13:05 hrs, Bareilly at 14:12 hrs, Moradabad at 15:58 hrs, Najibabad at 17:20 hrs, Laksar at 18:00 hrs, Saharanpur at 19:15 hrs, Yamunanagar Jagadhri at 19:43 hrs, Ambala Cantt at 21:00 hrs, Rajpura at 21:26 hrs, Sirhind at 21:50 hrs, Dhandari Kalan at 22:41 hrs, Ludhiana at 23:00 hrs, Phillaur at 23:16 hrs, Phagwara at 23:23 hrs, Jalandhar Cantt at 23:56 hrs, Jalandhar City at 00:20 hrs, Vyas at 00:54 hrs and reach Amritsar at 01:50 hrs. During the return journey the 05212 Amritsar-Darbhanga puja special will from November 12 to December 2 leave Amritsar at 19:05 hrs daily, Vyas at 19:35 hrs, Jalandhar City at 20:18 hrs, Phagwara at 20:38 hrs, Phillaur at 20:58 hrs, Ludhiana at 21:35 hrs, Dhanadri Kalan at 21:48 hrs, Sirhind at 22:36 hrs, Rajpura at 22:56 hrs, Ambala Cantt at 23:45 hrs, Yamunanagar Jagadhri at 00:35 hrs, Saharanpur at 02:00 hrs, Laksar at 02:53 hrs, Najibabad at 03:31 hrs, Moradabad at 05:13 hrs, Bareilly at 06:40 hrs, Shahjahanpur at 07:47 hrs, Sitapur City at 09:57 hrs, Sitapur at 10:20 hrs, Mahmudabad Avadh at 11:18 hrs, Burhwal at 12:05 hrs, Gonda at 13:10 hrs, Basti at 14:30 hrs, Gorakhpur at 16:15 hrs, Kaptanganj at 16:58 hrs, Ghughli at 17:13 hrs, Siswa Bazar at 17:35 hrs, Khadda at 17:58 hrs, Bagha at 18:46 hrs, Harinagar at 19:08 hrs,

Man meets tragic end

CORRESPONDENT ■ GORAKHPUR

A 36-year-old man, Vinod, a resident of Bhadila Dewar village in Deoria district, who was going to Barhalganj on a motorcycle was seriously injured when he fell on the road after being hit by a speeding truck near Pataghat police outpost under the Badhaganj police station at 10:30 am on Thursday. He was taken to the Derwa primary health centre (PHC) by the local police and people from the nearby areas where the doctors on duty declared him dead. Police sent the body of the deceased for the post-mortem examination. According to information, the accident occurred when the victim was going to Barhalganj from Kaparwar Deoria. The truck was going towards Barhalganj. On being informed about the mishap, the police rushed to the spot and seized the truck and the motorcycle.

उपरो पावर ट्रान्समिशन कॉरपोरेशन लिमिटेड, ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना (1) ई-निविदा संख्या 72-वि.पा.मं.(प्र).ल./2020-21, विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड-प्रथम, लखनऊ के अन्तर्गत 132 के.वी. सरोजनीनगर-एस.जी.पी.जी.आई. (प्रथम) पारेषण लाइन (एच.टी.एल.एस. कण्डक्टर) के टावर लोकेशन संख्या-30(ए+0) से 31(ए+0) सेवशन लोकेशन संख्या 24 से 34 एवं 09(ए+0) से 10(ए+0) सेवशन लोकेशन संख्या 8 से 12 तक विस्थापन/ऊँचाई बढ़ाये जाने सम्बन्धी कार्य, हेतु ई-निविदा आमन्त्रित की गयी है जिसे www.etender.up.nic.in पर दिनांक 06.11.2020 को प्रकाशित किया गया है। कार्य की अनुमानित लागत रु. 151.11 लाख का कार्य की अवधि 03 माह घरोहर घनराशि रु. 1,51000.00, ऑन लाइन ई-निविदा करने की अंतिम तिथि दिनांक 03.12.2020 को 16.00 बजे तक है। (2) ई-निविदा संख्या **73**-वि.पा.मं.(प्र).ल./2020-21, विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड-द्वितीय, लखनऊ के अन्तर्गत निर्माणधीन 220 के.वी. बारबकी-सतख रोड डी.सी. पारेषण लाइन, 220 के.वी. चिन्हट-गोमती नगर व 220 के.वी. चिन्हट-सी.जी. सिटी डी.सी. टावर के विधानन लाइन के लोकेशन संख्या 78 से 82 तक विधानन लाइन के संरेखण (Corridor) में कुल 05 नम 220 के.वी. नैरो बेस मल्टी सर्किट टावर लगाकर निर्मित किये जाने तथा 220 के.वी. चिन्हट-सी.जी. सिटी सिर्किट का 220 के.वी. हाईड्रड उपकेंद्र सतख रोड, लखनऊ पर (83 एवं 84) 02 नम नैरो बेस मल्टीसर्किट टावर लगाकर लोली करने सम्बन्धी कार्य, हेतु ई-निविदा आमन्त्रित की गयी है जिसे www.etender.up.nic.in पर दिनांक 06.11.2020 को प्रकाशित किया गया है। कार्य की अनुमानित लागत रु. 497.08 लाख की अवधि 03 माह घरोहर घनराशि रु. 5,00,000.00, ऑन लाइन ई-निविदा करने की अंतिम तिथि दिनांक 03.12.2020 को 16.00 बजे तक है। (3) अल्पकालिक ई-निविदा संख्या **74**-वि.पा.मं.(प्र).ल./2020-21, विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड-तृतीय, लखनऊ के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न 220 के.वी. बारबकी एवं 132 के.वी. पारेषण लाइनों के सामान्य अनुसंधान सम्बन्धी कार्य, हेतु ई-निविदा आमन्त्रित की गयी है जिसे www.etender.up.nic.in पर दिनांक 06.11.2020 को प्रकाशित किया गया है। कार्य की अनुमानित लागत रु. 9.82 लाख की अवधि 01 एवं घरोहर घनराशि रु. 10,000.00, ऑन लाइन ई-निविदा करने की अंतिम तिथि दिनांक 23.11.2020 को 16.00 बजे तक है। अतः उपरोक्त वर्णित ई-निविदाओं के कार्य की कुल मात्रा ई-निविदा विशिष्टीकरण व अन्य नियम एवं शर्तें www.etender.up.nic.in पर उपलब्ध है। ओहस्ताक्षरकर्ता को बिना कोई कारण बताये किसी भी ई-निविदा अथवा सभी ई-निविदाओं को अस्वीकार/विनाजित करने का अधिकार सुरक्षित है। निर्धारित तिथि के विस्तार तथा शुद्धि पर से सम्बन्धित सूचना यदि कोई होनी केवल वेबसाइट पर जारी जाएगी। अतः स्वयं को अपडेट रखने के लिए उपरोक्त वेबसाइट को नियमित देखते रहना चाहिए। **अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल-प्रथम, उपरो पावर ट्रान्समिशन कॉरपोरेशन लिमिटेड, कक्षा सं०-111 से 114, भू-तल, पारेषण भवन, विद्युति खण्ड-II, गोमती नगर, लखनऊ पत्रांक- 1900** दिनांक - 6.11.2020 "राष्ट्रहित में बिजली बचाय"

उत्तर प्रदेश पावर ट्रान्समिशन कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड निविदा सूचना इस कार्यालय के द्वारा निम्नलिखित कार्य सम्पादन हेतु अनुभवी, दक्ष एवं जी०एस०टी० में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से निविदा आमन्त्रित की जाती है जिसका निस्तुत विवरण टेण्डर वेबसाईट www.etender.up.nic पर उपलब्ध है। **ईटी-94/2020-21** विद्युत प्रेषण खण्ड प्रथम के अन्तर्गत 132 के०वी० जैनपुर पर 63 एम०वी०१०० परिवर्तक की स्थापाना सम्बन्धी समस्त कार्य। **ईटी-95/2020-21** विद्युत प्रेषण खण्ड प्रथम के अन्तर्गत 400 के०वी० पनकी-उन्नाव लाइन की 400 के०वी० टी डाईप टावर के इरेक्शन का कार्य। **ईटी-96/2020-21** विद्युत प्रेषण खण्ड प्रथम के अन्तर्गत 132 के०वी० जैनपुर पर 132/33 के०वी० ट्रांसफर वे बनाने का कार्य। **ईटी-97/2020-21** विद्युत प्रेषण खण्ड प्रथम के अन्तर्गत 132 के०वी० रनियां चौबेपुर लाइन के पेड कटाई एवं छटाई से सम्बन्धित समस्त कार्य। **ईटी-98/2020-21** विद्युत प्रेषण खण्ड प्रथम के अन्तर्गत 132 के०वी० उपकेंद्र बिहरी-रसूलाबाद लाइन का एन०टी०पी०सी० सोलर पर लीलो लाइन की पेट्रोलिंग एवं अनुसंधान सम्बन्धी कार्य। **ईटी-99/2020-21** विद्युत प्रेषण खण्ड प्रथम कानपुर के अन्तर्गत 132 के०वी० पनकी-जैनपुर लीलो लाइन का 220 के०वी० सिकन्दरा की पेट्रोलिंग एवं अनुसंधान का कार्य। **ईटी-100/2020-21** विद्युत प्रेषण खण्ड प्रथम कानपुर के अन्तर्गत 132 के०वी० बिहरी पर अनरुक्षण सम्बन्धी कार्य। **ईटी-101/2020-21** विद्युत प्रेषण खण्ड, प्रथम कानपुर के अन्तर्गत 132 के०वी० जैनपुर-पुखराया लाइन की पेट्रोलिंग एवं अनरुक्षण सम्बन्धी कार्य। **ईटी-102/2020-21** विद्युत 220 के०वी० उपकेंद्र पनकी के अन्तर्गत 132 के०वी० पनकी के०एस०सी०एल० लाइन के पेट्रोलिंग एवं अनरुक्षण का कार्य। **ईटी-103/2020-21** विद्युत प्रेषण खण्ड प्रथम कानपुर के अन्तर्गत 132 के०वी० पनकी-जैनपुर लाइन (सिंगल सर्किट) की पेट्रोलिंग एवं अनरुक्षण का कार्य। **ईटी-104/2020-21** विद्युत प्रेषण खण्ड प्रथम कानपुर के अन्तर्गत 220 के०वी० उपकेंद्र बिदूर पर मलसीफायर एवं फायर हाईड्रेंट सिस्टम पर पाइप लाइन विच्छाने सम्बन्धी कार्य। निविदा संख्या-टी-94 से 98 तक दिनांक 26.11.2020 एवं टी 99 से 104 तक दिनांक 27.11.2020 को खोली जायेगी। **अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल, प्रथम, पनकी, कानपुर** पत्रांक: 1249 दिनांक 6.11.2020 "राष्ट्रहित में बिजली बचाय" उपभोक्ता सेवा हेतु सम्पर्क करें - www.uppcl.org

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल गोष्ठा ई-टेण्डरिंग निविदा सूचना अनुभवी कर्मा/ठेकेदारों से निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु सौलबन्ध निविदायें दो भागों में दिनांक 07.12.2020 को 14.00 बजे तक आमन्त्रित की जाती है। (1) **ई-निविदा संख्या 60/इ०टी०सी०(गोष्ठा)/2020-21** विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, गोष्ठा को अन्तर्गत विभिन्न पारेषण लाइनों के वार्षिक अनुसंधान सम्बन्धी कार्य। घरोहर राशि रु० 50000.00 निविदा भाग-1 खुलने की तिथि 07.12.2020 को 15.00 बजे, निविदा प्रपत्र मूल्य रु० 5900.00 एवं निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क (नान रिफंडेबिल) एवं इ०एस०टी० अविशारी अभियन्ता, विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, गोष्ठा के बैंक खाते में (बैंक का नाम-पंजाब नेशनल बैंक, खाता सं- 0181002100120697, आउफएससी कोड-PUNB0018100), आर०टी०जी०एस/एन०एस०टी के माध्यम से निविदा की अंतिम अपलोड तिथि से एक दिन पूर्व तक जमा की जायेगी तथा बैंक में जमा किये जाने का साक्ष्य यथा योग्य गू०टी०आर० सं०, खाते का नाम निम्नलिखता बैंक अधिकारी द्वारा हस्ताक्षरित एवं निविदादाता द्वारा प्रतिलिखित/सहसि/एन०एस०टी की स्कैनप्रति, ई०एस०टी के लिए बैंक माण्ट्री की स्कैनड कापी, जारीकर्ता बैंक के कम्प्यूटेशनमेल की प्रति भी निविदाप्रपत्रों के साथ डेलेक्ट्रानिकली साफ व पठनीय अपलोड की जायेगी, अन्यथा कि स्थिति में निविदादाता द्वारा प्रस्तुत निविदा को स्वतः निरस्त समझा जायेगा। साथ ही निविदा के भाग-1 में तकनीकी बिड (बैन कार्ड, इन्कमटैक्स रिटर्न, जी०एस०टी० पंजीकरण की स्वयं प्रमाणित छायाप्रति एवं तकनीकी अनुभव इत्यादि), संलग्न करना अनिवार्य है। घरोहर राशि/निविदा शुल्क जमा न होने अथवा किसी प्रकार की त्रुटि होने पर निविदा का भाग-2 जिसमें दरे दी जानी है, नहीं खोली जायेगी। भाग-2 में दरे एवं वाणिज्यक नियम व शर्तें होनी चाहिये। तथा हार्ड कापी कार्यालय में जमा करने की आवश्यकता नहीं होगी। किसी भी स्थिति में निविदा के **Retender** होने पर निविदा की निविदा शुल्क (नान रिफंडेबिल) एवं घरोहर घनराशि पुनः जमा की जानी अनिवार्य होगी, अन्यथा कि स्थिति में निविदादाता द्वारा प्रस्तुत निविदा को स्वतः निरस्त समझा जायेगा। निविदा का भाग प्रथम एवं द्वितीय-(डाइजिटल दरे एवं शर्तें) दिनांक 07.12.2020 को 14.00 बजे तक www.etender.up.nic.in पर अपलोड की जा सकती है। निविदा का प्रथम भाग दिनांक 07.12.2020 को 15.00 बजे एवं भाग-2 (प्राइज पार्ट) निविदा शुल्क एवं घरोहर घनराशि प्राप्ति की पुष्टि होने के पश्चात सार्वजनिक रूप से खोली जायेगी। निविदा खुलने की तिथि पर अवकाश होने की स्थिति में निविदा अगले कार्य दिवस पर निर्धारित समय पर खोली जायेगी। निविदाओं को बिना कोई कारण बताये निविदा/निविदाओं को अस्वीकार/विनाजित करने का अधिकार ओहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के पास सुरक्षित रहेगा। घरोहर/निविदा राशि रहित व सशर्त निविदायें स्वीकार नहीं की जायेगी। कृपया निस्तुत जानकारी, डाउनलोड, अन्य संशोधनों एवं निविदा प्रस्तुत करने के दिनांक तक विस्तार आदि के सम्बन्ध में कृपया www.etender.up.nic.in की वेबसाईट पर लॉगआन करें। **अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल, गोष्ठा** संख्या-2143/वि०पा०ग०/गोष्ठा/ई-टेण्डरिंग नं०-60/2020-21 Dt. 06.11.2020 "राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचाय"

कार्यालय निदेशक, नवाब वाजिद अली शाह प्राणि उद्यान, लखनऊ पत्र सं०-431, रस्केय सामग्री निविदा सूचना(20-21)/ज.लखनऊ, दिनांक 03 नवम्बर, 2020 **ई-निविदा की आमत्रण सूचना** नवाब वाजिद अली शाह प्राणि उद्यान, लखनऊ रस्केय आपरेशन में प्रमुख होने वाले नेट पंप की आवश्यकतानुसार अपूर्णित हेतु ई-निविदा आमोत्रित की जाती है। इच्छुक निविदादाता दिनांक 10.11.2020 को प्रातः 10.00 बजे से दिनांक 17.11.2020 को प्रातः 10.00 बजे तक वेबसाइट www.etender.up.nic.in पर निविदा प्रपत्र ऑनलाइन डाउनलोड कर अपलोड कर सकते हैं। निविदादाता को ई-निविदा में भाग लेने हेतु ई-निविदा का शुल्क रु० 1180/- (18 प्रतिशत जी०एस०टी० सहित) मात्र का डिमान्ड ड्राफ्ट तथा अनैस्ट मनी के रूप में रु० 50,000/- का एफ०डी०आर को निदेशक, प्रिन्स आफ वेस्त जूलोजिकल गार्डन्स ट्रस्ट, लखनऊ के नाम रिफेसिट हो, के रूप में एक लिफाफे में सील कर तकनीकी बिड के साथ संलग्न करना अनिवार्य है। दिनांक 17.11.2020 को प्रातः 12.00 बजे तक निदेशक, नवाब वाजिद अली शाह प्राणि उद्यान लखनऊ के कार्यालय में देना अनिवार्य है। निविदा दिनांक 17.11.2020 को अपरान्ह 02.00 बजे ओहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय बन्द में आनलाइन बिडि से खोली जायेगी। किसी एक अथवा समस्त निविदा को बिना कारण बताए निरस्त करने का अधिकार निदेशक, नवाब वाजिद अली शाह प्राणि उद्यान, लखनऊ को होगा। (आर०के०सि०) निदेशक नवाब वाजिद अली शाह प्राणि उद्यान, लखनऊ

Government of Uttar Pradesh Office of The Superintending Engineer Kanpur Circle, P.W.D., Kanpur, 16/22 Civil Lines, Kanpur-208001 Email ID:- sekanpurcircle@gmail.com **INVTATION FOR E-BID National Competitive BIDDING** Dated: 31/10/2020 No. : 5615 C/131C-KV2020-21 **Short Term E-Tender Notice (Second Call)** 1. E-Tender is invited for eligible contractors registered with relevant category in U.P. P.W.D. for "Road Work" by Hon'ble Governor, U.P. as below.

Sl. No.	District	Name of Work	Esti-mated Cost (Lacs)	Bid Security (Lacs)	Cost of Bid Document (Rs.)	Time of Completion (with rainy season)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Kanpur Nagar (Provincial Division- P.W.D. Kanpur Nagar)	Renewal work with general repair of SH-46 PGB road Km. 22.23,24.35,36,37,38 & 40 to 54(340) (As per Bill of quantity) (By Hot Mix Plant)	672.00	13.44	6260 (Including GST)	3 Month

 Bid document / tender details is available on website <http://etender.up.nic.in> From 20.11.2020 to 27.11.2020 (upto 12.00 noon) which can be downloaded from website. Under the provisions contained in Government Order No.-14/2018/879 / twenty-three-2020176 (S) 706 dated 25.08.2020 contractor has to upload all the documents & records related to the tender by logging in Prathari through their chanyaika login id on website <http://tms.upgovt.gov.in/Prathari> & downloaded technical sheet E-1 from prathari and upload the same on the E-Tender website till 27.11.2020 upto 12.00 noon. Technical bid will be opened on 28.11.2020 at 12.30 p.m. All terms & Conditions are available on website <http://etender.up.nic.in>. (Jai Singh) Superintending Engineer Kanpur Circle, PWD Kanpur UP 156732 Date 5 11 2020 डिजिटल वेबसाइट: www.upgovt.nic.in पर उपलब्ध है।

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, LUCKNOW CIRCLE, PWD, LUCKNOW No. 6509/523(2) D-Lko.CIR/2020-21 **E-TENDER NOTICE (Short Term)** Date : 02.11.2020 **The S.E. Lucknow Circle, U.P.P.W.D.** on behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh invites the percentage rate bids online from the eligible and approved **Contractors registered with UP PWD, for Signage work class 'A' for work** Bidders are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 4 of the Instructions to Bidders to qualify for the award of the contract. 2.

Sl. No.	District	Name of Work	Esti-mated cost (Rs.in Lakhs)	Bid Security (Rs.in Lakhs)	Tender Cost + Sta-tionary Charges	Time of compl-ition	Address of Executive Engineer	Address of Super-Intending Engineer	Address of Chief Engineer
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	LUCKNOW	Construction of three lane road on both side of Sharda Sahayak Feeder Canal to Lucknow-Faizabad road to Lucknow-Sultanpur Road & Construction of two lane link road to connect kisan path to Sultanpur road (Both side of Sharda Canal).	203.01	12.16	2000.00 +300.00 +414 = 2714.00	03 Months	CD-2, P.W.D. Lucknow	Lucknow Circle P.W.D. Lucknow	Central Zone P.W.D. Lucknow

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➤ **The Rate adopted in the BOQ are excluding GST.** Bids can be downloaded online from date **18.11.2020 at 9:00 AM to 26.11.2020 at 12:00 Noon** and bid can be submitted online on or before **26.11.2020 at 12:00 Noon**. The technical bids will be opened online on date **27.11.2020 at 12:30 PM**. According to the provisions of Government Order no. 1/2018/3070/78-2 **2018/42/11/2017 (22) Date 03-01-2018** after opening of the technical and financial bids, the bidder has to submit original documents personally in department / office. In the event of non submission of original documents by the bidder, the appropriate action will be taken in accordance with the provisions of G.O. Technical evaluation of tenders is to be done by **Prahari Software**, the details of which are available in NIT Enclosed with Bid Document. All terms & cnditions can be seen on website <http://etender.up.nic.co.in> **(Pradeep Rastogi)** Executive Engineer Lucknow Circle, P.W.D., Lucknow Construction Division-2 PWD, Lucknow **U.P.: 156701, Date: 04.11.2020** डिजिटल वेबसाईट www.up.gov.nic.in पर उपलब्ध है। **(J.K.Banga)** Superintending Engineer Lucknow Circle, P.W.D., Lucknow For on behalf of Governor of UP

PDP, NC hold party workers meet in Jammu

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Two main constituents of the Peoples Alliance for Gupkar Declaration, National Conference and the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) organised a meeting of party workers in Jammu ahead of holding a formal meeting in Jammu on Saturday.

Both Dr Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah addressed a meeting of party workers here at their party headquarters in the old city area of Jammu while PDP Chief Mehbooba Mufti addressed a small gathering inside heavily guarded party office in Gandhi Nagar.

Due to recent incidents of flag hoisting outside the PDP headquarters in Jammu thick posse of security personnel were deployed and concertina wires were spread to prevent entry of outsiders in the secured zone.

In their separate speeches, Kashmir based leaders targeted the Centre government and warned the people of the region not to fall prey to their false propaganda against Kashmir based regional parties.

Addressing party workers National Conference President Dr Farooq Abdullah said, he won't die until constitutional rights of the people of the erstwhile state are restored.

The National Conference (NC) president also assailed the BJP for "misleading the country" and making "false promises" to the people of Jammu and Kashmir as well as in Ladakh. Former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said an impression has been created with the help of the section of media that we are a Kashmir based party

2 ultras, civilian killed in Kashmir encounter

Srinagar: Two terrorists and one civilian were killed in an encounter at Pampore in south Kashmir's Pulwama district, officials said on Friday.

One terrorist surrendered before the security forces.

The encounter started on Thursday night in the Lalpora area after security forces laid a cordon-and-search operation on a specific input about the presence of terrorists in that area.

"One more terrorist killed (total 2) during Pampore encounter.Incriminating material, including arms and ammunition seized. Search

going on," police said.

The security forces earlier in the day said that one terrorist had been killed in an encounter.

Earlier on Friday, a civilian injured in the militant attack just before the encounter started on Thursday night succumbed in a hospital. Police said Abid Mir, 22, was injured when militants fired at the search party. He was immediately rushed to the hospital, but succumbed to injuries.

The forces had made repeated announcements to ask the holed up militants to surrender.

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Consider witness protection against lawmakers, Apex court to trial courts

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has directed the trial courts to consider granting protection to witnesses in cases against sitting and former lawmakers under Witness Protection Scheme without their making any specific application in this regard.

A three-judge bench of Justices N V Ramana, Surya Kant and Anirudhha Bose, said the Witness Protection Scheme, 2018, approved by it should be strictly enforced by the Union, States and Union Territories.

"Keeping in mind the vulnerability of the witnesses in such cases, the Trial Courts may consider granting protection under the said to witnesses without their making any specific application in this regard," the bench said.

The apex court noted that most witnesses are unwilling to appear before the respec-

tive Courts to make deposi-

tions in courts. It directed that no unnecessary adjournments be granted in cases related to lawmakers keeping in mind the public interest involved in these matters.

"At the cost of repetition, it is clarified that the directions in the present writ proceedings are applicable to both sitting as well as former legislators (MPs and MLAs)," the bench said.

The apex court also granted Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, one more week's time to file a reply to submit the status report relating to investigations against lawmakers by special agencies.

The bench was hearing a PIL filed by lawyer and BJP leader Ashwini Upadhyay seeking speedy disposal of cases against the lawmakers.

Talks with NSCN-IM in advanced stage to resolve Naga issue: Union Home Secy

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla on Friday said that talks with the NSCN-IM for final settlement of the decades-long Naga issue are in an advanced stage and the Centre is providing all assistance to the North Eastern states to deal with rebel groups.

Speaking at the diamond jubilee webinar organised by the National Defence College here, he said the Central Government is in peace negotiations with almost all groups of the North East including the ULFA and the major ones who could have been potentially used by China are holding talks.

"There could be potential but not that much. These people (insurgents) have lost that kind of massive support. The leadership of ULFA is back in Assam and talking to the Government. The NSCN people, after the ceasefire, are sitting in Delhi and talking to us for the final settlement. We don't see that kind of major disruptions coming," he said in reply to a question on whether the Government foresees China's involvement in the eastern sector after the Ladakh standoff.

The Home Secretary said the situation in the North Eastern region is "well under control" and the central government is providing assistance to the state governments in dealing with the insurgent groups.

E-auction of coal blocks will be subject to SC orders

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The Supreme Court on Friday directed that the November 9 e-auction of 37 coal blocks, including five in Jharkhand, shall be subject to its final order. A bench of Chief Justice S A Bobde and Justices A S Bopanna and V Ramasubramanian asked the Centre to inform the bidders that benefits of any nature to them will be provisional and subject to the orders of the apex court. Attorney General K K Venugopal, appearing for the Centre, said no trees will be cut in the area.

On November 4, the top court had said it intended to pass an order that any proposed mining block within the 50 kilometer radius of an eco-sensitive zone will not be e-auctioned for commercial purposes in Jharkhand.

Terrorism is ‘deception’, says ultra who surrendered during Pulwama encounter

Srinagar: A local militant who surrendered during an encounter in Pulwama district of Jammu and Kashmir on Friday expressed gratitude to police and security forces for giving him another chance to live life and appealed to all ultras to shun the path of militancy, saying it is a "deception".

Khawar Sultan Mir, a resident of the Drangbal area of Pampore in south Kashmir's Pulwama district, laid down his arms before the security forces during the encounter at Lalpora in Pampore, in which two militants were killed. A civilian also lost his life while another was injured during the exchange of fire. Mir, who had joined the militancy on September 1 this year, surrendered after numerous

appeals by the security forces.

In a video of the surrender, put on Twitter by police, Mir is seen coming out of a building holding his arms in the air. In another video, he expresses gratitude to police and security forces for offering him to surrender during the gunbattle. "I am thankful to J&K Police and forces, Army, who gave me another chance to live my life. They told me to come out, took me out alive and treated me well. They did not torture me and treated me like their brother. Whatever (arms) I had, I left it there only (at the encounter site)," Mir says in an over-a-minute video clip uploaded by the Kashmir Police on its Twitter handle.

He appealed to militants to give up arms, saying the path

of militancy was a "deceit" and a "deception". "I appeal all my brothers that this (militancy) is a deceit, this bloodshed is a lie, a deception...there is nothing in it," he said.

Inspector General of Police, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar described the surrender of the local militant as a success for the security forces. "#Surrender over #Death! #Success of Police & SFs is that they are getting #misguided youth back.

This year has been #successful as they are returning, know well that they are being honorably welcomed (sic)," the IGP Kashmir said in a tweet on the Kashmir Zone Police's Twitter handle. In the last few months, several local militants have surrendered before the security forces during live encounters.

Agencies

Central forces being deployed on Assam-Mizoram border as row on

Guwahati/Silchar (Assam), Aizawl: Central Paramilitary Force (CPMF) personnel are being deployed along the Assam-Mizoram border as the 10-day-long tension in these areas persisted on Friday.

"Central forces have arrived and those are being deployed along the Assam-Mizoram inter-state borders.

"We are hopeful that the inter-state border troubles

would be resolved after the deployment of the CPMF," Assam Home Secretary Gyanendra Dev Tripathi told the media in Guwahati.


The blockade along the National Highway (NH) 306, the lifeline of Mizoram, continued for the 10th day on Friday while Mizoram has refused to withdraw its forces unless the situation is normal.

Increasing the tension, Intyaz

Ali from Lailapur in southern Assam died in Mizoram custody earlier this week. While Assam officials stated that he died at the hands of miscreants on the other side of the border, Mizoram Home Secretary Lalbiakangi said that Ali was apprehended with drugs and he was found dead at a hospital on Monday after he referred to the health centre for medical check-up.

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Government of Odisha "e" Procurement Notice	
WORKS DEPARTMENT	
Bid Identification No. S.E.K.C., Keonjhar No. 10 / 2020-21	
e-mail : sekcpwd_keonjhar@yahoo.com	
Letter No. 3052 dt. 29.10.2020	
1. No of the work: :-	07 Number of Building Works
2. Estimated cost :-	Rs. 119.95 Lakhs to Rs. 492.51 Lakhs
3. Period of completion :-	09 (Nine) Calendar Months to 15 (Fifteen) Calendar Months
4. Date and Time of availability of Bid document in the portal :-	From 11.00 Hours of 18.11.2020 to 16.00 Hours of 01.12.2020
5. Last date / Time for receipt of bids in the portal :-	16.00 Hours of 01.12.2020
6. Date of opening of Bid from Portal :-	12.00 Hours on 02.12.2020
7. Name and address of the officer inviting Bid :-	Superintending Engineer, Keonjhar (R&B) Circle, Keonjhar-758001.
Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal "http://tendersodisha.gov.in" Sd/- A.N. Das	
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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

E-Tender No.: PRYJ-Sig-19-2020-21 **E-TENDER NOTICE** **Date:** 03.11.2020


Senior Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/Coordination/North Central Railway/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invite **E-TENDER** on prescribed form for the following works up to **12.00 hrs. on 27.11.2020**. The details of the Tender is as under:—

Tender No.	Name of Work	Approx. Cost of work (₹)	Earnest Money (₹)
PRYJ-Sig-019-2020-21	Replacement of copper cable with OFC between OFC hut to TSS, FP, SP and SSP over Prayagraj division.	4,53,51,367/-	3,76,800/-

Cost of Tender form: ₹ 0.00. **Completion Period:** 12 months, **Date of Closing of tender:** 27.11.2020, **Availability of tender form:** Tender forms are available on www.ireps.gov.in 21 days prior to date of opening of the tender. **Time, date & place of opening of tender:** Tender will be opened through E-tender at office of **Divisional Railway Manager, Prayagraj** on or after pre determined date at **12.30 hours**. In case tender opening date happens to be holiday, Tenders will be opened on the next working day. 117820 (R)

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ANTI-COVID INOCULATION DRIVE

Primary schools, anganwadis as vaccination sites

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With the Covid-19 vaccine likely to be made available early next year, the Government has prepared a blueprint envisaging the use of various primary and secondary schools, anganwadis and panchayat buildings dotted across the country to function as temporary vaccination sites in the anti-coronavirus inoculation drive that would be monitored by the Union health ministry's digital platform. As per the country's Covid-19 immunisation programme, various digital tools such as QR code certificate and delivery of SMS to vaccine beneficiaries among others will be utilised to make the system efficient and foolproof to keep a track on the beneficiaries.

"The vaccination sites will not be limited to just healthcare facilities. Such centres would also be set up in anganwadi centres, schools, panchayat buildings and other such setups as identified by State Governments," said an official from the Ministry.

Currently, the Ministry's existing digital platform eVIN is being used for the UIP which is now being enhanced for Covid-19 vaccine distribution and delivery, through which SMSes would be sent to recipients informing the time, date and venue to get the shots and digitally connect them



and also track them.

Each person in the immunisation list would be linked with their Aadhaar cards to avoid duplication and to track beneficiaries. However, in case a person doesn't have an aadhaar card, a Government photo identity can be used, as per the blueprint.

A QR generated certificate will be produced once a person has been vaccinated and no side effects of the vaccine are reported. Beneficiaries will also be given an opportunity to store their Covid-19 immunisation certificate in DigiLocker which is another digital tool devised by the Government. The coronavirus vaccine, once available, would be distributed under a special COVID-19 inoculation programme, using the processes, technology and network of the

existing UIP.

States have been asked not to chart separate pathways of procurement. "The Centre will procure the vaccine directly to make it available to the priority groups through the existing network of states and districts. The vaccine is being planned to be administered to the priority groups free-of-cost," said the official.

Presently, facilities of cold chain in over 28,000 locations are being used under the UIP. Presently the group is engaged with mapping the private sector facilities for augmenting the capacity.

Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan had said last month that the Centre estimates to receive and utilise 40-50 crore doses of Covid-19 vaccine covering 20-25 crore people by July next year.

India records more single-day Covid recoveries than daily new infections

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India's single-day Covid-19 recoveries exceeded daily new infections successively for the last five weeks, while active cases are on a sustained decline and comprise only 6.19 per cent of the country's total caseload. However, some States like Maharashtra, Keral and Delhi remain a cause of worry with higher cases and deaths.

The Union Health Ministry said on Friday that less than 50,000 new cases of the coronavirus infection have been reported in the country in a span of 24 hours, whereas the daily new recoveries have exceeded 54,000.

"A total of 54,157 Covid-19 patients have recovered and were discharged in a span of 24 hours as against 47,638 new infections being reported during the same period," said a

senior Health Ministry official adding that "India is reporting new recoveries more than the daily new cases successively for the last five weeks now."

There is a continuous decline in average daily new cases for the last five weeks. From registering more than 73,000 average daily new cases in the first week of October, the average daily new cases have declined to 46,000 cases.

The active cases stand at 5,20,773 as on date and now comprise only 6.19 per cent of the total COVID-19 caseload, it stated. The recoveries have surged to 77,65,966 and exceed active cases by 72,45,193 as on date. The national recovery rate has further improved to 92.32 per cent.

The ministry said that 80 per cent of the new recovered cases are observed to be concentrated in 10 states and union

territories with Maharashtra topping the list at over 11,000 single day recoveries.

Seventy-nine per cent of new cases are also from 10 states and union territories.

Again, Maharashtra is reporting a very high number of new cases with more than 10,000 cases followed by Kerala with more than 9,000 cases. Besides, 670 case fatalities have been reported in a span of 24 hours. Of these, 10 States and union territories account for nearly 86 per cent. More than 38 per cent of new fatalities reported are from Maharashtra at 256 deaths followed by Delhi with 66 new deaths.

India's Covid-19 caseload mounted to 84,11,724 with 47,638 new infections being reported in a day, while the death toll climbed to 1,24,985 with 670 new fatalities.

LAC flare-up may turn into a larger conflict: Gen Rawat

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Sounding a note of warning, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Bipin Rawat on Friday did not rule out the present tension at the Line of Actual (LAC) flaring up into a "larger conflict" with China even as he asserted that India will never accept a change in the present LAC.

His tough talk came on a day when the Corps Commanders of the two coun-

tries were holding the eighth round of talks to break the six month logjam at the LAC in Eastern Ladakh.

In his address to the prestigious National Defence College (NDC), Rawat said a "larger conflict" with China cannot be ruled out if border confrontations and unprovoked military actions spiraled. "In the overall security calculus: border confrontations, transgressions, unprovoked tactical military actions

-- spiralling into a larger conflict therefore cannot be discounted," he said.

Rawat also said China and Pakistan acting in collusion meant an omnipresent danger of regional instability with potential for escalation.

Referring to China's ambitions as an aggressive pursuit of hegemonic interests, the CDS said the situation along the LAC remained tense amid transgressions and belligerent action by the Chinese.

First phase of Malabar series of naval exercises ends

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The first phase of the prestigious Malabar series of naval exercises ended on Friday with the navies of India, US, Japan and Australia participating in the drill off Visakhapatnam. Australia is participating in the event for the first time after India invited it despite China's strong objection. It claimed the Quad coalition of the four countries was getting militarised and posed a threat in the Indo-Pacific region.

The present edition of

the exercise took place amidst ongoing tension at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh. The four navies conducted complex drills in the Bay of Bengal off Visakhapatnam for four days starting November 3. Reacting to the latest event, China had said it hoped the endeavour will be conducive to regional peace and stability instead of the contrary.

Held annually, this year's Malabar series of exercise will be held in two phases. The second phase will take place in mid November in

the Arabian Sea.

The current edition is unique as the Australian Navy is taking part despite China expressing reservations claiming that the Quad countries are trying to militarise the coalition and pose a threat in the Indo-Pacific region.

In 2007, Australia was invited for the Malabar event leading to a strong protest by China to India, US, Japan and Australia. Australia was keen to take part in the joint exercise and the US and Japan also favoured its inclusion.

Congress accuses Modi Govt of fake nationalism

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The Congress on Friday accused the Modi

Government of "fake nationalism" and alleged that it has betrayed the armed forces by "snatching away" the pen-

sion of army officers.

Congress' chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala said the Modi

Government is deliberately hurting the morale of army officers by "snatching away" their pension and demanded immediate reversal of the decision. "We demand that Prime

Minister Modi comes forward and clarifies his stand on the issue and takes back its anti-army decision of October 29," Surjewala said at AICC Press briefing.

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9	लखनऊ	सेस-प्रथम	खसरा संख्या-678 / एल. बेहसा, कानपुर रोड, लखनऊ।		
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45	लखनऊ	रेजीडेन्सी	92 / 104 मोहन लाल मार्ग, लखनऊ		
46	लखनऊ	चौक	प्लाट नं० 23डी म०नं० 325 / 157, 325 / 156, सोंधी टोला, चौक, लखनऊ।		
47	लखनऊ	चौक	प्लाट नं० 789 खसरा सं० 443 / 2, गेंदखाना, हुसैनाबाद, चौक, लखनऊ।		
48	लखनऊ	चौक	325 / 55 ओल्ड एवं न्यू नं० 325 / 062, सोंधी टोला, चौक, लखनऊ।		
49	लखनऊ	चौक	प्लाट नं० 25 एवं 26, ओसिस अपार्टमेंट नैपीयर रोड कालोनी, तहसीलनगंज, लखनऊ।		
50	लखनऊ	चौक	315 / 168 एवं 169 बाग महा नारायण चौक, लखनऊ।		
51	लखनऊ	चौक	प्लाट नं० 1 खसरा सं० 365 मिन्जुमला मेहताबबाग, हुसैनाबाद चौक, लखनऊ।		
52	लखनऊ	चौक	प्लाट नं० 3 एवं 4, खसरा नं० 635 एवं 701, दौलतगंज, चौक, लखनऊ।		
53	लखनऊ	चौक	प्लाटन नं० 463 / 13, हाता मिर्जा अली खान, हुसैनाबाद चौक, लखनऊ।		
54	लखनऊ	चौक	प्लाट नं० 58, 59 एवं 60 खसरा नं० 365क, मिन्जुला, मेहताब बाग, गेंदखाना, हुसैनाबाद, लखनऊ।		
55	लखनऊ	चौक	भूमि सं० 32 पीर बुखारा मोहल्ला पीएस चौक, लखनऊ।		
56	लखनऊ	चौक	25 एवं 26 तहसील गंज हुसैनाबाद, चौक, लखनऊ।		
57	लखनऊ	चौक	449 / 277 वार्ड दौलतगंज, चौक, लखनऊ।		
58	लखनऊ	चौक	भूमि सं० 113 से 117 तथा 142 से 148 / 1, पीर बुखारा, हुसैनाबाद, चौक, लखनऊ।		
59	लखनऊ	चौक	म०नं० 449 / 277 (140-सी), वार्ड दौलतगंज, माथुर रोड, चौक, लखनऊ।		
60	लखनऊ	चौक	प्लाट नं० 48 खसरा सं० 365, मेहताबबाग, वार्ड हुसैनाबाद, चौक, लखनऊ।		
61	लखनऊ	चौक	प्लाट सं० 07 खसरा सं० 33 मेहताब बाग, गेंदखाना, हुसैनाबाद, चौक, लखनऊ।		
62	लखनऊ	चौक	म०नं० 292 / 115क तुलसीदास मार्ग, मोहल्ला शाहगंज, चौक, लखनऊ।		
63	लखनऊ	चौक	अपार्टमेंट नं० 466 / 108 भरकल, भुखानपीर, बुखारा हुसैनाबाद, चौक, लखनऊ।		
64	लखनऊ	चौक	प्लाट नं० 38 नैपीयर रोड, भाग-2, घासमण्डी, चौक, लखनऊ।		
65	लखनऊ	चौक	466 / 91 / 1 पीर बुखारा, हुसैनाबाद, चौक, लखनऊ।		
क्र. सं.	जिला का नाम	विद्युत वितरण खण्ड का नाम	बिल्डिंग का नाम/पता		
66	लखनऊ	चौक	प्लान नं० 21 जेन्ड खाना, हुसैनाबाद, चौक, लखनऊ।		
67	लखनऊ	चौक	240 / 40 मुर्तजा, हुसैन रोड, राजा बाजार हुसैनाबाद, चौक, लखनऊ।		
68	लखनऊ	चौक	463 / 8एच / 2 हाता मिर्जाअली खॉन, हुसैनाबाद, चौक, लखनऊ।		
69	लखनऊ	चौक	463 / 59 हाता मिर्जा अली खान, हुसैनाबाद, चौक, लखनऊ।		
70	लखनऊ	चौक	मकान नं०. 336 / 58 मनसूर नगर पुलगामा हुसैन रोड कश्मीरी मोहल्ला चौक, लखनऊ।		
71	लखनऊ	चौक	315 / 83(82-83) बान वाली गली, बाग महा नरायण, चौक, लखनऊ।		
72	लखनऊ	चौक	462 / 188 राम गंज हुसैनाबाद चौक लखनऊ।		
73	लखनऊ	चौक	प्लाट नं०. 44 ए खसरा नं०. 319, रामगंज, हुसैनाबाद चौक, लखनऊ।		
74	लखनऊ	चौक	215 / 27 सुभाष मार्ग चौक लखनऊ।		
75	लखनऊ	चौक	464 / पी / 023 नेपियर रोड कालोनी पार्ट-- I, चौक, लखनऊ।		
76	लखनऊ	चौक	459 / 54 मोहनी पुरवा, हुसैनाबाद, दौलतगंज, चौक लखनऊ		
लेसा ट्रांस गोमती					
1	Lucknow	Gomti Nagar	Parshwanath Developers		
2	Lucknow	Chinhat	M/S MI ASSOCIATE PVT LTD (KADARIYA & ASSOCIATE PVT LTD) C/O SM KADIR ALIKHASRA NO. 484 427 422 430 443 476 480 479 428 433 478 475 431 426 477 468 RUSAL COURT SECTOR-6, GOMTI NAGAR VISTAR Lucknow UP-226010 IND		
3	Lucknow	Mahanagar	M/S S.A.S. Hotel, M/S Shalimar, 166-171, 180, 181, 183-203, 205 & 206, Islambari, Mahanagar, Lucknow.		
4	Lucknow	Chinhat	M/S SPRING DEVELOPERS C/O JAIRAM JALANKHASRA NO 334 332 326 ANAURA KALA NEAR RAM SWAROOP PUBLIC SCHOOL FAIZABAD ROAD CHINHAT Lucknow UP-226001 IND		
उपरोक्त परिसरों पर कैम्प लगाने की सूचना प्रमुख दैनिक समाचार पत्रों में दिनांक 04.09.2019, 05.09.2019, 24.09.2019, 26.09.2019 और दिनांक 27.12.2019 में छपवाई गयी परिसर में विभिन्न तिथियों में कैम्प लगाये गये तथा नोटिस भी प्रेषित किये गये। इसके अतिरिक्त मध्यांचल मुख्यालय स्तर से भी सम्पर्क स्थापित किया गया अध्यासियों से एकल बिन्दु में बने रहने अथवा बहु बिन्दु पर संयोजन हेतु स्पष्ट अभिमत प्राप्त नहीं हो पाया है। अध्यासियों द्वारा एकल बिन्दु पर बने रहने हेतु सहमति अथवा अन्यथा की स्थिति में मा० नियामक आयोग के आदेशानुसार बहुबिन्दु संयोजन हेतु कार्यवाही कर दी जायेगी।					
क्र. सं.	जिला का नाम	विद्युत वितरण खण्ड का नाम	बिल्डिंग का नाम/पता		
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लेसा सिस गोमती					
1	लखनऊ	हुसैनगंज	107 / 074, (107 / 036-गं), मल्का गेटी फाटक बाईसी की मस्जिद, लखनऊ		
2	लखनऊ	हुसैनगंज	101 / 148 बैरूनी खन्धक लखनऊ		
3	लखनऊ	आलमबाग	551क / 160, भीतावन, आलमबाग, लखनऊ।		
4	लखनऊ	आलमबाग	554क / 044, खसरा सं० 61, अर्जुन नगर, आलमबाग, लखनऊ।		
5	लखनऊ	आलमबाग	551क / ओ-284, ओम नगर, चन्द्र नगर, आलमबाग, लखनऊ		
6	लखनऊ	आलमबाग	569क / 476, स्नेह नगर, आलमबाग, लखनऊ।		
7	लखनऊ	वृन्दावन	वृन्दावन लखनऊ।		
8	लखनऊ	वृन्दावन	वृन्दावन लखनऊ।		
9	लखनऊ	वृन्दावन	वृन्दावन लखनऊ।		
10	लखनऊ	वृन्दावन	मान संरोवर योजना, लखनऊ।		
11	लखनऊ	रेजीडेन्सी	2-क्यूटन रोड, लखनऊ।		
12	लखनऊ	रेजीडेन्सी	134 / 37-38 बशीरत गंज सुभाष मार्ग लखनऊ		
13	लखनऊ	रेजीडेन्सी	रेजीडेन्सी लखनऊ		
14	लखनऊ	रेजीडेन्सी	96 / 88(96 / 76) मारकेट गणेश गंज लखनऊ।		
15	लखनऊ	राजाजीपुरम्	सी-13 / 7037-7038, राजाजीपुरम्, लखनऊ।		
16	लखनऊ	ऐशबाग	ऐशबाग लखनऊ		
17	लखनऊ	ऐशबाग	ऐशबाग लखनऊ		
18	लखनऊ	कानपुर रोड	प्लाट नं. 95, 96 विजय नगर कानपुर रोड, लखनऊ।		
19	लखनऊ	कानपुर रोड	प्लाट नं. 17-बी० कृष्णा नगर कानपुर रोड, लखनऊ।		
20	लखनऊ	कानपुर रोड	एच.एन-58-ए कृष्णा नगर कानपुर रोड, लखनऊ।		
21	लखनऊ	राजाजीपुरम्	प्लाट नं. एफ-3719 / 4, राजाजीपुरम्, लखनऊ।		
22	लखनऊ	राजाजीपुरम्	बी-28, राजाजीपुरम्, लखनऊ।		
23	लखनऊ	चौक	प्लाट नं० 7071 खसरा सं० 365 मिन्जुला मेहताबबाग, हुसैनाबाद, चौक, लखनऊ।		
24	लखनऊ	चौक	312 / 13 लाजपत नगर, चौक, लखनऊ।		
लेसा ट्रांस गोमती					
1	Lucknow	Chinhat	KHASRA NO 486 491 495 BAGHAMAU CHINHAT Lucknow UP-226010 IND 9335077425		
2	Lucknow	Chinhat	VILL- UTTARDHAUNA FAIZABAD ROAD CHINHAT Lucknow UP-226010 IND		
3	Lucknow	UNIVERSITY	Saei Dham Apartment, 512/721, Khasra No 119, Nishatganj Lucknow		
4	Lucknow	BKT	KH. NO. 494 & 493 MISHRAPUR KURSI RAOD LUCKNOW		
5	Lucknow	BKT	KH NO-83 BASAHA KURSI ROAD LKO		
6	Lucknow	BKT	KH NO- 48,49, PLOT NO-228, 229, GUDAMBA KURSI ROAD LKO		
7	Lucknow	BKT	ALKAPURI, ADIL NAGAR		
बरेली क्षेत्र					
1	बरेली	विद्युत नगरीय वितरण खण्ड-तृतीय बरेली	डी०डी० पुरम्, बरेली		
टिप्पणी:(1) लेसा सिस गोमती के क्रम संख्या 1 तथा लेसा ट्रांस गोमती के क्रम सं० 2 पर उल्लिखित भवन का इलेक्ट्रिकल इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर पूर्ण नहीं है। (2) लेसा सिस गोमती के क्रम संख्या 2 से 24 तक उल्लिखित भवनों के उपभोक्ता द्वारा संयोजन हेतु आवेदन नहीं किया गया है। (3) लेसा ट्रांस गोमती के क्रम संख्या 1 एवं 3 से 7 तथा बरेली क्षेत्र के क्रम संख्या 1 पर उल्लिखित भवनों के संयोजन को 30.11.2020 तक पूर्ण कराने का लक्ष्य है।					
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Goodwill over

Pakistan provokes India, takes over Kartarpur shrine management and disempowers Sikh body



Pakistan and soft diplomacy are highly incompatible. There was little doubt that it was enshrining Kartarpur's iconic value as the resting place of the founder of Sikhism, Guru Nanak, to further its separatist agenda of indoctrinating and radicalising Sikhs and reviving the Khalistani movement all over again. And for all the sweet talk of cultural contiguity and goodwill by Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan, the corridor linking devotees on both sides of the border was intended to be a conduit of the Pakistan Army and Inter-Service Intelligence to refuel militancy in Punjab and give us another security bother. Hence there was a deliberateness of mixed signals, be it in wooing the Sikh community worldwide through its grandstanding of allowing pilgrim access, politicising it and provoking us at the same time. And now Pakistan has unmasked its real intention, by transferring the management of the Kartarpur Sahib gurdwara from a Sikh body to a separate trust. Instead of the Pakistan Sikh Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee, the shrine's administrative control has now been entrusted to the Evacuee Trust Property Board. This allows Pakistan direct control over its operations. India has called it out over its unilateral move for violating the spirit of shared concern over a faith shrine that matters to people on both sides of the border. By disallowing Sikh leaders to have a say, our neighbour is also running roughshod over the rights of a minority community to pursue faith on its terms, something that Khan accuses India of. But Pakistan, which had initially claimed a high moral ground in facilitating a cross-border traffic to the shrine, is now appropriating it wholly, simply because its intent of using it as a hub of Khalistani extremists has not quite materialised to the extent it wanted. And by making an arbitrary announcement days ahead of the first anniversary of the corridor's inauguration on November 9, Pakistan is sending out a strong message that the days of even posed bonhomie are over. Its angst is understandable considering its failure to globalise the Kashmir issue despite the abrogation of Article 370, its helplessness to stem the West, particularly the US, from gravitating towards India and its inability to convince the Arab world to take a stand against us. Since none of these has materialised and it is strategising its relevance with China and its neo-Islamic ally, Turkey, it doesn't need to posit itself with diplomatic niceties. In fact, with the takeover move, it is making it abundantly clear that there is no scope for peace overtures and that it is back to daggers drawn.

Guru Nanak is not just a Sikh *guru* in the sub-continent but embodies a consciousness. As scholars have chronicled his travels across Saudi Arabia, Tibet, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Iran, Iraq, India and Pakistan, he spread what is called a "*Nanakpanthi* culture." Its practitioners are syncretic groups of people in the Indus plains who follow Guru Nanak's teachings irrespective of them being Sikhs, Hindus and Muslims. As believers, they broke down barriers of faith and cultures and were undiluted even by the Partition in 1947. So the Kartarpur corridor, connecting Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Pakistan and Dera Baba Nanak Sahib in India, in that sense, is a symbolic leap of faith in humanity. And probably the antidote that could have helped reconcile the wounds of Partition and been a precursor to some sort of engagement between the two sides. Yet, Pakistan has always been abrasive on Kartarpur, using pictures of Khalistani separatist leaders Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, Maj Gen Shabeg Singh and Amrik Singh Khalsa in its promotional videos on the shrine. The video, which was crafted to highlight the harmony between Sikhs and Muslims, also featured known Indian Sikhs like Navjot Singh Sidhu and former Union Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal, in a crude attempt to project Khan as welcoming and liberal. In fact, Pakistan has been hell-bent on denying a sense of comfort to us. First, it had issues with the visa-free passage, then it stopped Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI) card holders, the implication being that it wanted to address only a section of Sikhs in India. It also restricted the numbers of pilgrims at a time and the days of visit. So the Pakistan Army, without whom Khan wouldn't have been in the chair, has always seen the shrine as its bargaining chip. Though the Pakistani leadership had for years been cool to the Manmohan Singh Government's overtures on Kartarpur, the fact is it had been using it as a neo-axis of Sikh separatism since 2003. The gurdwara had been abandoned till then and served as a cattle shed for villagers. Pakistan even allowed rampant encroachment till it realised its political potential. While announcing the Kartarpur project, it appointed several Khalistani separatists on the committee, much to India's discomfort. Its former Army chief Gen Mirza Aslam Beg openly advised the military and the Government to use the corridor for Khalistani terror and "create trouble for India." The Pakistan Army even got pro-Khalistani supporters to challenge the reorganisation of Kashmir. No matter how hard India may try to make Kartarpur a matter of people-to-people concern, the fact is that Pakistan's initiative on the corridor will never be free of politics. India has to be alert that it doesn't become a hotbed for Khalistani propaganda and meetings in the name of allowing faith congregations. When Pakistan Army chief General Qamar Bajwa stood in Kartarpur, shaking hands with known Khalistani face Gopal Singh Chawla, it was clear he was starting a new front in the proxy war. Question is how aggressively will he push it this time.

Samosa caucus

Indian-American candidates have made their mark in the US election but need to consolidate going forward



In the 60s, Indian immigrants to the US had to face discrimination and have racist slurs like "brownie" thrown at them. Fast forward to 2020 and Indian-origin Americans have become an influential community. They own a third of all Silicon Valley start-ups and two per cent of the Fortune 500 companies of American origin. Their talent pool and skill set have meant that large corporations like Microsoft, Alphabet, Adobe, IBM and MasterCard are led by Indian-American CEOs. That is not to say that they don't face racism anymore but as more of them have entered the political arena to make their relevance felt, and done well, they do have a voice now. To the extent that both the Democrat and the Republican campaigns had initiated several diversity measures to woo the approximately 1.8 million members of the community who have emerged as a critical voting bloc in the battleground States of Florida, Georgia, Michigan, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Texas. And to their credit, the Indian-American candidates have made their mark in this presidential election. Not only is part-Indian origin Democrat Kamala Harris waiting to become the Vice-President, four of five Democratic lawmakers, who make up the so-called "Samosa Caucus", have trounced their Republican rivals. Raja Krishnamoorthi, Pramila Jayapal, Roh Khanna and Ami Bera have been re-elected to the House of Representatives. However, Rikina Mehta and Sara Gideon have lost their Senate race from New Jersey and Maine. But with record participation by Indian-Americans, 2020 has been a starting point for empowerment.

Even as we celebrate the victories of Indian-origin politicians in the US, it is high time we realise that most of them do not even relate to the country of their ancestors' origin. Being second or even third-generation US citizens, their focus is on the country they are living in and what good they can do for themselves and their constituencies. Plus, the main contours of the foreign policy of the Biden-Harris administration, should it come to power, *vis-a-vis* India are expected to be similar as the US believes in strategic continuity of interests it holds dear. Of course, Harris favours a more immigrant-friendly approach. So, having someone with pro-immigrant values in the White House is bound to benefit Indians in some way, even though it will be as beneficial for China. Whoever gets the verdict, this balancing will have to be done if the US wants India as its bulwark in the East.

Forgotten lessons of Azad

Quality education and initiatives like Right to Education Act are fine but they are incomplete without competent and qualified teachers, something he emphasised

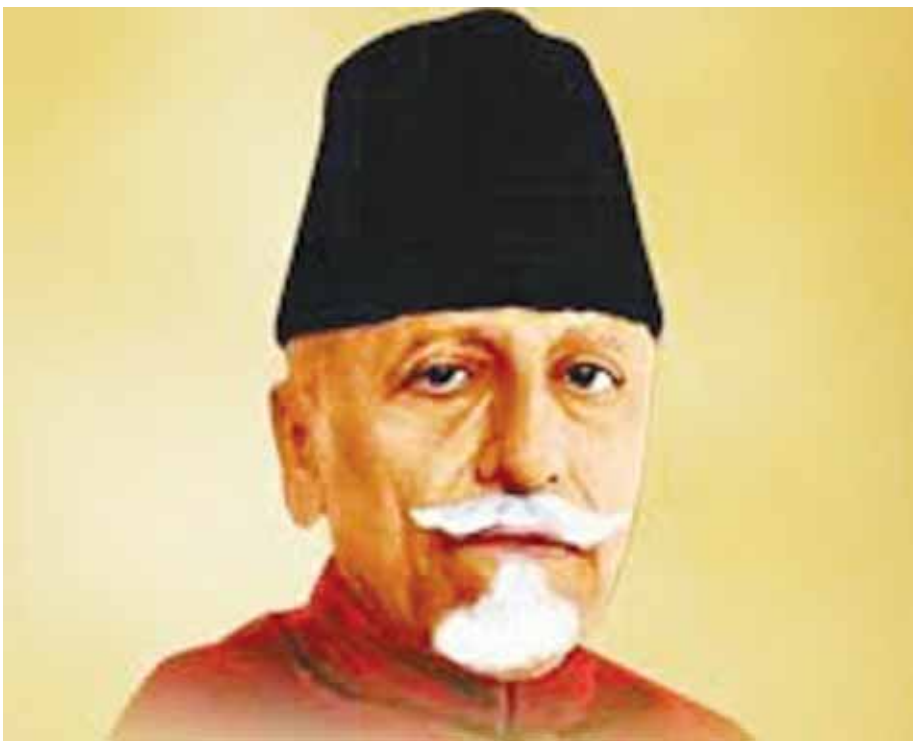


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India celebrates its National Education Day on November 11, the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad — a great scholar, freedom fighter, politician and a firm believer in the unity of India — but do we honour his passion and ideals? Azad is also remembered as our first Education Minister. Born in Mecca in 1888, his family moved to Kolkata in 1890. He was self-taught and never went to school. He started teaching at the age of 16 and continued his scholarly pursuits even while in the thick of national politics. He wrote poetry, translated the Quran and even authored several books.

Young Azad was influenced by revolutionaries and was deeply impressed by Sri Aurobindo. In 1908, he visited Iraq, Egypt, Syria and Turkey and was pained to find that while in these countries Muslims were fighting for freedom and democracy, Indian Muslims were favouring the British, keeping away from the nationalist movement. To change the Muslim mindset, he started a journal, *Al-Hilal*, in July 1912. He joined the Indian National Congress and became its president in 1923 at the age of 35. After the two-nation theory and the demand for a separate nation for Muslims gained ground, Azad could envision its conceptual fragility and disastrous future consequences for the nation, particularly for the Muslims. Unfortunately, India was partitioned and even Mahatma Gandhi and Azad had to become a party to it. What followed at the time of the Partition and the near permanency of the India-Pakistan conflict clearly indicate how sound and pragmatic ideas are sometimes lost in the political arena, resulting in unimaginable damage to future generations. Both India and Pakistan are perpetual victims of this scar.

Pakistan — fully submerged in religious orthodoxy and ignorance — inflicted several self-destructive wounds, suffered a couple of humiliating military defeats and was even decimated. It is propagating worldwide terrorism, and ironically, suffering its venomous consequences as well. Azad and Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan are two outstanding luminaries of the freedom struggle, who presented the real — liberal and dynamic — version of Islam before their countrymen. Had the Muslim community paid



heed to them, the world would not have been put under debilitating violence, insecurity and distrust that have engulfed humanity today.

The recent murderous attacks in France have stirred diametrically opposite reactions, indicating how serious the issues of religious bigotry, blind fundamentalism, terrorism and global insecurity are. The only ray of hope lies in education, formal education of the young and simultaneously the education of people in positions of power and decision-making in their "trusteeship role" for the generations ahead.

This year, the National Education Day celebration could very well focus on the role of education in achieving social cohesion and religious harmony. The recently launched National Education Policy 2020 (NEP) has considerable connect with the basic principles of *Buniyadi Talim*, which was proposed by Gandhi in 1937. Delivering the presidential speech at the fourth session of the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) on January 13, 1948, Azad, the then Education Minister, said: "In connection with the scheme of basic education, the question of religious instruction had cropped up at that time. Two committees of the board pondered over it but they were unable to come to an agreed decision. I should like this question to be reconsidered in the light of the changed circumstances. For our country, this question has a special meaning."

A realistic comprehension of the spirit and intent of *Buniyadi Talim* was indeed missed by those under the influence of "all that was Western and British." To

them, the existing transplanted system was doing fine. So why disturb it? It is only now that the consequences of this approach are before us: Unemployment, poverty, hunger, internal migration, neglect of villages and farmers and much more.

Everyone talks of a lack of moral, ethical and humanistic values. Corruption is a consequence of diminishing emphasis on character-building. Luminaries like Azad had anticipated such concerns. After posing the problem and putting it in the context, Azad articulated its elements: "It is already known to you that the 19th century liberal point of view concerning the imparting of religious education has already lost weight. Even after World War I, a new approach had begun to assert itself and the intellectual revolution brought about in the wake of World War II has given it a decisive shape. At first, it was considered that religions would stand in the way of free intellectual development of a child but now it has been admitted that religious education cannot altogether be dispensed with. If national education was devoid of this element, there would be no appreciation of moral values or moulding of character on human lines. It must be known to you that Russia had to give up its ideology during the last World War. The British Government in England also had to amend its education system in 1944." With a crystal clear comprehension, Azad was convinced that the West felt the need of religious education as without religious influences, people become "over-rationalistic."

In India, we are surrounded by

"over religiosity." How secularism is being interpreted in India leaves much to be desired, clarified and comprehended to bring people of varied religious affiliations to accept the equality of all religions: "*Ekam sat viprah Bahudha Vadanti*" (There is only one truth, learned ones call it by various names). What Azad articulated in the meeting on education has a global contemporary relevance: "Our present difficulties, unlike those of Europe, are not creations of materialistic zealots but of religious fanatics. If we want to overcome them, the solution lies not in rejecting religious instruction in elementary stages but in imparting sound and healthy religious education under our direct supervision so that misguided credulism may not affect children in their plastic age."

Azad was India's Education Minister for about a decade. His concern on the issue of religious instruction indicates his seriousness on social cohesion, religious unity, integrity of the country, and that all of these depend on the right approach to education in human values and continued insistence on character formation. He was convinced that Indians would like their children to get religious education. If the State refused, they would do so privately. He was concerned that private sources were already working and were entrusting religious education to those teachers "who though literate are not educated. To them, religion means nothing but bigotry." To save the "intellectual life of our country," Azad emphatically warned all concerned not to entrust the imparting of early

religious education to private sources. Further, no national Government could shirk the responsibility of moulding the "growing minds of the nation on the right lines" as it is its primary duty.

Here, Azad offers a global education policy guideline: Imparting quality education and initiatives like Right to Education Act are fine but these remain incomplete without a clear mention that such education shall be provided only by competent and qualified teachers. Further, nothing that distorts the sensitive young minds in any way shall be allowed to permeate the educational endeavour.

Education must be free from vested interests that believe in the supremacy of any single religion, which does not subscribe to the equality of all religions and refuses to introduce transparency in their schools — in approach, content and pedagogy.

It is well-known that schools of certain denominations are not preparing children for a world of peace and tranquility, for acceptance of diversity, for social cohesion and religious amity. And it is not a new phenomenon, as would be clear from Azad's description given over 72 years: "The method of education, too, is such in which there is no scope for a broad and liberal outlook. It is quite plain, then, that the children will not be able to drive out the ideas infused into them in their early stage, whatever modern education may be given to them at a later stage." At this stage, it is a global phenomenon that terrorist and fundamentalist organisations suffer no dearth of highly educated and technically qualified and competent young people.

The implementation of the NEP 2020 has begun in earnest. The growth, progress and development of India would depend on the quality of its education and the level of social cohesion and religious unity, seeds of which are to be sown in its schools, classrooms and playgrounds. The NEP 2020 must equip every Indian to stand up and repeat with full conviction what Azad had declared in 1940: "I am part of this indivisible unity that is Indian nationality. I am indispensable to the noble edifice and without me this splendid structure of India is incomplete. I am an essential element which has gone to build India. I can never surrender this claim."

The great visionary paved the path for every Indian to move ahead and in the process made a singular contribution in the human march towards a world of peace, non-violence and love.

(The writer works in education and social cohesion)

SOUND BITE

The Railways is trying hard to restore train services in Punjab. As per the latest information, blockade at 22 locations is still continuing while farmers have cleared nine locations.



Railway Board Chairman
—VK Yadav

In compliance with my constitutional duty, I approved the election law, in preparation for holding early, fair and just elections.



Iraqi President
—Barham Salih

It was quite difficult to suddenly stop a very active routine. But at the same time we all realised how important it was to pause everything and take care of ourselves.



Badminton player
—PV Sindhu

There is a concern among the people in Uttar Pradesh over the rising electricity bills due to the faulty electricity meters across the State.



Congress Leader
—Priyanka Gandhi

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Will there be change?

Sir — Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden is inching towards 270 electoral votes. It is almost clear now that he does have the popular sentiment with him. And the chances of the incumbent President Donald Trump retaining his job by crying foul in the absence of evidence are looking difficult at the moment. It is true that the election result is not an unequivocal repudiation of Trump's four-year tenure as the President "crowned" with multiple failures. The consolidation of White supremacist votes is writ large on the electoral outcome. The polarisation of the US could not have been starker. If the Trump era were to end, it could mean freedom from the yoke of an oppressively dominant and irrational leadership.

The change of leadership, if it happens, would be regarded as a watershed in the US and world history. The new administration could redeem the country and the world from sliding into a worse state. It could help bolster notions of democracy and human equality, propel progress, heal the rifts between communities and nations and forge inter-

A mature response by Tejashwi

After Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's dismal performance in his last term and people of Bihar looking out for a new face to represent them, an unhappy alliance partner, the BJP, made sure it used the Modi wave to turn the tide. However, from the speeches Prime Minister Narendra Modi made so far in his Bihar election rallies, we can infer that he is not quite capable of raising the standard of electoral discourse. He scarcely displayed the talent to edify the audience, a characteristic unique to a statesman. The one catch-phrase Modi made abundant use of in rally after rally was "jungle raj", an appellation unjustly conferred to the time when Lalu Prasad Yadav was the Chief Minister of Bihar.

Unable to seek votes on the performance of his and Nitish Kumar's coalition Government, he revisited the Lalu era, raked up Pulwama and used empty rhetoric to attack the *Mahagathbandhan*. His mocking characterisation of Rahul Gandhi and Tejashwi Yadav as "double yuvraj" elicited a mature response from the up and coming young Bihar leader in his articulation



that Modi as the country's Prime Minister was free to make whatever comments he wanted. Rahul and Tejashwi have sought votes on their promise of jobs, better healthcare, education and women's welfare. And that is what Bihar needs right now.

Bhagwan Thadani
Mumbai

national cooperation to meet international challenges like global poverty, inequality and climate change. Those with socialist leanings in the Democratic Party could then ensure that the impoverished people in the US and the rest of the world are helped by social security payments and programmes.

G David Milton
Maruthancode

Delhi bans crackers

Sir — Amid a surge in the number of Coronavirus cases and high pollution and smog levels, the State Government has finally banned fire crackers. On November 5, even the Delhi High Court expressed displeasure over the rising number of COVID-19 cases in the national Capital and observed that the

city could soon become the "Corona capital of the country." The same day, the overall Air Quality Index in Delhi was recorded at 333 (very poor category), according to the System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting And Research. It is crucial to remember that high levels of air pollution can aggravate the health condition of Corona patients.

Delhi and West Bengal have now joined Sikkim, Rajasthan and Odisha, which have also banned firecrackers to combat rising Coronavirus cases. However, this should not be limited to Diwali this year but all festivals. This will reduce the toxic fumes and keep the pollution level down all through the year.

Madhu PV
Secunderabad

Repair old ties

Sir — India and Nepal have always shared a unique understanding based on civilisational contiguity. However, the bilateral relations between the two nations are at an all-time low after Kathmandu printed its own map, incorporating disputed areas of Kalapani, Lipulekh and Limpiyadhura. With Indian Army chief Manoj Mukund Naravane having left for a three-day visit to Nepal, it could help reset bilateral ties and even strengthen relations between the two armies.

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FIRST COLUMN

Hybrid initiatives need of the hour

Normal economic activities should be regularly combined with conservation so that development is not at the cost of the environment



KOTA SRIRAJ

In the midst of hectic efforts to revive a sluggish economy that has been rendered ineffectual by the pandemic, the focus of a nervous nation is now shifting to a possible threat of a "second wave" of COVID-19 infections. What lends credence to the possibility of a second wave is the fact that the States of Kerala and Delhi have shown a surge in cases during the ongoing festive season. And with the winter creeping in earlier than usual this year, the threat of the outbreak going out of control soon is not one that can be ignored by the citizens, the Government or healthcare authorities. Particularly, Delhi, which has the perennial problem of farm fires from the neighbouring States of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Punjab turning it into a veritable gas chamber every winter, cannot afford to ignore alerts. Amid these depressing conditions, India is fighting hard on other fronts too. Be it defending its borders with China, kick-starting the flailing economy or making huge strides in conserving the environment, the country is doing it all. Recently, the Global Himalayan Expedition (GHE), an Indian environmental organisation that leverages tourism and technology to assist remote communities access solar power, won a prestigious UN award for its efforts to combat climate change amid the Coronavirus outbreak.

Several conferences and meetings are conducted every year to thwart climate change and its consequences. Ironically, the consequent load on the environment due to hosting these congregations is huge. For instance, the COP24 Conference held in Switzerland last year saw nearly 6,000 attendees. Out of this, a sizeable number was ferried to the venue on private jets, with the number of such trips totalling 1,000. The carbon footprint of the conference was so huge that the organisers pledged to plant six million trees to offset its environmental impact. Embarrassingly, this was not the only controversy generated at the COP24 meet. The lavish, meat-laden menu attracted immense criticism for encouraging carbon emissions associated with the agriculture sector and livestock rearing.

In the background of such luxurious, emission-heavy conferences that are low on productive output, the efforts of organisations such as GHE that work on the ground, without any lavish budgets, is worth appreciating. The prestigious United Nations Global Climate Action Award is a much sought-after recognition that commands productive action to contain climate change. The work of the institutions being considered for the awards is quantified and assessed on a number of parameters. Especially the impact of the action taken by them for managing climate change and helping the indigenous people become more self-reliant in an eco-friendly manner in matters pertaining to their energy and other resource needs.

It is a proud moment for India, as according to the statement issued by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), GHE is one of the world's first outfits to successfully combine tourism and technology in order to bring solar energy to remote communities. The Hindu Kush region alone, for instance, has 16 million people who do not have energy access. A portion of the expedition fee collected from travellers and hikers is used to fund the capital cost of hardware transportation, installation and training for the village-level micro solar grids. These are eventually transferred to the village community and the training enables them to become self-reliant in operations. The GHE till date has successfully been able to electrify 131 villages in three regions of India, directly empowering 60,000 people.

Plus, travellers get a homestay experience with the villagers. This not only enables them to experience the culture and cuisine of the area but helps them appreciate the difficulties faced by the people. Homestays in turn boost the local economy and till now villagers have been able to generate an income of nearly \$1,14,000. This translates into a 45 per cent rise in their household incomes.

Amid the unproductive noise generated by climate change conferences, the actual action to combat global warming, such as the hybrid solution initiated by GHE, needs tremendous encouragement. Normal economic activities should be regularly combined with conservation so that development is not at the cost of the environment but rather complements it.

(The writer is an environmental journalist)



TODAY I AM SAYING THIS IN BANKURA THAT, WITH THE BLESSINGS OF BIRSA MUNDA, BJP WILL COME TO POWER WITH AT LEAST 200 SEATS.
—UNION HOME MINISTER
AMIT SHAH

POINTCOUNTERPOINT



FROM VIDYASAGAR TO BIRSA MUNDA, HOW MANY TIMES WILL YOU MISUSE BENGAL'S CULTURE AND HERITAGE FOR YOUR POLITICAL PROPAGANDA?
—TRINAMOL CONGRESS MP
NUSRAT JAHAN

A crying shame

US President Donald Trump has striven for weeks to taint postal votes and to impugn the credibility of the American electoral system



AMBROSE EVANS-PRITCHARD

Even as the results of the US presidential election were pouring in and showing the Democrat challenger to Donald Trump, Joe Biden, in the lead, the US President unbelievably made a late-night declaration of victory before he had earned it and concocted a false narrative as an electoral fraud victim. In doing that, Trump denied Biden the consecrating ritual of concession. With this act of Trump, the US' mechanism for handing over power has broken down. There is no constitutional procedure for removing a President who refuses to accept defeat gracefully.

The Founding Fathers of the US assumed and hoped that incumbents would behave with honour, though Thomas Jefferson always feared that a new Caesar might one day overstay his welcome — ironically with one of the Founding Fathers Alexander Hamilton immediately in mind.

President Trump's late-night declaration of victory before he had earned it was an act of political sacrilege. It was also ruthlessly focussed, the opening move of a scorched-Earth strategy long-prepared by his inner circle should he be at risk of losing the vote. His allegation of a giant "fraud on the American people" was not a reckless off-the-cuff remark in the heat of the moment. Leaked tapes from his Election Day Operations team leave no doubt that this gambit was pre-planned, a calculated move to discredit in advance what he knew would be a late surge of Democrat votes as postal ballots are counted.

This "blue shift" syndrome has become a pattern of US elections, and vastly more so this year after 100 million people voted by mail or in advance to avoid the Coronavirus bullet.

Trump has striven for weeks to taint postal votes and to impugn the credibility of the US electoral system — breathtaking chutzpah given that he controls the Justice Department and that Republicans dominate the executive machinery of the swing States.

He urged his supporters to vote only in person, aiming to create an even greater cleavage between the party colouring of the two sets of ballots that could then be exploited. This has been his strategy ever since Joe Biden pulled ahead in the opinion polls.

It led to the spectacle that we have all just witnessed: An early Trump lead in several States evaporating later. It is an invitation to conspiracy theories, all assiduously amplified on social media, with militia waiting in the wings.

The situation is dangerous and has nothing in common with Al Gore's demand for a Florida recount 20 years ago. Trump has lost the popular vote and probably the Electoral College vote, too, yet he is pulling out all the stops to subvert the result before this can be confirmed.

A machinery for legal guerrilla warfare has been set in motion across the battleground States and will now cause weeks of havoc. Have markets understood the gravity of what is unfolding? The US' succession process relies on the virtues of Lucius Cincinnatus. "Our Constitution does not secure the peaceful transition of power, but rather presupposes it," says Amherst law professor Lawrence Douglas.

He says there are design flaws in the architecture of the Twelfth Amendment and in the Electoral Count Act of 1887 that make easy prey for an abusive President. States are not obliged to

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follow the outcome of the popular election when they allocate their vote in the Electoral College though they always do in practice. If doubts can be sown about the validity of the election — or if enough street disorder can be rustled up — the State Legislatures have the constitutional power to appoint anybody they want. As it happens, these bodies are mostly controlled by the Republicans in swing States. So what will Trump's allies in the Pennsylvania General Assembly do if the Democrats win, given that he already alleges a stolen election? At what point do they tell their party leader that enough is enough?

It comes down to whether judges often appointed by Trump are willing to strike down votes because the ballots arrived late — though posted in time — or had a slightly smudged postmark, and whether the Republican six-three majority on the Supreme Court will validate such suppression. I doubt that they will, but upon this question may now hang the fate of the republic.

At the least, Washington faces weeks of paralysis and legal fights until the "safe harbour" deadline for the Electoral College votes on December 8, and before the new Congress validates the presidential count on January 6. This chaos will happen in the middle of an escalating pandemic.

Nothing like it has been seen since the four-month Interregnum in 1932, the Winter War, when Herbert Hoover denounced Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal as a "march on Moscow" and sought to sabotage his reflation policy in advance by tightening the Gold Standard. Confidence in the banking system collapsed during the hiatus. It was the clos-

est that the US came to a political breakdown during the Great Depression. It was also the moment when Japan invaded China, and Hitler took Berlin, and the world suddenly changed.

What might Chinese President Xi Jinping do to Taiwan while Trump is distracted with his army of lawyers and the US is tearing itself apart? The autocrats will surely relish the spectacle of a US President behaving as they do. It is the ultimate propaganda coup.

Whatever happens over the coming weeks, the Blue Wave has sputtered out. The Democrats have failed to capture the Senate. They may even have lost seats in the House. Their mandate for a radical leftward turn has evaporated.

It has long been an article of faith among Democrats that "demographics are destiny", and that the party's ethnic and sectarian coalition must eventually prevail by force of numbers. But this election has been a wake-up call. There has been revulsion against identity politics and corrosive segmentation, and above all against the "cancel culture" of the Antifa statue-smashers.

The Democrats lost ground to Latinos in Florida and South Texas, despite the "Wall." This may shock some but it should be no surprise given the business ethic of Latino immigrants, their Catholicism, and their family ties to countries with Trumpian caudillo traditions.

Markets must now confront the Washington gridlock and diminished fiscal stimulus, already reflected in the plummeting yields on 10-year Treasuries, but not so far on Wall Street.

For a brief moment, Bidenomics had us all in thrall. It looked as if there might

be a \$7.9 trillion Keynesian blitz to "run the economy hot." The strategy was consciously modelled on Roosevelt's wartime expansion from 1941 to 1945. It aimed to leap-frog supply-side constraints and achieve a virtuous circle of productivity growth, this time relying on the war against carbon as the catalyst instead of military-industrial mobilisation against fascism.

Biden will not be able to push these vaulting plans through Congress even if he does make it into the White House. The green deal is largely still-born. His front-loaded \$1.7 trillion Gosplan for 500 million solar panels, 60,000 wind turbines, and the like, will be torn to pieces by the Senate.

The equity markets had come to salivate over the exorbitant sums. Goldman Sachs, JPMorgan and Moody's all concluded that Bidenomics would turbocharge economic growth. They will now have to settle for thinner gruel. The planned \$2 trillion of pandemic aid to cover furloughs and insolvent States is for the birds. It is not clear what skinny version will emerge from a lame-duck Congress in this political climate. Don't expect it soon.

All told, the markets face a harsher economic winter. The V-shaped rebound has faded. Investors must instead navigate the second dip of an enveloping 'W' without much help from Washington.

Nor is it obvious that a Democratic White House eager to regulate and a Republican Senate less inclined to spend will do much for the animal dynamism of American capitalism. Bet on bipartisan comity and a business boom if you wish. I am fetching my tin helmet.
(Courtesy: The Telegraph)

Wasteful expenditure has become national character

Course correction is imperative to stop the country from slipping into a deeper crisis



SHIVAJI SARKAR

The Indian economy has the capability to grow at the rate of nine per cent with extreme favourable policies and around seven per cent with constraints. But growth in some sectors in September and contraction in others have raised doubts over sustainability. The narrative that the lockdown caused massive damage to the economy is partially correct as it exacerbated a deceleration which could have been stemmed with the right prescription.

The ratings firm ICRA has said that the September recovery may not be sustainable in the long run. It says that intra-State goods movement and Goods and Services Tax (GST) e-way bills increased nine per cent from a year earlier against the August contraction of 3.5 per cent. But the

increase in auto production (11 per cent), power generation and petrol sales is not reflected in actual retail growth. Also, the calculations are against the massive 23.9 per cent slump. ICRA does not see it sustaining beyond the November festivities. HDFC bank CEO Aditya Puri says the problems for the economy are not over yet. While sales of cars and television sets hold out promise of a return of nine per cent growth, the rebound is patchy. The country may end up with 9.5 per cent contractions at the end of the year, as per the Reserve Bank of India's projections. He says if semi-urban India grows and there are right infrastructure spends, seven per cent growth is not difficult, though it might take three years to achieve.

The skewed lockdown has devastated the hotel, tourism and eatery industry that had just started to break even after a two-decade struggle. Even the private healthcare sector has been hit. The manufacturing sector's share in the economy has gradually reduced. While the "Make in India" initiative, that is at a nascent stage right now, may turn the tide eventually, the competition in the region is high with Thailand, Malaysia,

Vietnam and Bangladesh sniffing at our heels.

Since 2016, the country has been through many man-made crises that ailed the economy continuously, though there were some good patches in between. However, if the surging gold prices are any indication, apprehensive investors are shying away from making investments.

This is because the country has got its priorities wrong. The excessive spending of public money in rebuilding of highways, choking the national Capital with roads that are not needed or invasive and continual construction of excessive infrastructure is an indication of this. Extensive concrete constructions in Bihar, Odisha, the new State Capitals in Chhattisgarh and Andhra Pradesh, the eroding hills in Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, the North-East and Jammu and Kashmir are damaging the fragile ecology of the Himalayas and the rest of India.

The recent flooding of Hyderabad is testimony to the massive damage human greed has done. The cost of these man-made disasters is estimated but not taken into financial accounts. Rather these become sources of further financial



mismanagement.

The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction has revealed that India is among the top five disaster-hit countries, which incurred losses amounting to \$79.5 billion between 1998 and 2017. Yes, the country has been committing these mistakes continuously, irrespective of the party in power.

Wasteful expenditure has become a national character, the latest being the plan to build a new Parliament building and redevelo-

the Central Vista at a cost of over ₹22,000 crore, the irrational ₹1.1 lakh crore bullet train, the ₹6,000 crore high-speed rail corridors or several six-lane toll highways (many of which are being rebuilt). The nation has not learnt from the mistakes of Hyderabad, Bengaluru or the collapse of Amaravati and Raipur.

One could argue that people need houses. But a third of the new residential constructions are unoccupied in most cities. Jewar airport or Amaravati type constructions are promoting speculative activities and draining the economy, causing pollution and worsening living conditions for citizens.

The banking system, once the world's best, is collapsing due to irrational projects, non-repayment of huge debts and higher operational costs.

India is now one of the most degraded countries on the planet with no national policy on public spending, securing of public sector units, the banking system, farmers and land use.

The 2014 election had generated hope that past wrongs would be corrected. The BJP made the right noises before the polls and Narendra

Modi instilled hope. But somewhere along the way, the system got derailed and irrational policies continued. Knee-jerk reactions like demonetisation, unnecessary construction that depleted the banks, increasing travel costs following a hike in fuel prices, cess and tolls (for which the previous regimes were criticised) have only stressed the economy further.

The promised jobs, a crore a year, could not be provided as the State went into penury. The lockdown has now made income sustainability difficult as job losses rise despite the unlocking of the economy. The exploitative situation, legally denying rights to the labourers and farmers, reminds one of the heavy industrialisation of the 18th and 19th century Europe with its concomitant exploitation, leading to the rise of Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels.

Course correction is imperative to stop the country from slipping into a deeper crisis. A national dialogue is needed to turn the present morass into an opportunity. Modi, skilled at taking decisions, is capable of initiating this change and ticking the right boxes. Question is, will he?
(The writer is a senior journalist)



FOREIGN EYE



NOT GOOD FOR THE US AT ALL

The calculated shamelessness of Donald Trump's disregard for facts and propriety in his response to the election suggests that the coming days and weeks will also be vicious, bitter and explosive. Even if Joe Biden eventually enters the White House as President in January, he will be immediately confronted with an entrenched opposition. This is not good for the US.
(The Guardian editorial)

Markets soar for 5th straight day

SENSEX CLOSES AT NEARLY 10-MONTH HIGH

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Rising for the fifth straight session, equity benchmark Sensex rallied 553 points and closed at a nearly 10-month high on Friday, tracking gains in index-heavyweights Reliance Industries and HDFC twins amid largely positive global market sentiment.

The 30-share BSE index ended 552.90 points or 1.34 per cent higher at 41,893.06,

while the broader NSE Nifty surged 143.25 points or 1.18 per cent to 12,263.55.

On January 14, Sensex had closed at a record peak of 41,952.63.

Reliance Industries was the top gainer in the Sensex pack, surging 3.78 per cent, followed by Bajaj Finserv, IndusInd Bank, HDFC twins and Kotak Bank.

On the other hand, Maruti, Bharti Airtel, Asian Paints, UltraTech Cement and Nestle India were among the laggards. According to Hemant Kanawala, Head - Equity, Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance, Indian markets rallied in sync with its global

peers, putting to the back-burner the uncertainties in the US Presidential election. They delivered a broad-based performance, with both Nifty and Nifty midcap indices returning 1.5 per cent over the last week.

Sectorally, BSE energy, bankex, finance, realty and consumer durables indices rallied up to 3.16 per cent, while telecom, healthcare and FMCG fell up to 0.92 per cent.

Broader midcap and smallcap indices rose up to 0.54 per cent. During the week, Sensex soared 2,278.99 points or 5.75 per cent, while Nifty advanced 621.15 points or 5.33 per cent.

₹ strengthens for 2nd straight day, settles 28 paise higher at 74.08/\$

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Indian rupee strengthened for the second straight day and settled 28 paise higher at 74.08 against the US dollar on Friday supported by gains in domestic equities and expectation of Joe Biden's victory in the US presidential election.

Weakness in American currency against its key rivals and significant foreign fund inflows also boosted investor sentiment, traders said.

At the interbank forex market, the domestic unit opened at 73.99 against the US dollar and touched an intra-day high of 73.87 and a low of 74.28.

75 pc of industry workforce may continue to work from outside office, says IT Secy

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The information technology (IT) industry may not get back to the old style of working from office and around 75 per cent of the workforce may continue to work from outside office going ahead, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) Secretary Ajay Prakash Sawhney said on Friday.

He said the IT industry showed resilience during the lockdown, with up to 97 per cent of its workforce working from home or anywhere they found suitable to serve not just domestic but global clients also.

"We are very excited at what happened at that point of time (during lockdown). Now

it is a fact, I can't imagine going back to the old way of working and I am told by the industry as well, going back to the old ways of working is almost out of question."

"It is quite possible that 75 per cent of the workforce will continue to work outside a formal office and yet be equally or more productive," Sawhney said at a Microsoft event.

The government on Thursday announced simplified guidelines for BPOs and ITES companies to reduce the compliance burden on them and to facilitate "Work From Home" and "Work From Anywhere" framework.

The new rules for Other Service Providers (OSPs) seek to create a friendly regime for "Work from Home" and

"Work from Anywhere", while removing frequent reporting obligations for such companies.

The move assumes significance as the industry had been asking for relaxations for "Work From Home" to continue on a permanent basis as the sector moves towards a blended working model in the post-COVID-19 era.

Sawhney said the services being provided with the help of data centres helped everyone to work from outside office without any disruption.

"Before lockdown, at least half of my work was on physical files. It took us less than 48 hours to switch over seamlessly into a system where 100 per cent of our work was digital. We started working from home, making use of

video conferencing solutions," Sawhney said.

Talking about the need for cyber security due to expansion of technology, Sawhney said the government is providing market support for local development of products and applications in the segment.

Minister of State for Electronics and IT Sanjay Dhotre said 'Digital India' is a transformational mission of the government.

"Modern technologies have unprecedentedly expanded the horizons of our public services in all sectors of our economy. Today digital platforms, remote working, online education and other such intervention are no more an option but necessity after COVID-19," Dhotre said.

Increased digital payment to better assess country's GDP: Sitharaman

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday said increased digitisation will help in making better assessment of the country's economic growth and nudged tax practitioners to suggest their clients to shift towards digital modes of payments. She said the government, irrespective of the party in power, tries to widen the tax net

and at the same time, lower the tax burden in its pursuit of revenue collection, and tax practitioners can play a critical role in this by ensuring timely compliance by taxpayers. "(As) we move towards digital transaction... We expect that the temptation for dealing with cash be brought down."

"Unless it is so small that you cannot go in for digital, it is always encouraging to know

there will be digital ways of doing things so that every (transaction) somewhere is into the realm of getting noticed," Sitharaman said at the 'National tax Conference 2020' organised by the All India Federation of Tax Practitioners.

She said said India's gross domestic product (GDP) will remain "underestimated" if commercial transactions do not come under monitorable radar.

"If each of these transactions are brought into some kind of monitorable network, your GDP calculation can be closer to the actual strength of Indian economy," Sitharaman added. She also said tax practitioners today are the most important component, because they educate the tax assessee, counsel them, tell them about the best ways of handling their tax liabilities, and help them plan it in such a way that

what is due comes from an honest taxpayer in time. "What you (tax practitioners) can tell them (assessee) is by more and more digitisation, you help the country have a better assessment of what its gross domestic produce is." The minister said that in a growing economy like India, the government tries to widen the tax net and, at the same time, look at ways to bring down the burden of taxes.

Govt cautions public not to fall prey to cheating in the name of PMEGP loans

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The MSME Ministry on Friday cautioned the general public and potential entrepreneurs against falling prey to cheating in the name of its flagship scheme Prime Minister's Employment Generation

Programme. The ministry's alert comes in the backdrop of some instances being reported whereby potential entrepreneurs/beneficiaries were approached by private persons or agencies offering loans under PMEGP scheme and handing over loan sanction letters and cheating the entre-

preneurs by charging money from them. "Ministry has warned the unscrupulous elements against cheating general public in its name and it has been informed that the Ministry has already taken up the matter with the police authorities for proper investigation and action," it said.

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HDFCBANK	1,266.25	1,310.00	1,265.50	1,308.00	38.8	
KOTAKBANK	1,660.00	1,725.00	1,650.00	1,714.20	38.75	
HDFC	2,110.00	2,145.00	2,102.45	2,137.00	36.3	
M&M	603	619.3	601.7	611.85	9.75	
TECHM	835	854	824.1	851.4	10.7	
INFY	1,108.00	1,121.10	1,091.70	1,117.90	13.9	
COALINDIA	120.25	122.4	118.3	121.35	1.5	
HCLTECH	846	855.8	836.4	853.25	10.35	
ICICIBANK	439.85	444.9	436.2	443.4	4.9	
UPL	421.45	428	417.8	423.05	4.65	
TITAN	1,242.10	1,265.85	1,239.00	1,255.70	13.6	
BAJAJ-AUTO	2,960.00	3,000.00	2,955.00	2,975.95	26.65	
DIVISLAB	3,210.00	3,264.80	3,186.50	3,237.10	28.1	
BAFINANCE	3,734.10	3,827.30	3,704.10	3,768.55	31.65	
TCS	26,990.00	27,123.25	26,813.20	27,065.05	20.35	
WIPRO	346.15	349	343.4	348	2.6	
TATAMOTORS	137.65	142.3	137.65	138.65	1	
EIGHERMOT	2,128.00	2,153.95	2,112.00	2,134.00	14.2	
KAPITANK	368.65	375.9	365.8	371	2.35	
BRITANNIA	3,510.00	3,555.00	3,489.65	3,518.55	19.3	
AXISBANK	538.75	546	531.2	541.9	2.6	
ONGC	67.7	68.2	67.2	67.9	0.3	
NTPC	87.2	88.75	86.9	87.1	0.3	
IOC	80	80.9	79.7	80.05	0.25	
HINDALCO	186	190.35	185.4	187.6	0.25	
IT	959	967.5	950.1	958.5	0.4	
HEROMOTOCO	2,943.00	2,983.00	2,925.20	2,942.00	-2.35	
TATASTEEL	424.5	432.9	422.65	425	-0.5	
POWERGRID	178.25	179.45	177.1	178.75	-0.3	
SBIN	219	221.85	217.05	218.2	-0.45	
HDFCLIFE	593	598.6	588.85	590.5	-1.55	
HINDUNILVR	2,105.00	2,123.95	2,086.00	2,094.65	-7.7	
ITC	176.5	177.2	173.4	173.65	-1.1	
PFL	797.4	802	786.55	787.9	-5.6	
SBILIFE	806.85	808.9	795	799.1	-5.9	
JSWSTEEL	325.85	330.65	322.3	325	-2.7	
SHREECAM	22,155.00	22,378.90	21,960.00	22,266.00	-213.4	
SUNFARM	515	515.75	505.75	507.1	-5.4	
BPCL	368	370.05	361.3	362.35	-3.95	
NESTLEIND	172,400.00	172,798.85	169,931.00	170,020.00	-201.3	
ULTRACEMCO	4,587.60	4,617.85	4,540.00	4,562.00	-55.9	
DREDDY	4,962.90	4,962.90	4,890.85	4,898.00	-60.5	
GRASIM	809	809	791.5	793.4	-11	
ASIANPAINT	2,233.95	2,248.00	2,202.50	2,205.00	-33.3	
BHARTIARTL	447	460.35	448.75	450.25	-7.05	
GAIL	87.5	87.7	85.5	85.8	-1.65	
MARUTI	7,092.00	7,135.00	6,890.00	6,890.40	-20.24	

NIFTY NEXT 50						
SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP	CHANGE	
NIFTY NEXT 50	28,282.30	28,398.10	28,227.55	28,334.85	100.5	
HINDZINC	217	225.6	216.5	223.95	8.55	
MOTHERSUMI	113	117.9	110.9	117	4.45	
BANDHANBNK	321	332.5	319	329.7	8.7	
HDFCAML	2,323.00	2,385.00	2,313.05	2,374.00	61.6	
MUTHOOTFIN	1,207.20	1,266.90	1,206.00	1,251.00	31.65	
BAJAJHLNG	2,390.00	2,449.00	2,371.30	2,426.00	56.95	
SBICARD	829.95	855	827.5	846.2	16.1	
PEC	93.75	97.25	93.1	95.75	2.15	
PETRONET	226	232.8	226	230.5	5.15	
COLPAL	1,488.00	1,512.00	1,479.80	1,508.00	26	
MCDOWELL-N	535.95	553.1	533.4	542.95	9	
MARICO	373.95	382.55	373	380.7	5.95	
DABUR	520.9	528.9	518.7	527.2	7.65	
ICICIGI	1,239.00	1,273.00	1,237.95	1,261.80	18.15	
ICICIPRULI	413.5	421.75	413.5	418	4.4	
DLF	165.7	169.25	164.7	167.3	1.5	
INFRATEL	179.45	182.7	178.8	179.45	1.3	
ADANIGREEN	855	875	855	860	5.4	
GODFREY	671.2	682.4	663.4	673.15	3.95	
NMDC	90.6	91	88.55	90.95	0.5	
ABBOTTINDIA	15,800.00	15,998.50	15,780.00	15,862.00	86.95	
INDIGO	1,427.00	1,441.00	1,402.05	1,425.00	7.45	
PGHH	10,180.00	10,290.00	10,160.90	10,226.05	48.55	
DMART	2,281.95	2,303.25	2,243.45	2,291.90	5	
PIDILITIND	1,589.45	1,620.00	1,584.05	1,595.00	5.6	
PEL	1,334.10	1,373.45	1,324.00	1,339.00	3.95	
HAVELLS	817.75	825.5	812.8	819.45	1.6	
BIOCON	415	416.9	409.8	414	0.7	
OFSS	3,090.00	3,090.00	3,021.50	3,071.00	4.65	
GICRE	122.9	122.9	121	121.3	0.15	
ALKEM	2,750.00	2,780.00	2,707.65	2,752.00	1.4	
BERGEPAINT	660	670	646.5	647.5	0.25	
PNB	27.75	28.2	27.6	27.7	0	
IGL	422	426.45	419	421.4	-0.1	
NAUKRI	3,630.00	3,669.95	3,526.20	3,621.55	-2.5	
BANKBARODA	45.6	46.4	45.1	45.7	-0.05	
SIEMENS	1,330.00	1,344.50	1,320.05	1,328.45	-3.3	
LTI	3,179.00	3,229.90	3,140.00	3,168.00	-11	
HINDPETRO	206	207.25	202.3	204.25	-1	
TATACONSUM	507.75	513.35	501.45	503.2	-3.25	
UBL	955	961.25	938.7	946.5	-6.85	
AUROPHARMA	793.65	797.9	777.55	778.55	-12.7	
TORNTHPHARM	2,604.00	2,616.30	2,544.00	2,549.50	-54.8	
LUPIN	940	944.45	913.5	915	-21	
CADILAHC	442.9	444.35	430.4	431.3	-11.6	
ACC	1,701.90	1,702.65	1,650.10	1,654.10	-45.3	
ADANTRANS	299.7	299.9	289.4	291.05	-8.25	
BOSCHLTD	12,098.00	12,514.30	11,600.10	11,651.30	-352.2	
AMBUJACEM	257	257	246.65	247.4	8.35	
CONCOR	396	399	371.9	378.2	-29.1	

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Script	Open	High	Low	LTP						
RELIANCE	1988	2040	1977.65	2029	VENKYS	BIRLACORPN	672.3	700.5	665.65	668.75
SBIN	219	221.8	217.05	219.05	TATAELXSI	1540	1615	1539.6	1589.4	
HDFCBANK	1260	1309.95	1260	1307.75	MCX	1564	1593	1539.6	1549.75	
INDUSINDBK	714.1	746.95	707	738.7	INDIACEM	1702	1747.75	1702	1730.75	
ICICIBANK	439.95	444.9	436.4	443.1	BLISSGVS	122.5	128.95	120.9	121.53	
TATAMOTORS	137.9	142.25	137.75	138.9	GAIL	169.9	170	167.25	168.05	
BAJFINANCE	3740	3826.9	3704.4	3778.05	DEEPAKNI	87.3	87.5	85.5	85.75	
BAJAJFINSV	6000.05	6350	6000.05	6280.75	MGL	755	771.85	753	761.4	
IBULHSFNF	145.5	155.4	144	152.35	GMGM	839.1	848	835	836.4	
PVR	1231.15	1234.95	1188	1217.05	PHILIPCARB	3470	3495.1	3449.2	3464.9	
DABUR	519.05	528.85	518.85	527.15	AMBUJACEM	142.35	155	142.35	151.05	
ITC	176.55	177.2	173.4	173.95	DELTAACORP	256.1	256.6	247.1	248.05	
Aavas	1436.6	1465.7	1435	1454	IFILWAM	112.05	119.15	112.05	110.4	
NAUKRI	3637	3670.35	3530	3618	BHEL	919.3	919.3	907	907.05	
BANDHANBNK	319.6	332.45	318.85	330.8	RAYMOND	28.65	28.9	27.8	27.95	
MARUTI	7100	7133	6887.15	6905.6	SHREECEM	276.15	287.4	275.8	285.05	
HINDUNILVR	2103.1	2123.5	2086.45	2094.3	MARICO	22301	22355.55	21963.2	22150.5	
AXISBANK	539.5	545.95	531.5	541.75	ICICIPRULI	375	382.25	373.95	380.53	
SRTRANSFIN	816.25	862	803.15	846.05	NESTLEIND	410	421.6	410	417.4	
IDEA	8.44	8.99	8.42	8.6	TORNTPHARM	17280	17280	16907.8	17008.75	
RBLBANK	186	197.7	184.5	193.25		2599	2615	2544.8	2554.05	
INFC	1108	1121.45	1092	1113.4						
TCPS	2695	2713.35	2681.7	2708.25						
SRF	4870	5045.85	4850.05	4952.05						
HDFC	2098.9	2145	2098.9	2137.05						
PHOENIXLTD	55	56.8	55	55.1						
TATASTEEL	425.2	432.7	422.6	426.3						
MANAPPURAM	160	169.7	159.95	162.3						
HEROMOTOCO	2945.3	2982.35	2925.8	2941.85						
MUTHOOTFIN	1214	1266.2	1208.9	1253.3						
CIPLA	796.5	801.85	786.6	789.9						
BHARTIARTL	459	460.35	448.45	449.75						
HINDPETERO	207	207.15	202.4	205.1						
M&M	603.95	619.2	602	613						
MOTHERSUMI	112.6	117.85	110.9	117						
ZEE	191.4	194.9	190.7	192.9						
DREDDY	4956	4960	4891.9	4902.2						
COFORGE	2200.8	2221.1	2179.85	2216.25						
TATAPOWER	55.1	56.75	54.5	54.65						
KOTAKBANK	1660	1724.9	1660.1	1717.6						
APOLLOTYRE	149	157.1	146.95	153.5						
DIVISLAB	3238	3265	3188.5	3237.7						
HINDALCO	187	190.3	185.4	187.5						
NTPL	419.45	428	417.55	422.25						
ASIANPROJ	87	88.75	86.9	87.35						
ADIANPAPER	2238	2263.2	920	949						
MRF	69500	69866.45	68196.25	68312.6						
CLICTECH	844	855.3	836	850.6	AUROPHARMA	793.85	797.45	777.65	779.45	
TITAN	1247.8	1265.3	1239	1253.3	PETRONET	225.5	232.8	225.5	230.75	
LUPIN	943.8	944.8	912.85	916.4	TOPFINTPOWER	303	324.05	303	321.4	
L&T	67	68.85	66.35	67.6	IDFCFIRSTB	31.15	31.95	31.1	31.63	
COALINDIA	120	122.35	118.3	121.8	SUNTV	448.35	448.35	429	434.4	
TECHM	835	855.6	824.6	850.25	SONT	302	306	293	296.4	
ADANIPOWER	368	375.9	365.8	371	BATAINDIA	1340	1360	1335.1	1340.05	
BANKBARODA	45.35	46.4	45.2	45.8	EICHEMOTR	2121.15	2152.5	2113.55	2138.4	
LAURUSLAB	280.7	285.45	275.5	276.85	HAWKINCOOK	5136.95	5278	5133	5200.4	
ASHOKLEY	84.95	86.55	84.5	84.95	NMDC	90.9	90.9	88.55	90.33	
VEDL	960.7	967.25	950.6	959.3	PRETAIL	69.2	69.8	68.4	68.4	
VOLTA	94.75	95.85	93.8	94.75	ADANIGAS	236.5	242.55	233.3	238.95	
CONCOR	397	410	372	377.95	GUJGAS	320	322.75	306.5	312.25	
DLF	164	169.25	164	167.75	TATACONSUM	508.7	510.3	501.7	504.4	
BPC	366	370	361.4	362.3	MINDTREE	1357.35	1364.05	1338.35	1360.05	
BAJAJ-AUTO	2945	3000	2945	2979.2	LALPATHAL	2422	2517.5	2265.95	2270.4	
BERGPAINT	661.7	675.45	626.55	649.25	COALBAL	1832	1832.2	1480.05	1507.4	
DIXON	10115	10600	9950	10063	NAVFLUOR	2401	2567.1	2401	2511.05	
PEL	1340	1372.85	1324.4	1344.15	SPICAJET	2246.5	2288	2211.6	2262.95	
SUNFARMA	515	515.55	506.6	508.85	TAITANTRDVR	49.8	51.2	49.4	50.3	
FEDERALBNK	54.2	55.3	53.35	54.75	JUSTDIAL	56.5	57.55	56.05	56.45	
JSWSTEEL	325.6	330.45	322.35	326.3	LTIL	59.9	604.95	581.45	585.25	
INFRATEL	180	182.7	178.85	179.4	BANKINDIA	410.5	41.85	40.3	41.4	
IOC	79.9	80.9	79.7	80.2	IPCALAB	2400	2415	2311.25	2336.4	
AARTIND	1092.5	1134.8	1082.9	1098.5	CANBR	91.2	93.5	91.2	92.15	
INDIGO	1422	1440.35	1402.6	1421.45	ULTRACEMCO	4599	4613.55	4540.7	4560.4	
WIPRO	346.35	348.5	343.35	346.15	ONGC	67.55	68.2	67.2	67.4	
JINDALSTEL	211.6	215.95	209.75	212.15	AFPL	156	157.5	150	153.15	
CALALFAC	442.35	444.4	430.5	432	ABRRE	2750	2851	2750	2814.4	
ESCORTS	1265	1291	1255.25	1285.5	GRASIM	806.4	806.4	792.1	794.15	
ADANIGREEN	853	875	853	859.95	IRCTC	1317.5	1318.8	1308.55	1310.95	
PNB	28	28.2	27.6	27.75	HDFCAML	2318	2385	2311.6	2377.4	
GLMARNK	515.5	515.55	506.6	511.5	TATACHEM	313.2	319.9	312	317.35	
SHARAD	830	855	827.75	847.55	POWERGRID	178.7	179.35	177.1	178.4	
BHARATFORG	475.5	487	474	476.85	GRANULES	373.2	377	370	370.95	
ADANIPOWER	38.5	39.9	37.5	37.7	BIOCIN	413.3	416.7	410	414.75	
BEL	92.45	93.45	91.5	92.4	PIIND	2280.05	2331.75	2280.05	2308.75	
BALKRISHN	1440	1468.2	1410.5	1447.4	CENTURYTEXT	314.5	319.3	310.4	313.4	
HDFCLIFE	594	598.55	589	590	RECLTD	109	109.2	106.9	108.1	
LINDEINDIA	830	927.55	830	883.2	CENTRALBK	11.1	11.72	11.1	11.55	
GOJREJPC	670.3	622.25	663.65	670.4	SIEMENS	1334.95	1343.45	1324.9	1326.4	
BRITANNIA	3499	3554.55	3498.5	3515.15	ITI	126.5	128	124	124.4	
APLITD	985	993.9	976.1	977	ABCAPITAL	71	72.75	70.6	71	
SAIL	38.6	39.4	37.6	38	PPC	93.2	97.2	93.2	95.7	
APOLLOHOSP	2122.45	2168	2063.8	2082.2	DISHTV	12.2	12.3	11.56	11.65	
HAVELLS	817	825	815.2	821.05	MOCKEYING	62.4	66.75	62.2	63.4	
ACC	1705	1705	1649.2	1656	INOXIDEISB	280	280	264.2	267.05	
M&MFIN	129.3	132	128.55	130	UBL	955.9	960.95	938.8	950.4	
PAGEIND	21067.4	21780.9	21067.4	21499.05	KSB	49	538.95	493	501.45	
ADANIENT	352	353.85	345.3	351.75	ICGL	422.9	426.4	419	421.4	
LICHSGFIN	307.85	310.9	298.4	300.6	SWANENERGY	140.55	141.65	134	139	
CALBHARAT	918.75	925.4	881.05	892.6	CESC	578	609.45	578	601.4	
DARENDRA	400	415.2	386.5	408.8	HEG	701.95	724.9	701.95	709.55	
BOSCHLTD	12010	12250	11610	11828.75	SUMICHEM	286	289.6	279.1	280.7	
PIDILITIND	1597	1620	1584.05	1593	MIDHANI	184.5	188.6	185.4	185.8	
DMART	2285	2301.25	2245	2292.1	VINYATORGIA	1140	1166	1110	1144.95	
CHOLAFIN	303.2	307.45	298.3	302.45	ANILALFAME	3238.95	3336.2	3188.9	3301.75	
HINDZINC	216.9	225.25	216.15	224.5	ABB	915	941.4	905.25	938.1	
INDIAMART	4855	5023.75	4715.5	4962.4	KALPATPOWER	252.35	261.6	252.15	253.4	

Prez election exposes US's perilous divides

New York: Presidential elections can be revealing moments that convey the wishes of the American people to the next wave of elected officials.

So far, the big reveal in the contest between President Donald Trump and former Vice President Joe Biden is the extent of the cavernous divide between Republican and Democratic America, one that defines the nation, no matter which candidate ultimately wins.

Voters from both parties turned out in droves to pick the next president, but as they did so, they found little agreement about what that president should do. Democrats and Republicans prioritised different issues, lived in different communities and even voted on different kinds of ballots.

Whoever emerges as the winner, that division ensures that the next president will face significant gridlock in Congress, scepticism about the integrity of the vote and an agi-



tated electorate increasingly divided by race, education and geography. Even the vote count itself threatens to further split Americans.

Two days after polls closed, neither Trump nor Biden has earned the 270 electoral votes needed to win the presidency. The Republican incumbent is encouraging his supporters to protest outside counting locations still sorting through mail ballots — the method of voting preferred by many Democrats — while pursuing an aggressive

legal strategy that could lead to further delays.

“Except for the Civil War, I don’t think we’ve lived through any time as perilous as this in terms of the divisions,” said historian Barbara Perry, the director of presidential studies at the University of Virginia’s Miller Centre.

Even after the 2000 election, when the Supreme Court ultimately intervened on Republican George W. Bush’s behalf, Democrat Al Gore quickly conceded and congressional leaders found areas of agreement on Capitol Hill. **AP**

China slams US for delisting Xinjiang’s ETIM as terrorist outfit

Beijing: China on Friday sharply criticised the US for delisting Xinjiang’s separatist militant outfit East Turkistan Islamic Movement from its list of terrorist organisations, saying it reflected Washington’s “double standards” on fighting global terrorism.

In a major policy shift on November 5, US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo lifted the ban on East Turkistan Islamic Movement (ETIM), which was designated as a terrorist organisation by the UN’s 1267 counter-terrorism committee in 2002 for its alleged association with al-Qaida, Osama bin Laden and the Taliban.

China accuses ETIM, which is entrenched in Uighur Muslim-majority province of Xinjiang province, of being responsible for numerous violent attacks in the province and outside, including one at the Forbidden City in Beijing, killing several people.

The US in recent months has stepped up its criticism of China’s treatment of about 12 million minority Uighur

Muslims in Xinjiang.

Since last year, China has been under severe international criticism including from the UN and western countries over allegations that it is holding over a million people, mostly ethnic Uyghurs, in internment camps in Xinjiang, in a bid to wean them away from religious extremism.

The resource-rich Xinjiang province is home to Turkik speaking Uighur Muslims. The province is restive for several years over settlements of Han Chinese.

China defends the camps, describing the facilities as re-education centres aimed at radicalising sections of the Uyghur Muslim population from extremism and separatism.

Asked for his reaction on the US move to delist ETIM, which calls itself a separatist outfit, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin told a media briefing here on Friday that “China deplores and rejects US decision.” **PTI**

Top Chinese official praises Lam for stabilising Hong Kong

Beijing: Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam received credit from a top Chinese official on Friday for restoring order and reviving the economy in the semi-autonomous territory.

Vice Premier Han Zheng, meeting Lam on the last day of her four-day visit to Beijing, said that her government had “overcome all kinds of difficulties and dealt with the challenges”.

Hong Kong was wracked by

protests last year demanding fully democratic elections and opposing China’s expanding influence in city affairs. Lam, who was picked as leader by a committee dominated by pro-Beijing members, was accused of being too close to the central government.

China responded by enacting a national security law for Hong Kong earlier this year that has curtailed the protests, which

were already dwindling because of COVID-19 restrictions on public gatherings.

Han, one of seven members of the ruling Communist Party’s top leadership body, praised Lam’s government for its handling of the pandemic, easing the economic burden on the population, implementing the national security law and protecting the stability of Hong Kong. **AP**

Ethiopian PM defends military operations in Tigray region

Nairobi: Ethiopia’s prime minister is defending military operations against the country’s well-armed Tigray region, asserting that months of patiently trying to resolve differences have “failed” because of the regional leadership’s “criminal hubris and intransigence”.

Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed in a brief statement on Twitter midday Friday asserted that the military operations “have clear, limited and achievable objectives — to restore the rule of law and the constitutional order.”

Communications were cut off in the Tigray region around the time that Abiy early Wednesday announced the military’s move in response to an alleged deadly attack by

Tigray forces on a military base.

Both sides issued strong statements Thursday. Ethiopia’s army said it was deploying troops from around the country to Tigray, and the Tigray leader alleged that fighter jets had bombed parts of the regional capital. “We are ready to be martyrs,” he said. Casualties have been reported on both sides.

It remains challenging to verify either side’s version of events.

Some in the international community are urgently calling for dialogue as one of Africa’s most powerful and populous countries nears civil war, warning that it would be catastrophic and destabilizing for the Horn of Africa. **AP**

Final votes confirm New Zealand won’t legalise marijuana

Wellington: New Zealand won’t be legalising marijuana after the final votes counted Friday in a referendum failed to overturn the result from election night — although it got close.

The referendum to legalise the drug ended up with 48 per cent support and 51 per cent against, a tightening from the election night split of 46 per cent in favour and 53 per cent against. The special votes counted after the October 17 election included those cast overseas and accounted for about 17 per cent of the total vote.

The special votes also slightly increased the majority of liberal Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and her Labour Party, which ended up with just over 50 per cent of the total vote, and 65 of Parliament’s 120 seats. **AP**

Indian-origin Democratic lawmakers: Must understand Trump supporters, their issues

New York: Prominent Indian-American Democratic Congresspersons have hailed presidential candidate Joe Biden and his running mate Kamala Harris for being on the cusp of electoral success and becoming the new leaders of America, but noted that Democrats need to invest in understanding the core supporters of President Donald Trump as well as the issues he raises with them.

On Friday, Biden took crucial leads over Republican incumbent Trump in the key battleground states of Georgia and Pennsylvania, bringing him closer than ever to a historic electoral success.

“How amazing it is that we

are going to be electing a new president. We will be electing Joe Biden as President, we will be electing Kamala Harris as Vice President. How incredible!” Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal said during a virtual post-election political analysis hosted by leading non-profit Indian diaspora organisation ‘Indiospora’. She said it is “amazing and joyful” that in Harris the US will be electing the first woman of colour to a major presidential party ticket.

“First Black woman, first South-Asian American woman. That’s really phenomenal and we’re not always so good at celebrating our victories, but this is an important one,” Jayapal said. **PTI**

At least 3 die in latest shelling of Nagorno-Karabakh cities

Stepanakert (Nagorno-Karabakh): At least three civilians were killed in the latest shelling of Nagorno-Karabakh cities Friday as Azerbaijan pushed its offensive to reclaim control over the separatist territory for a sixth straight week, territorial authorities said.

Azerbaijani rockets and artillery shells hit residential areas in Nagorno-Karabakh’s regional capital, Stepanakert, and the city of Shushi in the hills just south, according to Nagorno-Karabakh authorities. They said at least three people died, including a

woman and her two grandchildren in Stepanakert.

Azerbaijan’s Defense Ministry denied targeting civilian areas, as it has on previous days of fighting, and accused Armenia of targeting the city of Terter and nearby villages in Azerbaijan.

Nagorno-Karabakh lies within Azerbaijan but has been under the control of ethnic Armenian forces backed by Armenia since a war there ended in 1994. The latest outbreak of fighting started on September 27 and has left hundreds — if not thousands —

dead, marking the worst escalation of the decades-old conflict between the two ex-Soviet nations in over a quarter-century. According to Nagorno-Karabakh officials, 1,177 of their troops and 50 civilians have been killed. Azerbaijani authorities haven’t disclosed their military losses, but say the fighting has killed at least 92 civilians and wounded over 400. But Russian President Vladimir Putin said on October 22 that the actual death toll was nearing 5,000, according to the information Moscow had at the time. **AP**

UK rolls out first city-wide Covid tests in Liverpool

London: Everyone living or working in the UK’s Liverpool is being offered COVID-19 rapid tests from Friday, whether they have symptoms or not, as a pilot ahead of an expected countrywide rollout.

The UK government has said the initiative will last for approximately two weeks and Liverpool Mayor Joe Anderson said it would help save lives, stop hospitals being overwhelmed and help the city ease out of lockdown.

The city has among England’s highest rates of coronavirus, with latest figures showing that Liverpool recorded 318 cases per 100,000 in the week up to November 2 and across England, the rate was 236 per 100,000. People will be offered a mix of existing swab tests and new lateral flow tests, which could provide a result in 20 minutes without the need to use a lab. **PTI**

German police raid homes of people linked to Vienna attacker

Berlin: German police have raided the homes and businesses of four people linked to the Islamic State sympathiser who carried out a deadly attack in Vienna this week.

Federal police said Friday that officers, including members of the anti-terrorism unit GSG9, searched premises in Osnabrueck, Kassel and Pinneberg county.

Police said while the men aren’t currently suspected of involvement in Monday’s shooting, in which four people and the gunman were killed, there is evi-

dence that they had links to the attacker. Authorities in Austria have identified the attacker as 20-year-old Kujtim Fejzulaj, a dual national of Austria and North Macedonia who had a previous conviction for trying to join IS in Syria and had been given early release in December.

An investigation has been launched into why Austria didn’t put Fejzulaj under observation despite being tipped off by Slovakian authorities that he had tried to purchase assault rifle ammunition at a shop in Bratislava in July. **AP**

Horried by deadly attacks, French Muslims protect church

Paris: As a French-born Muslim, Elyazid Benferhat’s stomach turned when he heard about a deadly Islamic extremist attack on a church in Nice. Then he decided to act.

A self-described man of peace and pragmatism, Benferhat and a friend gathered a group of young Muslim men to stand guard outside their town’s cathedral for the All Saints’ holiday weekend, to symbolically protect it and show

solidarity with Catholic churchgoers. Parishioners at the 13th-century church in the southern town of Lodeve were deeply touched. The parish priest said their gesture gave him hope in a time of turmoil.

Benferhat, speaking with a distinctive southern French accent, identified himself as “more French than anything.” While his mother was born in Algeria, he was born in France and grew up speaking only

French.

“But I am also Muslim ... And we have seen Islamophobia in this country, and terrorism,” he told The Associated Press. “In recent years, I’ve had a pit in my stomach,” because every time Islamic extremist violence strikes France, he said, French Muslims face new stigmatisation, even though “we had nothing to do with it.”

He called the beheading of a teacher near Paris last month

— targeted because he showed his class caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad for a debate on free expression — an act of “unbelievable, unprecedented cruelty.”

Then when three people were killed last Thursday in the Notre Dame Basilica in Nice, Benferhat said he was so sickened that he wanted to do something “so that everyone wakes up.”

Benferhat, who works for

French oil company Total and coaches at a local football club, talked to a Muslim friend who was in Nice that day, “and we had this idea.

We needed to do something beyond paying homage to the victims. We said, we will protect churches ourselves.”

They recruited volunteers among their friends and at his football club, and guarded the church that night and again for Sunday Mass. **AP**

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BIHAR’S FINAL PHASE POLLS IN MY BELT

The BJP top leaders, including Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, have been talking about Ram temple construction, Article 370 abolition, triple talaq, CAA in an obvious attempt to polarise the voters.

Besides, polling will also take place for Valmiki Nagar Lok Sabha seat where a by-election has been necessitated by the death of sitting JD(U) MP Baidyanath Mahato.

The JD(U)’s bid to retain the Parliamentary seat by fielding his son Sunil Kumar is facing the primary challenge from Congress candidate Pravesh Kumar Mishra, a journalist-turned-politician.

Many of the seats falling in the Kosi-Seemanchal region will be contested between NDA and Grand alliance will be held under the shadow of Owaisi factor given the fact that the AIMIM has fielded candidates in many of the Muslim-dominated seats here and the Hyderabad MP also carried out a hectic campaign.

The Kosi-Seemanchal region also happens to be the main area of influence for maverick former MP Pappu Yadav, whose Jan Adhikar Party is determined to make its presence felt and prove a point to the RJD as both draw their support from the State’s most populous community the Yadavs.

As in the previous two phases, Chirag Paswan’s LJP is also in the fray in a number of seats this time, threatening to play spoilsport for the NDA, especially the JD(U) with its repeated pleas that “every vote cast in favour of the Chief Minister’s party will be a loss for Bihar’s future.”

While the NDA looked surefooted till a few months ago, poll pundits have begun to predict “winds of change” and the ruling coalition seems to have taken note as emotional appeals to the voters have emanated from Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Kumar.

Modi, who attended 12 rallies during the campaign, came out with an open letter addressed to the people of the State on Thursday saying he “needed” Kumar in the

State so that the development of Bihar continues unhindered. Kumar, on his part, stunned all by winding up his last election meeting in Purnea district with the remark “this is my last election. And all is well that ends well.”

The Chief Minister, who seems to be bearing the brunt of the perceived anti-incumbency with the public anger seemingly directed not as much against the BJP, his alliance partner, caught the rank and file of his JD(U) unawares.

ENSURE NO SMOG IN DELHI: SC TO CENTRE

The bench asked whether all offences in the ordinance are non-cognizable. Singh said these are cognizable.

The top court told Mehta that there is no grading of offence to which he said he would like to respond to it. “We don’t want to advise. These are all knowledgeable people and there are NGO people also,” the bench said. Mehta pointed that there are experts from the field besides members from NGOs in the newly created commission and they will all start working from Friday. Singh added that the situation today is almost of a public health emergency and something drastic needs to be done. He said by the time court will reopen after vacation, the current situation may all be over. The bench said that it will keep the matter on reopening after the Diwali vacation.

On October 29, the top court was informed by the Centre that it has come out with an ordinance on curbing pollution and it has been promulgated already.

The top court had said that it would have to look at the Ordinance before passing any direction in the matter which has raised issues regarding pollution caused due to stubble burning in neighbouring states of Delhi.

The apex court had on October 26 kept in abeyance its earlier order appointing one-man panel of retired apex court judge Justice Madan B Lokur to monitor the steps taken by neighbouring states to prevent stubble burning which is a major

cause of pollution in the Delhi-national capital region (NCR).

“We would like you to stop using your beautiful cars. Which you won’t. We should all go about on bikes -- not motor-bikes but bicycles,” the CJI had observed.

Earlier, the apex court had kept in abeyance its October 16 order appointing one-man panel of Justice (ret’d) Lokur while considering the Centre’s stand that it is coming out with a comprehensive legislation to deal with air pollution, including the aspect of stubble burning.

Mehta had told the bench that the Centre has taken a “holistic view” of the matter and the draft of the proposed law on curbing pollution would be submitted in the apex court within four days.

CAPITAL’S AIR REMAINS ‘SEVERE’

An AQI between zero and 50 is considered “good”, 51 and 100 “satisfactory”, 101 and 200 “moderate”, 201 and 300 “poor”, 301 and 400 “very poor”, and 401 and 500 “severe”.

PM10 levels in Delhi-NCR stood at 435 microgram per cubic meter (µg/m3) at 6 pm, according to CPCB data. PM10 levels below 100 µg/m3 are considered safe in India.

PM10 is particulate matter with a diameter of 10 micrometers and is inhalable into the lungs. These particles include dust, pollen and mold spores.

The levels of PM2.5 — finer particles which can even enter the bloodstream — were 242 µg/m3 at 6 pm. PM2.5 levels up to 60 µg/m3 are considered safe.

VK Soni, the head of IMD’s environment monitoring research centre, said, “The air quality was in the ‘very poor’ category on Friday morning. It entered the ‘severe’ zone again by evening, with a very large number of farm fires over Punjab being the primary reason”.

He said the boundary layer wind direction was north-northwesterly, favourable for the transport of pollutants from farm fires to Delhi-NCR.

The Air Quality Early Warning System

for Delhi said the farm fire count in Punjab (around 5,100) remained “very high” on Thursday and it is likely to impact the air quality of Delhi-NCR and other parts of northwest India.

Last year, the stubble contribution to Delhi’s pollution had peaked to 44 per cent on November 1, according to SAFAR data.

Health experts said during the Covid-19 pandemic, air pollution has become a serious health concern for about the two crore residents of the national Capital.

According to a doctor at the Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, intake of every 22 micrograms per cubic metre of polluted air is equivalent to smoking a cigarette.

HIGH PM 2.5 TURNS COVID MORE FATAL

“This approach leaves us unable to make conclusions regarding individual-level associations,” the scientists said.

The Harvard scientists believe further research on how pollution and other factors may exacerbate Covid-19 symptoms and increase mortality risk is essential to guide policies and behaviour related to the pandemic.

The findings should come as a warning to the authorities here.

For, Delhi’s air quality on Thursday dropped to its worst level since December 2019 with farm fires accounting for 42 per cent of its pollution, the maximum this season so far, according to data from central government agencies. During the same time, it also saw 6,715 reported Covid-19 cases, taking the infection tally to over 4.16 lakh. The National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) had warned last week that Delhi may report nearly 15,000 Covid-19 cases daily in winter because of the prevalence of respiratory illnesses during this season that worsen the symptoms of the disease.

INDIA ASSURES WORLD OF HELP ON VACCINE

“We are exploring the possibility of

conducting phase-III trials in a few of our partner countries. We are also looking forward to research collaboration in the field of vaccine development,” Shringla said.

As regards collaboration, he said India may also opt for joint production of vaccines in some countries. “We have already conducted online training sessions for nearly 90 participants from eight neighbouring countries to develop capacity in clinical trials and clinical practices. Based on demand, we can conduct more such training courses,” the Foreign Secretary said. Observing that Covid-19 continued to be a challenge worldwide, with increasing cases every day, Shringla said he returned on Thursday from Europe where a second wave of the pandemic is in evidence. In India, the daily case load has reduced to below 50,000 from around a 1,00,000 a few weeks ago, he said.

During the past few months, India added enormous production capacity for personal protective equipment, test kits and medicines that is being shared with others, he said.

Among other to brief the international community included VK Paul, member (Health) of the Niti Aayog and chairman of the national expert group on vaccine administration of Covid-19, principal scientific adviser K Vijay Raghavan, Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan, department of biotechnology secretary Renu Swarup, department of science and technology secretary Ashutosh Sharma, CSIR director general Shekhar Mande and Abhishek Singh, CEO of the e-governance division of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

RBI LAUDS UP’S FIGHT AGAINST CORONA VIRUS

“Whether it was arranging hospitals, medical equipment, masks and ventilators for the patients suffering from COVID-19, Uttar Pradesh acted in the fastest and most effective way.”

The Yogi government has set the record and topped the RBI’s annual ‘Study of State Budgets’ report by providing 100

percent help to the migrant workers and laborers. The state secured the first position in 8 out of 9 criteria decided by the central government and RBI to fight against COVID-19.

Uttar Pradesh topped the position followed by Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Uttarakhand, Jammu and Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh in the list of states that made the highest expenditure in health infrastructure. Also, UP secured the first position followed by West Bengal and Tamil Nadu to provide free treatment to Corona patients.

It is to be mentioned that UP, Tripura, and Tamil Nadu are the only states to be listed in providing the Emergency Life Support Ambulance facility.


The report states, “UP topped the list in delivering N-95 masks to doctors and paramedical staff followed by Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and Chennai. There are 18 other states after UP in terms of helping the people during the Corona pandemic.”

It is worth mentioning that Uttar Pradesh, followed by 15 other states, has been listed in the category of states distributing free ration. Also, UP is the only state across the nation to qualify eight of the nine categories mentioned in the RBI report.”


NO BREAKTHROUGH IN 8TH ROUND OF LAC TALKS

Meanwhile, the two sides have repeatedly stressed to follow the five-point plan mutually agreed by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his Chinese Wang Yi in bilateral talks in Moscow on September 10. The two Ministers also stressed the need for continuing the dialogue in an effort to disengage as soon as possible.

The talks were held on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Foreign Ministers conclave. At present, the entire 1,700 km long LAC in Ladakh is tense with both the armies deploying a total of more than one lakh troops besides heavy weapons.



NEIL NITIN MUKESH
My film *Jail* released today 11 years ago. A film, I always say is and shall remain very close to my heart. The only film in my career that I used the method acting approach for. Madhur Bhandarkar sir gave me the wings to fly as an actor, guiding me through one of my most powerful portrayals on screen. Mugdha Godse was a strong support too.



AMAAL MALIK
With *Tu mera nahi*, I tried to pack the choicest elements musically and visually, including the arid beauty of Dubai that underlines the feeling of desertion in the song, the creativity of live musicians and Virag sir's spot-on lyrics. We are confident about the cinematic experience the song has, it's already winning hearts.



RAHAT FATEH ALI KHAN
Sason ki mala is a qawwali very close to my heart and this time it has been presented as a fusion track, conceptualised by Salman Ahmed. I dedicate the its release to my mentor Ustad Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan and my father Ustad Farrukh Fateh Ali Khan. The video of the song is unique, its locations and the entire feel is mesmerising.



AMOL PARASHAR
I am excited to go back on the set and be working after so long. I have come to Goa for a shoot of my next project. I am quite excited about shooting fiction again, after so long. I like to work on things and with people that excite me and this project definitely ticks all the boxes. It helped me take a breather, work on myself and grow as a person and actor.



MILEY CYRUS
I've gone through a lot of trauma and loss in the last couple of years. I had a house fire in Malibu, where I lost my house and went through a divorce recently. I lost my grandma who I was super close with.

ENCOUNTER 45 MINUTES

HIS MOMENT IN THE SUN

Actor ARJUN MATHUR mistook his Emmy nomination as a prank. He talks to SAKSHI SHARMA about his reaction, how typecasting should never be an actor's problem, his own expectations and the way digital has turned out to be a game-changer for him



Good things take time, just like they should. And getting something too easily or too soon might take away the enormity of the outcome. Actor Arjun Mathur's success story can't prove it more. Even though his initial releases didn't create much of an impact, the actor believes that his career trajectory has been in the "right place at the right time" as the web has proved to be his major breakthrough. It worked out for him in a way mainstream Bollywood cinema couldn't.

And it's quite evident how the OTT space has levelled the playing field beautifully for him after *Made in Heaven*. We can say this with more conviction now that the British-born Indian actor has received a nomination in the 'Best Performance by an Actor' category at the International Emmy Awards 2020 for his portrayal of a gay man in the Amazon Prime Original series.

Well, actors like him seek authentic stories and powerful content to engage the audience. He believes that his several independent acting projects — in films, OTT, theatre and voiceovers — would have otherwise "thrived in the digital space" too. If we take a moment to reflect on how the online space has been a game changer in the past few months, we'll also realise that it kept us going in a situation when theatres were shut. Certainly, it's the right time for artists like him to seek their moment in the sun. Excerpts:

◆**From your Instagram posts and other interviews, it is evident that it took you some time to sink in that feeling of being nominated for the Emmys. How do you feel?**

I have been in this profession for long with my own share of ups and downs. But no matter for how long you struggle to be seen, getting this kind of validation at the end is a completely amazing and an unexpected feeling. Emmy is something we dream and fantasise about but don't actually expect that this can happen to us. But I guess miracles do happen! Now one month after the announcement, I have some time to let that feeling of being nominated 'sink in.' I feel great, proud and gratified.

◆**What was your instant reaction and who was your first go-to-person?**

You'd imagine that as soon I heard this I would have gone ecstatic and crazy but that didn't actually happen. As soon I heard the news, I refused to believe it. I thought it was a joke or some sort of misprint or mistake somewhere. I was more like 'Who's joking with me?' 'Who's playing a prank?' It took me a few minutes to realise that this has actually happened when I got a call from Amazon and Excel. It then started settling down slowly and gradually.



As far as who I first contacted is concerned, I was already sitting with my partner. The first people I messaged was my family group saying that this news is coming in but I am not believing it yet, I'll keep you posted. The first two people I called was Zoya (Akhtar) and Nitya (Mehra) because they were simply the two people who were responsible for believing in me, holding my hands throughout the process and having me onboard.

◆**Do you think this international recognition will help you spread your wings as an actor and open more doors for you?**

I hope so. I can't really predict it now. At the end of the day that's what we all are trying to do, working our way towards bigger and better opportunities. And one can never be content with this feeling because even if you get the best work, you'll still strive for more. I have always believed in spreading my wings and have tried to showcase it all over the world and not just in narrow pockets. I hope this enables me for more and more.

◆**After your performance in the series, *Made in Heaven*, people certainly have higher expectations from you. Do you feel the pressure of putting your best foot forward?**

I have given my best every time I was a part of something. I worked as hard for every small independent project and tried to be authentic too. I have always been someone who has kept high standards for himself. So my own expectations have gotten higher because there is a definite quality that I want to maintain in my work. I am not the one who works as per people's expectations. Infact, when people expect something from me, I want to do the opposite because it is important to follow your own instinct and heart — eventually that is what connects with people also. If I start working as per people's expectations, there wouldn't be anything authentic. Rather, I will only become an image, which is something I want to resist. I don't want to live an actor's image or up to the audience's expectations. So I just want to keep surprising people and pushing my own boundaries and standards.

◆**What are the factors that you consider while choosing a script?**

It's really an instinctive reaction. The first thing I do is to really listen to my gut, due to which I instantly know that it is the right decision. Of course, my heart knows it but my mind

remains trapped thinking more about it.

I connect the most with the character and the script. The character is, of course, paramount. That's the first thing I look at even though there are many other variables, too. We can find a good script often but it might lack production support or the audience's attention or a wider reach. It takes so many variables for a project to really click and become the kind of magic that *Made in Heaven* did. So now there are a lot of things to look into. For instance, the people making it, the technical requirements, the cast, where is it going to be seen, its reach, promotion and much more.

◆**Before starting your cinema journey, you worked as an assistant director for hits like *Bunty Aur Babli* and *Rang De Basanti*. How would you describe that space? Did that experience add on in understanding the nuances of acting and this industry?**

Oh yes, definitely! Before assisting in those films, I got trained in acting. So, post that, I really wanted to assist only to get some kind of experience and observe the actors, shooting, working on a set, etc. I didn't go to a college but assisting filled that gap. Those days were the most valuable days of my career because being around actors like Amitabh Bachchan and Aamir Khan, there's a lot to pick up just from the way they approach a role or a scene or a project. I saw how amazing their work ethics and professionalism were, are.

Second, I like to think that I am a fairly efficient actor on the sets. I get there, do my work as fast as I can and finish it. The habit probably comes from my days as an AD (assistant director) because then, I had seen things from the other side too. I know how much an actor's non-cooperation or punctuality can trouble a production. Hence, I try to be as much of a support as I can and not be a person they just have to put up with.

◆**You have worked in feature films as well as OTT platforms. How do you think they differ from each other from an actor's perspective?**

There are a couple of aspects. One is the absolutely creative aspect — what is the basic difference? In a series, you really get to delve deep into the characterisation. The advantages are not enough for the actors as much as they are for the creators and writers as they are the ones who get to explore the different ways of storytelling and delve deeper into the characters. As actors, it's amazing that we get to sink our teeth into that

material. But I don't have any preferences in particular between films or OTT. I don't even think about it as much when I am taking up a project. It's one of the last things I consider because an actor's job is to act, no matter what you're acting for — a film, a daily soap, an OTT series, a play, voice acting or a street performance. We just want to work and make it reach as far and wide as possible. The higher the number of medium, the better it is.

◆**You did two short films where you played a gay and it became the talking point for a short while back in 2014. Then came your third role in *Made in Heaven*. Do you think playing a certain kind of role repetitively typecasts an actor?**

If I would have thought so, I wouldn't have done it. Honestly speaking, typecasting should never be an actor's problem. It's the lack of imagination and vision on the part of other people who are not able to see an actor as anything except what they have already seen him as. I personally have never taken typecasting or slotting seriously because at the end of it, it's up to you. You can get typecast only if you let yourself. At the end, the choice is all yours. To accept or reject a role is completely your call.

As far as playing gay three times is concerned, the first time I did it was because it was my first film and I had the opportunity to act opposite Irrfan Khan in a Mira Nair film. I just had to do it. The second time I did it... which had an intimate scene with a man. At the time, it was quite scary for me but I wanted to challenge myself and break that barrier as an actor. And the third time was when *Made in Heaven* came up. I was a bit apprehensive about doing it for the third time, yes, but as soon as I read the script and saw what the show was about, there was no way I could have passed it on. I feel glad for all three opportunities. I think I'll do it again if I find something which really engages me the way my recent series did. I have no vision in my mind anymore about gay and straight part because that's where we need to be as an audience, as creators or as actors. We just have to normalise it to an extent that gay actors could come out and represent themselves.

◆**Could you give us a glimpse into your role in *Made in Heaven*?**

I am waiting for an official announcement. Honestly, I haven't even read the script. I am waiting as much as you to know something.

Big B is never intimidating: Shoojit

Filmmaker Shoojit Sircar says Amitabh Bachchan is one of the most fascinating actors to work with.

The two have worked together on films such as *Piku*, *Shoebite* and most recently *Gulabo Sitabo*, which also stars actor Ayushmann Khurrana.

"Since I have worked with both of them earlier, somewhere down the line, there is trust,

bonding and comfort between us and that has matured slowly. Of course, it is a creative process, and we keep challenging each other all the time."

The filmmaker added, "We challenge Bachchan and he challenges us. That is very important for that good, healthy working relationship. The vision of the film needed the chemistry between these two people to be



crackling. It took a little time. If you work with him for the first time, it does take a little time to get past that aura. And in the beginning, that hesitation was there with Ayushmann but later it became fine. Bachchan also made him comfortable. In fact, he's (Big B) never intimidating, he's very easy. He may look like he isn't easy but on set he's absolutely a director's actor, and also one of the most fascinating co-actors to work with," the filmmaker added.

The film *Gulabo Sitabo* released this year. Talking about the film, the director

said, "It's a satire on very simple people who are struggling with their lives every day. There are these two characters — Banke (played by Ayushmann) and Mirza (played by Bachchan) — and also many other characters. In this film, I have explored a world which is an absolutely new and challenging world for me. I've not ventured into these characters and this space before. I wanted to present Lucknow with a new visual feel, which the audiences have appreciated."

(The film will air on Sony MAX this month.)

—IANS

CELEB TALK 30 MINUTES

THE STORY OF LIFE

M NIGHT SHYAMALAN feels that his film, *Glass*, is impactful because it creates a realistic scenario for the audience through the emotions its characters portray



❑What was it like to create the third version with previous characters?

I would say that it was definitely a strange venture. My directorial career has been basically made on original content-based films, so in each film, I try to kind of invent a new tone and a new life — a world that these characters are living in. So it was really different for me to kind of bring characters from two different films together which I had invented earlier and then create a third version.

❑What are your thoughts about the battle between the good and the evil?

I think my favourite thing about *Glass* is its idea of the good and the evil. It asks a range of questions — Are there only bad people? Are there good people



or such a change is always on a continuum? Are there a mixture of people?

It is constantly vacillating between those two extremes. Well, I feel that way about the film. I think it's hopefully one of its great, great assets. It has a sense of redefining what a villain is and what a hero is and differentiate between an antagonist and a protagonist in a different way altogether. The way that it can make you feel that we could be either of those things as a person is one of the biggest things.

❑Tell us about the marginalised characters in the film.

Glass is really all about marginalised characters. It is about them in search of a place in this world, which they feel is important. It is also about the fact that they realise how equally important they are even though the world has told them or always made them feel otherwise.

❑How did you make fictional characters have real emotions?

I think things that are most effective in the fictional world is when we imbue them with nonfictional emotions, which resonate. I think it's a powerful factor about a film and impacts the most when the audience is able to feel that verisimilitude in their emotions as well.

❑Tell us about your method of finding the cinematic vision?

My cinematic vision is not better or worse than others. It's kind of solidified into really being able to visualise exactly how fast the camera needs to move or when is it moving it? When are we booming up and when are we not! Why are you holding there to have a philosophy behind all of those things and know it inside and out before you shoot the scene.

❑Tell us about your relationship with Samuel L Jackson and Bruce Willis?

Sam and I had been in touch. It's like we see each other at times but not on regular basis. However, Bruce and I have actually stayed in touch over the years. Our families have stayed close. He has been like a big brother to me since I was a little kid. He's the one who took all the big risks in my life and protected me. So there's always a special place for him. It was really special to work with him again. I feel you might see that in the film as well...

(The film premieres on November 8 at 12 pm and 9 pm on Star Movies.)

I love music: Boman

Actor Boman Irani recently pumped in some hope in these gloomy times by singing his own version of a classic song. Although music is not his day job, he says he loves it. The actor was recently joined by a choir of school-girls when he sang *Over The Rainbow*, originally rendered by Judy Garland for the 1939 Hollywood classic *The Wizard of Oz*. “*Over The Rainbow* is a song that I have been singing ever since I was a kid. I am so glad that people have loved it,” Boman said.

This isn't the first time that his fans got to listen to his sonorous voice. Years ago, he sang his version of *Give Me Some Sunshine* from the blockbuster film *3 Idiots*, in which he memorably played the strict college principal Viru Sahasrabudhe.

“I also made Frank Sinatra's *My Way* my own. I must have sung that about a thousand times. That became my signature song,” said Boman. But he doesn't frequently get into singing. “I feel music is not my day job. It's my hobby. It's something that I love to do, and if something special like this (*Over The Rainbow*) hits me like a bullet right between the eyes. These beautiful singers from Bombay International school were so kind to grace the song along with me. I felt that why let this opportunity pass,” he said.

“It's the pandemic that made me do this. If it wasn't for the pandemic, believe me it was very time consuming to put it all together. Normally, we would have gone to a studio and recorded it, but everybody sang on the phones. We had to put it all together and mix it all together. It is a song of hope. Hope is the call of the day,” he added.

The lockdown also made him use another skill. He gave a chance to budding screenwriters to learn the nuances of screenwriting from him. “When I started working on my script, I found a guru in New York. His name is Alex Dinelaris. He is Oscar-winning writer of *Birdman*. I learnt a lot from him. I go three times a year to New York and sit with him. He has come to India. I have been learning nuances of screenwriting. Now during pandemic, I realised that I could put that knowledge to good use, so I started a group called Spiral Bound. It was started with four youngsters, and now we are almost 200. We have done



many sessions. We discuss technique and structure, character, plot, analysis, it's the most amazing thing that I have been a part of. I am glad to have initiated this,” added Boman, who became a household name after starring in the 2003 film *Munna Bhai M.B.B.S.*

The project is like “a little contribution back to the film industry that has given me so much.” He is now looking forward to start working on his own film as a filmmaker.

“I have found a story as a filmmaker and I have been developing the story over a period of time. It's a story about relationship between a father and son. Hopefully, first thing next year we will be under production,” said the actor.

As an actor, he can't wait to catch his films *83* and *Jayeshbhai Jordaar* in theatres. “I like watching films in theatres. There is nothing like a big giant screen and watching it with fellow viewers who love cinema. *Jayeshbhai Jordaar* and *83* and will hopefully release soon, and I would love to see them and I think every cinema lover would want to see those big films on big screens,” he said.

The pandemic had forced theatres to temporarily stop operations. Many filmmakers instead chose to take the digital route to release their films.

“There are certain films that work pretty well on the OTT, and that's great. It gives a lot of opportunity to people to produce films and watch them on OTT. But these films (*83* and *Jayeshbhai Jordaar*) are big films and have to be seen on big screens. I just can't wait. This is something that I have been doing since I was a kid, watching films on the big screen and I want to see these films on the big screen,” stressed Boman.

—JANS

Author, motivational speaker and consultant in early childhood education, Dr REBECCA ISBELL, tells AYUSHI SHARMA how policymakers, educators and parents together can nurture young minds to think creatively and adjust to an increasingly complex world full of technology and diversity



They say it takes a village to raise a child — under normal circumstances. And you can certainly imagine what a pandemic, which is definitely not normal, would call for. Today's children are facing challenges that were unheard of even a couple of decades ago. More children are out of schools than ever, confined in their homes. But on the other hand, we are witnessing the tipping point of online education with the explosion of mobile and digital technology, especially in a country like India, which has skipped an entire generation of technology. We are nurturing a breed of independent thinkers while we navigate the blurring lines between work and life as we know it.

Such unique times call for the coming together of policymakers, educators and caregivers to build a better tomorrow for the world's children. This is exactly what ISEY, one of largest global summits by KLAY in the ECCE (Early Childhood Care & Education) space, aimed at recently — addressing modern-day issues of early childhood and charting future courses of action. The summit, *When The World Unites For Children*, saw author, motivational speaker and consultant in early

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childhood education, Dr Rebecca Isbell, as one of the key speakers. We talk to her to find out what we can do to spark conversations for change. Excerpts:

❖What according to you are the modern-day issues of early childhood?

As knowledge about children and development increase, there has been more interest in the early years of their learning. Many research and scientific studies have identified that children are capable learners with brain connections being formed at an amazing rate during these critical early years. Brain imaging and observations have also led to understanding that ‘windows of opportunity’ exist during the early years, specifically in language, thinking, social and emotional and visual domains. Therefore, this is the prime period for these important competencies to be developed, which will impact future learning.

The understanding of these critical early years has led many countries to recognise that learning begins early and establishes the foundation for future development. We need quality programmes for children that are designed specifically for their special stage of development. Research, studies and experts have led us to conclude that learning and development in early childhood is not the same as for older children or adults. Children need their learning to be active, to be focussed on their real world and to include concrete materials that can be explored, manipulated and filled with play. An essential component of these quality programmes is interactions with adults, who understand their unique way of learning and can guide experiences that are meaningful. One of our challenges is helping parents and community leaders understand that children are not ‘small adults’ and the approaches we have used with older ones are not appropriate for the younger lot. Their environment must encourage and support their ways of learning.

❖What can we, as influencers of change in the education space, do to create a better tomorrow for children?

As our world is changing at such a rapid pace, it is essential that we nurture young minds into creative thinkers and problem solvers. In their lives, they will be dealing with issues that we cannot even imagine today. There will be no books or experts who can give them the answers to these new and difficult questions. They will have to be problem solvers who can identify possible ways to deal with the issue,

take action and adjust if their solutions do not work. Creative thinkers and problem solvers are developed and supported in the early years as they gain confidence in their capabilities and learn to use their thinking abilities in appropriate learning environment.

❖How do you think we can nurture young minds into creative thinkers?

First, we must recognise and value children's creative potential. We will have



to engage in conversations about their interest, listen to their questions and then discover possibilities. We can design rich environment that include ‘open-ended’ materials where they can choose to follow their interest, do it in a different way and make choices. We can have conversations with them, listen to their ideas and discuss possibilities building on their questions, interest and responses. As adults who interact with children, we need to develop our own creativity so we model ourselves as a thinker who knows how to solve problems.

❖As children learn to navigate through the online and the offline world, the paths leading to adulthood might be taxing and confusing. What's your take on this?

One of the essential life skills for the 21st century is critical thinking or problem solving. In a world that is bombarded with so much information and a variety of entertainment, both children and adults must be able to determine what is true and what is real. Developing the ability to think critically is important in making sense of the world they live in and filtering through the vast amounts of information.

❖The virtual world is usually looked at in a bad light for children. However, if we look at the current situation, technology has proven its worth. What do you think about it?

The virtual world may be expanding for children, especially during this 2020 pandemic. But it must be remembered that they learn best through real experiences, manipulation and exploration of materials and having language interactions with people. They need to play with others, with ideas and with concrete materials. While they do that, they learn how to collaborate with others, shape the happenings and get to know what works the best for them.

Technology is a part of our world but it is not the way children learn best.

❖We are all aware of how social media has controlled our lives in one way or the other. What do you think of its impact on children?

Social media is just one tool of communication. There should be a balance in the child's world with conversations with real people, writing on computers or paper, stories told and retold, participating in collaboration with peers and expressing their thoughts in a variety of ways.

❖Parents constantly face the dilemma of giving in to their child's demands versus what's right for them. So, is it equally important to address parents' concerns over certain challenges that they face while handling teenagers?

Being a parent of a teenager can be difficult, but it is important to establish some attitudes and patterns when your child is young. Teach them about daily chores like cleaning up, washing tables, talking about characters in books, discussing their problems and feelings. You don't wait until they are 14 and then ask them — ‘tell me about your feelings’. Start the conversations, routines and expectations of behaviour when they are little.

❖The new National Education Policy of India provides a broad perspective to early education. How do you think it will impact the education system since children won't be confined to traditional methods of teaching?

I have just completed reading the policy of India. I was pleased to find that the policies identified in the Early Childhood Section recognise the important elements that I believe will move India's educational system into the 21st century. If these policies are supported, Early Childhood Education will be universally available to all children. This means that all kids will have the opportunity to benefit from par-

ticipating in quality programmes that will be designed to strengthen their abilities in a holistic manner. It will include opportunities to enhance language, literacy, science, mathematics, social skills, collaboration and problem solving while integrating the arts and the cultural heritage of India. The early childhood programmes, as recommended, would include health and nutrition elements that are essential for developing the mind and body of children. Research has shown that an important component of a quality programme for them is to include teachers who are specifically trained in the education and development of children. This essential requirement is included in the policy document and should be supported.

The plan to support continuity from preschool through primary school would ensure that the gains reached in the early years could be built on and expanded in children's later education. This will enrich and expand the offerings and choices that should be available in the later levels and advanced schooling. These can have a positive impact on children and help develop them to be creative thinkers, communicators, collaborators and critical problem solvers, ready for the demands of the 21st century.

❖Can you suggest a few ways or techniques for a child's creative growth?

Perhaps, here are some ways to support children's creativity that I prepared for the parents:

●Recognise that youngsters are capable learners when experiences, conversations and activities are matched with their level of development and actively engaged in shaping the process.

●Observe your child's interest at the moment and follow that curiosity supporting ideas, questions and finding books to connect to this topic. Note their interest may change frequently and that is completely fine.

●Read to your child every day. Set the stage for the story with a few questions before you start. Read with expressions, voices and pause to respond to any questions during reading. After the reading is completed, talk about the characters, sequence and moral of the story. Always provide time for them to evaluate the story and share their feelings. Include in your reading list some books that provide examples of creative thinking or problem-solving.

●Play with your child. It is an important way for children to learn about the

world and how it works. When playing, follow their lead, take a minor role and allow them to determine the direction of the play. Through play, children learn they can influence their world, shape the happenings and adjust as is needed. Gaining the ability to influence the play helps them learn that s/he has the ability to shape their world.

●Provide choices during the day so your children can gain experience in making decisions and deciding the best option. Simple decisions about ‘what will you wear today’ or ‘what book do you want to read?’ help build their confidence in the ability to decide things.

●Offer a variety of materials to use when drawing, constructing, creating and writing. Open-ended materials can be used in many different ways and the way it will be used is determined by the child. Examples: cardboard boxes, coloured construction paper, collection of markers, pipe cleaners, glue, novel items (lids, tubes, bolts, containers.)

●Participate in interactive conversations. These responsive languages are wonderful ways to develop language and vocabulary. Research shows that children are developing language at an amazing rate, but conversations need to be interactive, impacting the exchange. Think of serving and returning the ball in a tennis game.

●Expose your kids to different experiences and people. They learn quickly from different people and new experiences. Plan for the happening before it occurs. Talk to them about what you are going to do and include new words to explain. Help them decide what questions they may want to ask and things they want to know. Reflect on the experience after it has occurred.

●Remember to include the music, art, drama and movement. Children enjoy music and movement from infancy into childhood. These experiences should be appropriate for their developmental level. For children, a short time that is joyful is better than a very long session that is too confining for a young developing body.

●Encourage your child's creative ideas. When your child suggests a different idea or a novel way of accomplishing a task, support these possibilities. Help him/her learn that there are different ways of doing things and it is OK to make mistakes.

●Plan proper time for your child to be with other kids. When playing with other children, they learn to cooperate and collaborate. These are skills that take time to develop, so understand sometimes there will be conflict or disagreement and they should be able to work it out if possible. Part of developing social skills is learning how to adjust and adapt to working with others.

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Every time he (Surya) has come in to bat, if the early wicket has fallen, he has come and taken the pressure away from the team and the batter that he is batting with

I think we were on top when we got two quick wickets, and they were 102-4. We could have capitalised more at that time, and gotten two more wickets, maybe we could've chased around 170

We have a couple of days before our next challenge. As a group, we have got to dig really deep and try and find ways to get better in a short period of time

Supernovas face Trailblazers in must-win clash

PTI ■ SHARJAH

Defending champions Supernovas will have to get past an upbeat Trailblazers here on Saturday to stay alive in the Women's T20 Challenge.

Brimming with confidence after a crushing win over Velocity on Thursday, the Smriti Mandhana-led Trailblazers will aim for another win to finish with two victories and enter the final on November 9 with momentum behind them.

They will be up against Supernovas, a team smarting from defeat in the tournament opener against Velocity. Another loss would knock Supernovas out of the tournament.

Trailblazers came up with a stellar bowling performance to bundle out Velocity for 47 with England's left-arm spinner Sophie Ecclestone, the world No 1 T20 bowler, returning impressive figures of 4 for 9 in 3.1 overs. Mandhana will be hoping that the bowlers continue the good work against a strong Supernovas line-up led by Harmanpreet Kaur.

The southpaw will be aiming to showcase her skills and expect her batting unit to step up in a crunch encounter.

Supernovas need a win and that will bring the net run-rate into play and possibly eliminate Velocity who have a negative NRR (-1.869).

Velocity, on their part, will hope Supernovas lose allowing them to advance to the summit clash.

Kaur, the Indian T20 captain, will look to build on her

performance in the tournament opener and hope Sri Lankan Chamari Atapattu continues her good form.

Supernovas appeared to have the match under control before Sushma Verma and Sune Luus took it away from them as the bowlers crumbled under pressure.

On the Sharjah pitch that has gotten slower progressively, the spinners will have a big role to play. Ecclestone will again be a key bowler for Trailblazers with fellow left-arm spinner Rajeshwari Gayakwad and veteran Jhulan Goswami expected to back her up.

Both Supernovas and Trailblazers possess quality spinners and how the batters of the two sides fare could well decide the fate of the match.



SRH ELIMINATE RCB

PTI ■ ABU DHABI

Jason Holder's all-round show and Kane Williamson's solid unbeaten fifty helped Sunrisers Hyderabad beat Royal Challengers Bangalore by six wickets in the IPL Eliminator here on Friday.

Holder first led SRH's brilliant bowling effort with figures of 3 for 25 to restrict batting-heavy RCB to a modest 131 for seven before he and Williamson steered SRH past the target with two balls to spare.

Williamson (50 not out off 44) played a composed knock and together with Holder (24 not out 20) shared 65 runs for the unbroken fifth wicket to take SRH home after early hiccup.

SRH play Delhi Capitals in the Qualifier 2 on Sunday for a place in the final while the RCB were knocked out of the tournament.

SRH didn't have the best of



Holder celebrates after dismissing Kohli
IPLT20.com

starts losing Sreevats Goswami early. Skipper David Warner (17) didn't last long, edging one to AB de Villiers behind the stumps off Mohammed Siraj.

Manish Pandey (24) and

Priyam Garg (7) too failed to rise to the occasion as they departed in quick succession.

But then, Williamson and Holder joined hands and played sensibly. They initially kept SRH in the hunt before accelerating towards the end to take their side home.

Needing nine runs off the last over off Navdeep Saini, Holder struck two boundaries to seal the win.

Earlier, Holder led SRH's bowling attack with impressive figures of three for 25 and was ably supported by T Natarajan (2/33) as RCB found the going difficult from the beginning.

AB de Villiers' (56 off 43) scored a timely half-century to somewhat rescue RCB from a horrible start and take the team past the 120-run mark.

RCB witnessed a horrendous start to their innings as they lost two

wickets for 15 runs inside four overs after being sent into bat.

Skipper Virat Kohli (6), who opened the innings along side Devdutt Padikkal (1), was the first to depart, nicking one on the leg side to injured Wriddhiman Saha's replacement Sreevats Goswami off Holder. An over later, Holder picked up his second victim when Padikkal pulled one to Priyam Garg inside the circle as RCB slumped to 15 for two.

Aaron Finch (32 off 30), who replaced Josh Philippe, and de Villiers then tried to stabilise the innings with a 41-run third wicket stand.

But twin blows in the 11th over put paid to RCB's effort.

First, Finch departed, caught by Abdul Samad off Shahbaz Nadeem (1/30) and then a ball later, Moeen Ali was caught short off the crease by a direct hit from Rashid Khan.

Our execution in death overs was miles off: Ponting

PTI ■ DUBAI

Delhi Capitals head coach Ricky Ponting lamented that his bowlers were miles off in the death overs against Mumbai Indians in Qualifier 1 and they will have to "dig deep" as a team to make the IPL final.

Delhi will get another shot at making the title clash in Qualifier on Sunday after being outplayed by Mumbai on Thursday night.

"It was mainly the execution through our first few overs, the first over went for 15-16, so you are on the back foot pretty much straight away there. We did fight our way back into the game.

"We crawled our way back, from sort of 7-14 (overs) were in our favour, they were only about 120/4, so we were hoping for 170 total, which might have been in our ballpark," Ponting said at the post match press conference.

Delhi ended up leaking 78 runs in the last five overs.

"...Our execution in the last four to five overs was miles off where we needed it to be. We continuously fed Hardik Pandya where he wants the ball, even Ishan Kishan kept getting away from us and he has played well in all the games we have played against MI, so far in this season.

"We felt that we had planned very well. Our

meetings have been as clear and as concise as it has been throughout the tournament but under pressure our execution today was miles off," he lamented.

He said that the way Delhi managed the bowlers was right and it was again the execution that let them down.

"We have seen tonight with Hardik's little cameo, we can see how the game can change if you don't get it right or if you expose someone that hasn't got

appropriate skill to bowl in the death overs.

"So, look the way we managed the overs was right, just the execution let us down," he added.

Ponting conceded that Mumbai outplayed them.

"If you look at the dismissals, Prithvi (Shaw) looked like got a good ball. Ajinkya (Rahane) also got one that swung back nicely and the execution of Bumrah's yorker to Shikhar (Dhawan) was absolutely first-class.

Bumrah is world's best T20 bowler: Bond

PTI ■ DUBAI

Mumbai Indians bowling coach Shane Bond has described his side's pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah as the best T20 bowler in the world, saying it was always a privilege to watch him play in the Indian Premier League.

Bumrah and his pace partner Trent Boult blew away the Delhi Capitals batting line-up in the IPL Qualifier 1 on Thursday to help MI reach the final.

"Jasprit (Bumrah), it's a privilege to watch. The best T20 bowler in the world going about his work," Bond said in a video posted by MI on its Twitter handle.

Bumrah returned with figures of 4/14 from his four overs while Boult had 2/9 from his two overs as MI beat DC by 57

runs.

Bond also praised Boult for the impact he has made for MI in the IPL.

"I loved working with



Just want to execute role given by team: Bumrah

Dubai: Mumbai Indians pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah says he is reaping the reward for not worrying about results and just focusing on executing the role assigned to him by the team. "I am okay with not getting wickets and winning the tournament, I have been given a role so I just want to execute that role," Bumrah, who regained the purple cap with a tally of 27 wickets, said.

Trent (Boult) since 2012. We have seen him at his very best and I was really excited to have him at our team because what a devastating bowler he can be and he has done that throughout

"I am always ready when the captain wants me to bowl. I don't focus on the end result. When I have done that it's always gone downhill." Bumrah had delivered a perfect yorker to get rid of (in)form Shikhar Dhawan (0) for his first wicket.

"Opening yorker was really important. I decided I will do that early in the game and when it comes off it's always nice," he said.

Bumrah and New

Zealand's Trent Boult (2/9) had dished out a "Test match opening spell" to blow out Delhi for 143 for 8.

"I have a great camaraderie with Boult. We discuss fields, situations, so there's a lot to learn from him.

"Batsmen have been taking all the awards, so it's good to get it as a bowler (laughs). Ah no, I don't worry about awards. As long as the team is winning I am happy," PTI

department.

"We're an intimidating batting line-up, it's just relentless. Delhi fought really hard in the middle of the innings and got back themselves well into the game. If they had little bit of more luck, we would have been under pressure at the back," he said.

Sledging isn't going to worry Kohli: Waugh warns Aussies

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

Former Australian skipper Steve Waugh has urged the side to not get into a war of words with Virat Kohli during the upcoming four-Test home series as it might end up providing "extra motivation" to not just him but also his teammates.

The Border-Gavaskar Trophy will begin with a day-night encounter at the Adelaide Oval on December 17, followed by Tests at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (December 26), the Sydney Cricket Ground (January 7) and the Gabba (January 15).

"Sledging is not going to worry Virat Kohli, it doesn't work against the great players and you're better off leaving those guys alone," Waugh said in a video posted by ESPNcricinfo.

"I think any extra motivation will make them dig in more and get more runs. So you're better off not saying much to him."

Australia captain Tim Paine and his men were involved a spat with Kohli during India's last tour of Australia with ended with the visitors registering their first ever Test series (2-1) win Down Under.



Steve Smith was serving a ball-tampering ban the last time India toured Australia in 2018-19 and Waugh believes Kohli would want to outdo the former skipper this time.

"He (Kohli) is a world class player, he would wanna be the batsman of the series. Last time, he and Smith came up against each other in India, Smith really dominated with three hundreds and Kohli didn't get many.

"That would be at the back of his mind that last time he was outscored by Steve Smith," Waugh said.

"So, he will want to score lot of runs and if he does, India will have a great chance of winning."

Waugh feels Kohli is now much more in control as a player and would be keen to lead the team to a series win abroad.

"He has definitely matured, he was always excitable on the field, may be a little not in control. But now he is totally in control and he has got the team playing in his mode..." the former batsman said.

"He wants India to prove themselves away from home to justify the number one ranking. He has taken them to a level that may be they didn't get to before," he signed off.

Nadal close to elusive Paris title

AFF ■ PARIS

Rafael Nadal battled past Australian Jordan Thompson in straight sets to reach the Paris Masters quarter-finals on Thursday, as Diego Schwartzman moved within one win of securing an ATP Tour Finals debut.

Top seed Nadal got the better of Thompson 6-1, 7-6 (7/3) to set up a last-eight clash with fellow Spaniard Pablo Carreno Busta, who must win the title this week to have a chance of snatching the last Tour Finals spot from Schwartzman.

World number 61 Thompson missed a set point to force a decider in his first meeting with the 20-time Grand Slam champion.

"He started to serve well. I missed a couple of returns I shouldn't have," said Nadal. "It was close. I suffered until the end but I found a way to win the tie-break."

Nadal, who claimed his 1,000th career victory by beating Feliciano Lopez on Wednesday, is bidding for a first Paris indoors triumph which would draw him level with Novak Djokovic on a record 36 Masters titles.

The world number two



has still never failed to reach the quarter-finals at Bercy in his eight appearances despite only making the final once, when he lost to David Nalbandian in 2007.

Swiss veteran Stan Wawrinka made the quarter-finals with a comeback 1-6, 6-4, 6-3 win over in-form Andrey Rublev of Russia.

Rublev, who has a season-best 40 wins in 2020, had already made sure of his place at the ATP Finals.

Wawrinka will next face German fourth seed Alexander Zverev who defeated home hope Adrian Mannarino 7-6 (13/11), 6-7 (7/9), 6-4

Argentinian Schwartzman thrashed Alejandro Davidovich

Fokina in the third round.

The sixth seed raced to a 6-1, 6-1 victory in only an hour and will face third seed Daniil Medvedev in the quarter-finals after the Russians 5-7, 6-2, 6-2 win over Australia's Alex de Minaur.

Schwartzman will qualify for the Tour Finals if he wins that match or if Carreno Busta does not take the title.

The winner of Schwartzman and Medvedev could face Milos Raonic in the semis, after the Canadian saw off American world number 91 Marcos Giron 7-6 (7/1), 6-1.

Former Wimbledon runner-up Raonic will play French youngster Ugo Humbert in the quarters.

AFF ■ LONDON

Lille's Yusuf Yazici brought AC Milan and Zlatan Ibrahimovic down to earth with a bump on Thursday with all three goals in a 3-0 Europa League win over the seven-time European champions.

The 39-year-old Ibrahimovic had been one of the stories of the early part of the season after firing seven goals in four league games to take the Italian giants top of Serie A, but it was Yazici, who is yet to start in Ligue 1 this season, who stole the show with his hat-trick at the San Siro.

Yazici's goals put Lille, who are unbeaten in all competitions this season, one point ahead of Milan who lost for the first time since football returned from the first coronavirus lockdown.

Celtic are bottom of Group H after being hammered 4-1 at home by Sparta Prague.

"I thought we could be more dangerous, but against such a fast team once we went 2-0 behind the game got complicated. They punished us for every mistake," said Milan coach Stefano Pioli after his

side's 24-match unbeaten run came to an end. ("Ibrahimovic") was not satisfied with the team's performance nor his own."

HARRY KANE DO IT

English captain scores his 200th goal for Spurs in 3-0 away win against Braga; Lille stun high-flying AC Milan

from close range with 12 minutes remaining as Brendan Rodgers' went three points ahead of Braga at the top of Group G.

Fellow Premier League side Arsenal also maintained their 100 percent record with a 4-1 win over Molde.

Earlier, Harry Kane scored his 200th goal for Tottenham Hotspur as he helped fire Spurs top of Group J — level on six points with Royal Antwerp and LASK — with a 3-1 win at Ludogorets.

England captain Kane opened the scoring for Jose Mourinho's side with just 12 minutes on the clock when he headed home Lucas Moura's corner to bring up his double century of Tottenham goals in his 300th match for the club.

"I'm delighted with that and I probably could have scored a couple more in that 45 minutes," said Kane.

"It's a great milestone to reach and hopefully there are a few more to come."

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He collected his second with a long-range effort three minutes after the break before providing the low cross for Dennis Praet to tap home the third and end the match as a contest.

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Rangers were poised to make it three wins from three in Group D when they were 3-1 ahead at Benfica with 14 minutes remaining.

But despite losing Nicolas Otamendi to a straight red card with less than 20 minutes gone, two-time European champions Benfica fought back and in added time levelled when Darwin Nunez raced through and slotted home past Allan McGregor.

The pair are joined on seven points at the top of the group, four ahead of Lech Poznan who beat bottom side Standard Liege

3-1. Qarabag lost 2-0 at Sivasspor to remain rooted to the bottom of Group I.

Roma took control of Group A with a thumping 5-0 win over Cluj that put the leaders three points clear of the Romanians and Young Boys.

Fellow Italians Napoli also won, 2-1 at HNK Rijeka, to move level on six points with Group F leaders AZ Alkmaar and Real Sociedad.

La Liga leaders Sociedad beat Alkmaar 1-0, leaving the group on a knife edge with three matches remaining.

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Sunrisers Hyderabad batsman Manish Pandey lifts weight during gym session
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Sports presenter and Indian cricketer Stuart Binny's wife Mayanti Langer pays tribute to Cupa India for putting itself on the front line to make others lives better
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