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Ayodhya to get back its glory: Yogi

PNS ■ AYODHYA/LUCKNOW

Promising to make Ayodhya the Vedic city of ancient times, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that this city had suffered humiliations for several decades because of the negative thinking of some people but now it would stop and the temple town would get its long lost pride.

"Deepotsav has been celebrated for the last three years. Before that some people were afraid to even utter the name of Ayodhya. Now everything has changed. People want to come to this holy city," the chief minister said while addressing the state after the symbolic coronation of 'Shri Ram' at the Divya Deepotsav held in Ayodhya on Friday.

He said all the facilities of the devotees would be taken care of. "Till a few years ago, governments used to ban religious trips like Panchkoshi, 14-Kokhi and 84-Koshi parikramas while today facilities are being increased here. This is a matter related to our identity," he said.

Yogi Adityanath said that this moment of Shri Ram coming back from exile was very auspicious. He said Diwali was a festival for every Indian and it symbolised our pride and spiritual peace.

"The Ram temple at Ram Janmabhoomi symbolises our culture. Millions of people have sacrificed their lives for the construction of Ram temple. The wait of five-century is over now. We should be proud that we are living in such a period when the dream of the grand temple of Shri Ram is coming true," he said.

The chief minister said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had resolved to embody the concept of Ram Rajya by laying the foundation stone of the Ram temple in the coronavirus period. He said this determination would come true.

"Ram Rajya is a symbol of a society without discrimination. This is the basis of the policies of the Modi government at the Centre. Efforts like Ujjwala Yojana, Saubhagya Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana and construction of toilets are some of the works being done by the government which has helped people of all caste, creed and religion," he said.

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Ayodhya Deepotsav breaks Guinness record again

6,06,569 earthen lamps simultaneously light up the Saryu river banks in Ayodhya on Friday as part of the Deepotsav celebrations

PNS ■ AYODHYA/LUCKNOW

Ayodhya broke the Guinness World Record as 6,06,569 earthen lamps were simultaneously lit for about 45 minutes on Saryu river banks as part of the Deepotsav celebrations, casting a halo over the ancient city.

The flickering lights of diyas cast a glow on the Saryu river much to the delight of the visitors and the local residents who flocked to the river banks to celebrate the occasion.

Last year, Ayodhya had set a world record by lighting 4.09 lakh diyas during Deepotsav and this year the target was scaled up to lighting 5.51 lakh oil lamps.

Participating in the function, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath declared that 6,06,569 diyas were lit and it was possible only because of thousands of volunteers who toiled hard to ensure the success of this mission.

Government spokesman Shishir Kumar affirmed that the lamps set a world record and representatives from Guinness World Records handed over a certificate to the chief minister after monitoring the record with drone cameras.

District Magistrate of Ayodhya, Anuj Jha, said that over 8,000 volunteers, majority of them college students, worked tirelessly to ensure that the lamps burnt for the prescribed time so that the Guinness record could be eclipsed.

The administration had purchased over seven lakh lamps, one lakh of which were made of cow dung, from local artisans after which the diyas were placed on the river banks.

Throwing precaution of social distancing to the wind, lighting of lamps was carried out in 28 ghats. The lamps were also lit at major temples, markets and other historic places of Ayodhya.

"We have been working for the last three days and have arranged the diyas (earthen lamps) very systematically. We were imparted training on how to light the diyas without disturbing the symmetry," Saket College student Anita Chauhan said.

Anita said that the big challenge for them was to ensure that the lamps glowed for at least 45 minutes as it was mandatory for breaking the Guinness record.

"We ensured that oil was put continuously in these lamps so that they did not extinguish," she said.

Earlier, the scene of 'Treta yuga' was recreated on Friday when 'Lord Ram', along with 'Sita' and 'Laxman', in their 'Pushpak Viman' touched the grounds after a '14-year of exile'. The people waited with a bated breath to welcome 'Lord Ram' with the same zeal, devotion and enthusiasm that

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HAPPY Diwali
The offices of the Pioneer will remain closed on November 14 and 15 on account for Diwali. The next issue of the edition will appear on Nov 17

CAPSULE

LIFT BAN ON CHHATH PUJA, DELHI GOVT TOLD

New Delhi: Delhi BJP president Adesh Gupta on Friday asked the Arvind Kejriwal Government to honour the religious sentiments of people and lift the ban imposed on performing Chhath Puja, a festival, at public places and river banks in the national Capital.

PAK STOPS E-PAYMENT FOR INDIAN CONTENT

Karachi: The Pakistan Goverment has asked Pakistani banks to immediately ban online payments from this country for the subscription of electronic media content from India, according to a media report on Friday.

India retaliates, 8 Pak soldiers killed

Terror launch pads in Pak destroyed; 5 Indian jawans martyred, 4 civilians killed in Pak shelling

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Paying back Pakistan in the same coin, the Indian Army on Friday reportedly killed at least 7-8 Pakistan soldiers in strong retaliatory firing after four Indian soldiers, one BSF jawan and four civilians were killed and seven others received grievous injuries in heavy shelling by Pakistan across different sectors.

The report said that several Pakistan Army structures, including its ammunition and fuel dumps, were destroyed along the Line of Control (LoC) in Uri and Keran sectors of North Kashmir's Kupwara and Baramulla districts.

Radio intercepts tracked by the Indian Army across the LoC confirmed reports of heavy damages suffered by the Pakistan Army. Official sources revealed, two to three Special Service Group commandos of the Pakistan Army were also killed in India's counter attack.

On the Indian side, five Indian soldiers, including a BSF officer, attained martyrdom while four civilians were killed and seven others received injuries.

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To prevent the Pakistan Army from aiding a heavily armed group of infiltrators sneak into the Indian territory, some of the launching pads in the area were destroyed.

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Col Rajesh Kalia, a Srinagar-based Defence Spokesman in a written statement said, "Pakistan used mortars and other weapons and deliberately targeted civilian areas across multiple sectors of Uri and Keran in North Kashmir. The Indian Army retaliated strongly, causing casualties and substantial damage to Pakistan Army's infrastructure across the LoC. Several ammunition dumps, FOL dumps and multiple launch pads have been damaged."

According to reports, Pakistan initiated unprovoked ceasefire violations along the LoC spread across multiple sectors to include Dawar, Keran, Uri and Naugam. "Four Indian Army soldiers were killed in action and three soldiers injured," Col Kalia said, adding the nation salutes their supreme sacrifice. A BSF sub-inspector, hailing from Uttarakhand, was killed in action in Haji Peer sector.

In a separate statement, BSF spokesman said, "SI Rakesh Doval, 39, deployed at the force's artillery battery at the LoC in Baramulla was killed in action after he sustained head injury in the firing around 1315 hours".

Constable Vasu Raja sustained splinter injuries on his arms and cheeks. He was deployed at the same forward defended location, official sources said, adding the constable is stable.

"The Sub Inspector has made supreme sacrifice in line of duty while facing heavy ceasefire violation from the enemy. The sub-officer was a resident of Rishikesh in Uttarakhand and joined the border force in 2004," a senior officer of the force said.

The BSF works under the operational command of the Army at the LoC.

Following heavy mortar shelling, several houses suffered extensive damages on the Indian side. Two civilians were killed in Kamalkote sector, also in Uri, while a woman was killed in Balkote area in Haji Peer sector, official sources said.

Hospital authorities identified the slain civilians as Farooqa Begum, wife of Bashir Ahmad, Nadir Hussain, son of Peer Hussain and Tahir Jalaludin, son of Jalaludin all from Balkote Uri.

In Jammu region, ceasefire violation was also reported from Sawjiyan area of Poonch in which seven civilians including porters received injuries.

"Around 1.45 pm, the Pakistani Army initiated unprovoked ceasefire violation by firing with small arms and shelling with mortars along LoC in sector in Sawjian in Poonch," Defence Spokesman Lt-Col Devender Anand said, adding Indian troops retaliated in a befitting manner.

Before the tension mounted in the region, Defence spokesman Col Rajesh Kalia had claimed that Indian Army foiled an infiltration bid, which was aided by the ceasefire violation, along the LoC in the Keran sector on Friday.

"Suspicious movement was observed by our troops at the forward posts along the LoC in Keran sector (in north Kashmir's Kupwara district) today. The suspected infiltration bid was foiled by alert troops," he said.

This was the second infiltration attempt within a week. The earlier unsuccessful bid in Machil sector during the intervening night of November 7- 8 was foiled in which three terrorists were killed. Four Army soldiers, including a Captain, and a BSF jawan also lost their lives during the operation.

NDA MLAs to meet tomorrow to name Nitish as Bihar CM

PTI ■ PATNA

A joint meeting of the NDA legislature party will be here held on Sunday where Nitish Kumar will be elected as its leader, it was decided on Friday.

The decision was taken at an "informal" meeting of leaders of the four NDA constituents in Bihar — the JD(U), BJP, HAM and Vikassheel Insaan Party (VIP) at the residence of the Chief Minister.

"The meeting will start at 12:30 pm on Sunday, November 15 where all further decisions will be taken," the Chief Minister who also heads the JD(U) told reporters later.

As decks were cleared for the formation of a new Government in Bihar with Nitish Kumar as the Chief Minister, the JD(U) chief handing over to Governor Phagu Chauhan the resignation of his ministry and the recommendation to dissolve the State Assembly, officials said. The Governor accepted the resignation and asked Nitish to continue as the caretaker Chief Minister till the new NDA Government is sworn in.

"These formalities have to be completed before the formation of a new government. The cabinet's recommendations will be forwarded to the governor whose approval will be followed by other steps leading to the formation of a new government," Nitish said earlier.

Despite the BJP emerging as the largest party in the ruling alliance with 74 seats, 31 more than the JD(U), the top leadership of the saffron party, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has emphatically endorsed Nitish as the next Chief Minister.

He was declared the ruling coalition's CM candidate much before the election process had started. Though Nitish did not divulge more on what transpired during the meeting at his residence, sources said the issues discussed included the representation of each constituent in the cabinet and election of the Speaker.

PM may celebrate Diwali with soldiers on border

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to spend Diwali on Saturday with soldiers on the border. He may visit some forward bases in Rajasthan and Gujarat to boost the morale of the troops.

He will be continuing with his tradition of spending time with soldiers on Diwali ever since he took charge as the Prime Minister in 2014. This time round, Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat and Army Chief General MM Naravane may also accompany the Prime Minister, sources said here on Friday.

Navy chief Admiral Karambir Singh, meanwhile, celebrated Diwali with sailors in the strategically important Andaman and Nicobar Islands on Friday.

Since the stand-offs began with China in May and situation worsened after the June 15 brawl in which 20 Indian Army personnel were killed, the Navy has ramped up its operational readiness.

Its warships have stepped up patrolling in the strategically important Straits of Malacca near Andaman and Nicobar Islands. This move was obviously aimed at sending a message to China that the Navy can choke the Malacca Straits if need be. More than 70 per cent of energy supplies of China pass through this sea lane and it knows that India is in a very strong position there.

Moreover, the second phase of the Malabar exercise comprising four Quad nations next week may take place in the seas around Andaman and Nicobar. The first phase from November 3 to 6 was held off Visakhapatnam with the navies of India, US, Australia and Japan carrying out the drills.

The next phase may see India deploying its aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya while the US may deploy its nuclear powered aircraft carrier Nimitz. China had objected to the inclusion of Australia in the Malabar exercise claiming it will militarise the coalition and have an impact on the Indo-Pacific region.

In this backdrop, the Navy chief reviewed the operational readiness of the force during the visit to Port Blair. It also houses the tri-service command of Army, Navy and IAF.

The Navy said Singh visited INS Baaz , the naval air station located at Campbell Bay, Great Nicobar Island. The visit was aimed to express solidarity with personnel on the occasion of Diwali.

The tri-service command chief Lt General Manoj Pande briefed the Navy chief on the operational preparedness and infrastructure aspects of the Command, including readiness in the prevalent security scenario.

During his interaction with personnel at INS Baaz, the Navy chief acknowledged their contribution in keeping the strategically important base operational at all times. Personnel from Indian Army, Indian Air Force, Coast Guard, DSC and GREF, as well as Defence civilians were present during this occasion.

The geo-strategically located Air Station, INS Baaz, overlooks critical International Sea Lanes passing through the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).

The Airbase supports operations of a multitude of military aircraft, which enable surveillance over the Southern Bay of Bengal, South Andaman Sea, Malacca Straits and the Southern Indian Ocean.

INS Baaz provides Aid to Civil Authorities, including Casualty Evacuation, Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief and Search and Rescue and also serves as a supporting base for operational turn-around facilities of ships deployed in the Nicobar Group of Islands.

As regards the Prime Minister's likely visit, it may be mentioned here after assuming

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CM Yogi hands over promotion letters to 5,042 PAC personnel

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

After handing over promotion letters to 5,042 Provincial Armed Constabulary (PAC) constables at a function in Lucknow on Friday, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath exhorted them to be motivated and alert to face exigencies.

The promotion was part of a Diwali bonanza extended by the state government to PAC personnel and also to officers of Provincial Police Services (PPS) cadre.

An order in this regard was issued by the CM's Office on Thursday evening.

Addressing the PAC personnel, Yogi Adityanath said, "I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all PAC men for their promotion. I hope that together we can work for the betterment of the state and its people."

The chief minister further said, "The PAC forms the backbone of UP Police and the announcement made by the government during Diwali will not only boost their morale but also motivate them to do their duties sincerely. To keep the personnel motivated and on the alert, it is important to take care of their needs."

Besides the chief minister, Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Awanish Awasthi, Additional Chief Secretary (Information) Navneet Sehgal, DGP HC Awasthi and other senior officials of the Home and Police departments were present at the function.

Last week, the chief minister had restored the promotion of 896 PAC jawans, earlier demoted after an order of UP Police Establishment Board.

ADG (PAC) Binod Kumar Singh said that as per the order, 5,042 personnel were promoted from the rank of constable to head constable and 717 head constables were promoted to the rank of platoon commander.

Yogi stresses on caution during festivals

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath directed officials to be cautious and vigilant about COVID-19 infection in view of Deepawali and Chhath and people celebrating them collectively.

Chairing an Unlock meeting in Lucknow on Friday, the chief minister said that special efforts should be made to spread awareness about prevention from the infection by using various means of publicity.

For improving COVID-19 recovery rate in Lucknow, Kanpur Nagar, Varanasi and Meerut, the chief minister asked officials to further strengthen treatment facilities, continue Covid testing effectively and carry on surveillance more effectively.

Yogi Adityanath directed the Health and Medical Education departments to be more vigilant in view of the festivals. He said that emergency services of medical colleges, district hospitals, public health centres and community health centres should be proactive and effective during this period.

The chief minister also said that the quality of sweaters to be distributed to primary school students should be ensured and they be distributed before winters.

He sounded a warning for officials who were to be found negligent in their work and supervision.

Yogi Adityanath also stressed on ensuring safety of water tanks and asked officials to make necessary arrangements within a week. Directing Food, Co-operative and Agriculture departments to strengthen paddy purchase centres, the chief minister said that farmers should get maximum benefits of the maximum support price.

Directing officials to make effective efforts for employment generation, the chief minister directed them to prepare and implement an action plan and start the renovation of ponds under MNREGA scheme after Diwali and Chhath.

Emphasising on speeding up ongoing works of several expressways in the state, the chief minister said that efforts should be made to promote industrial and commercial activities along these on priority.

Yogi Adityanath also directed officials to ensure that all preparations were done timely for inauguration of Har Ghar Nal Yojana to ensure drinking water to every house of Vindhya region.

Yogi lights up artisans, pays for 'gift' products

Lucknow (PNS): A group of nine artisans from eastern UP were in for a pleasant surprise on Friday when they visited Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to present him with some Diwali gifts. Yogi Adityanath not only praised their art but bought their products by paying Rs 20,000.

"I cannot describe what this Diwali brought for us. It revived our traditional local art and left us with a pleasant experience to be cherished for life," said Hari Om Prajapati of Badhau Tola in Gorakhpur.

Prajapati further said, "It was a gesture from us to thank the chief minister for his concern towards our art. But to our surprise, he not only praised us but also paid us Rs 20,000 for the products." Similarly, an overwhelmed Garahura of Azamgarh was at a loss of words while describing his visit to the chief minister's official residence in Lucknow.

These artisans had come to Lucknow to sell their products at Mati Kala Fair organised by the Mati Kala Board under the MSME department.

The fair, being a hit, sold over 50 lakh items, all prepared by local artisans. On the last day of the fair on Friday, the artisans called on the chief minister to thank him for the government's support in reviving traditional arts and ensuring them profits. Following the mantra of 'Local for Diwali' this time, the Yogi government is sending ODOP gift baskets to President Ram Nath Kovind, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union ministers and other eminent persons. The intent is to spread awareness about the unique products of UP,. The gift basket will consist of 'Moonj' of Prayagraj, the famous terracotta idols of Lord Ganesha and Goddess Laxmi of Gorakhpur, Kalanamak rice of Siddharthnagar, silk stoll of Varanasi, chikan kurta of Lucknow, jaggery of Muzaffarnagar, wooden craft of Saharanpur, perfume of Kannauj, the famous aonla products of Pratapgarh' jari darzoji of Chandauli and brass bowl of Moradabad.

Black Diwali for youths, farmers this time: AKY

Lucknow (PNS): Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav charged that the myopic policies of the Yogi Adityanath government had ruined the careers of youth and they had never experienced such a Diwali in their lives.

"The indifferent attitude of the BJP government towards the people has rendered Diwali this year a black day. They had never faced such abysmal circumstances. The poor are not being heard anywhere. People are now eagerly waiting for the 2022 UP Assembly polls as they are confident their grievances would be redressed after a change in the regime," Akhilesh said.

The SP chief alleged that despite tall claims by the Yogi government, farmers were forced to make distress sale of paddy as they were unable to sell produce at procurement centres at minimum support price as these centres were either not working or being run by the middlemen.

"For most paddy farmers, Diwali is going to be like any other difficult day as the government has not done anything for those unable to sell paddy at procurement centres," he said. The former UP CM averred that the situation of paddy purchase in prime minister's Lok Sabha constituency Varanasi was also not good.

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

E-Procurement Tender Notice No. 20/57 — **E-Procurement Tender Notice** — Dated: 13.11.2020

On behalf of the President of India, **The Principal Chief Materials Manger, North Central Railway, Prayagraj, (An ISO 9001:2015 certified unit)** invites the following E-Procurement Tenders :-

S.N.	Tender No.	Description	Qty.	Tender Opening Date
1.	50204288 A	GI Octagonal Boom Set	663 Set	02.12.2020
2.	60205008 A	Fired Steam Boiler	01 Nos.	08.12.2020
3.	40205013	Cadmium Copper Catenary Conduct or Wire 65 SQ. MM	60 MT.	07.12.2020
4.	20203507 B	Spring loaded switch for head light	11 Nos.	04.12.2020

Note:-1. The complete information of above E-Procurement Tenders are available on IREPS website i.e. **http://www.ireps.gov.in. 2.** Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above Tenders. For this purpose, venders are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with class III digital signature certificates issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. **3.** Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall only be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in the any other form/letter head if attached by vender shall be straight away ignored and shall not be considered. **1222/2020 V**

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

No.: 230-Elec-OP-ET Notice-65-2020 — **E-Tender Notice** — Office of the Div. Rly. Manager Prayagraj
Dated: 06.11.2020

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer (OP), North Central Railway. Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invite the following E-Tender Two packet system (Packet I: Technical Bid and Packet: II Financial Bid) on prescribed form the details of the tenders are as under

SN	Tender No.	Name of work	Approximate Cost (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Date of opening of Tender
1.	65	Transportation of line boxes of Elect loco pilot of Goods train, cleaning of look out glass of locomotive, upkeeping of GMC lobby and office of the ADEE/OP/CNB & Sr. CC/TLC, walky talky management system at CNB and GMC lobby and crew booking at GMC for 02 years.	₹ 31937157.66	₹ 309700.00	07.12.2020

Cost of Tender Document (in Rs.): ₹ 10000.00, **Completion Period (In Months):** 24. **Note: (1)** The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders Two packet system (Packet I:Technical Bid and Packet: II Financul Bid) will be available on website **www.Ireps.gov.in** up to **14:30 hrs.** on **07.12.2020** the due date of tender opening. **(2)** This tender notice have also been uploaded on **www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in. (3)** In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of **IREPS** may be approached.

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Notice is hereby given by the undersigned for and on behalf of LIC Housing Finance Ltd. Area Office, Shahnazaf road, Lucknow pursuant to Circular No. 422/Annexure-E of LIC HFL that the Original sale dated 05.11.2008 executed Sharawan Kumar self and through power of attorney holder Pawan Kumar and Shiv Kumar and Smt. Vimal in favour of Ishwardeen S/o-Late Bhagga The said Sale deed in registered in the Office of Sub Registrar Ist Lucknow in Book No. 1, Volume 9519 on pages 129/162 Serial No. 12191 dated-05-11-2008 in respect to Plot No.5 Khasra No.1508, area 105.947 sq.mtr. Situated at Vill-Bijnor, Pargana-Bijnor, Distt.-Lucknow has been lost by its present owner Durgesh Kumar Singh S/o Lalji Singh has applied for housing loan for which has proposed the said property to be mortgaged by depositing aforesaid Original Sale dated- 05-11-2008 with LIC HFL and as such any person claiming to be the said property covered by the said document may file claim before me within 15 days from the date of publication of notice failing which it will be presumed that the property in question is free from any encumbrance and any claim in respect thereof against the applicant as mortgagee shall be void and ineffective after the lapse of 15 days of publication of the notice.

Mahendra Mohan Mishra, Advocate
Chamber : Shop No.4 & 5, Ground Floor, Krishna Tower, Near CMO Office, Kaiserbagh, Lucknow
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Notice is hereby given to the effect that movable properties described herein will be sold through e-auction.

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1.	**Dilip Dubey** S/o Umesh Chandra Dubey116/239 Rawatpur Gaon, Rawatpur, Kanpur **Branch :** Kanpur Shuklaganj **Balance Amount:** Rs. 4,93,594.70 + Interest due and other Expenses w.e.f. 15.06.2019	**Make/Type-** TATA Xenon Yodha **Vehicle No.-** UP78 DN5196 **Engine No.-** 4SPCR10ESY615787 **Chasis No.-** MAT464602HSE05157 **Body -** Loder	Rs. 2,70,000/- / Rs. 27,000/-	01.12.2020 upto 5.00 pm / 02.12.2020 Time 11.30 am to 12.30 pm (with unlimited extension of 5 min)

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

E-Tender Notice

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Principal Chief Electrical Engineer/N.C.Rly/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites the E- Tender, on prescribe form for the following work. The detail of the Tender is as under

Tender No.	Description of work	Advertised value	Earnest money	Tender document Cost	Completion period
EL-TRD-NCR-PRYJ-160 KMPH	Design, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning for OHE modification work in the existing 25 kV OHE for increasing speed potential to 160 KMPH on Ghaziabad (Excl.) - Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Nagar (Excl.) UP & DN main line of Prayagraj Division.	₹2742006916.82	₹10000000.00	₹ 0.00	18 months

Tender Closing date & Time: 21.12.2020 & 14:00 Hrs., **Bidding system:** Two Packet, **Note : 1.**The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders will be available from 00:00 Hrs. on 07.12.2020 and shall be available on Website **www.ireps.gov.in** upto 14:00 hrs. on the due date of tender opening, i.e. 21.12.2020. **2.** Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. For this purpose, Vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificate issued by CCA under IT Act-2020. **3.** Rates entered into financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/letter head, if attached by Vendors, shall be straightway ignored and shall not be considered. **4.** Document being attached should be signed by the Tenderer on its body. The Tenderer/s are required to submit/upload certificate mandatory in form of Annexure-'V' as mentioned in clause 6.1 of IRSGCC-2020. **5.**This tender notice has been uploaded on **www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in.** For detailed information, please refer the tender document uploaded on website **www.ireps.gov.in. 6.** Payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in respect of e-tendering shall be accepted through net banking or e-payment gateway only. **7.** In case of any difficulty, helpdesk on the website of IREPS may be approached. **8.**Tender can be submitted online upto 14.00 hrs. on 21.12.2020 and Tender will be opened thereafter. **9.** Suppliers of Goods and/or services would be subject to GST Act, and Rules as applicable from time to time. **10.**The Railway reserves the right to amend/postpone/cancel any tender/s without assigning any reason thereof. **1202/20(AN)**

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Standalone Unaudited Financial results for the quarter and half year ended 30th September 2020
(Rs. In Lakh except EPS)

	PARTICULARS	Quarter ending as on 30/09/2020 (Unaudited)	Quarter ending as on 30/06/2020 (Unaudited)	Quarter ending as on 30/09/2019 (Unaudited)	Half year ended on 30/09/2020 (Unaudited)	Half year ended on 30/09/2019 (Unaudited)	Year ending as on 31/03/2020 (Audited)
1	Income from operations	17.85	19.91	33.69	37.76	62.43	119.12
2	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	1.38	2.35	8.14	34.03	12.45	15.85
3	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	1.38	2.35	8.14	3.73	12.45	15.85
4	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	2.72	1.20	3.11	3.92	7.44	7.80
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (comprising Profit/ (Loss) for the period (after tax))	2.87	1.01	3.12	3.88	7.43	8.13
6	Equity Share Capital	224.90	224.90	99.90	224.90	99.90	224.90
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Balance Sheet of previous year)						133.27
8	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/-each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)						
	Basic:	0.12	0.06	0.31	0.17	0.74	0.49
	Diluted :	0.12	0.06	0.31	0.17	0.74	0.49

Notes:
1. The above financial result are reviewed by audit committee and thereby have been taken on records by board of Director in their meeting held on 12.11.2020.
2. Previous period figures have been re-grouped / reclassified whenever necessary to make them comparable with the current period figures.
3. The Company has considered the possible effects that may arise out of the still unfolding COVID-19 pandemic on the carrying amounts of property, plant & equipment, investments, inventories, trade receivables, etc. For this purpose, the Company has considered internal and external sources of information up to the date of approval of the Financial Results including credit reports and related information, economic forecasts, market value of certain investments etc. Based on the current estimates, the Company does not expect any significant impact on such carrying values. The impact of COVID-19 on the Company's financial statements may differ from that estimated as at the date of approval of Financial Results.
4. These result have been prepared in accordance with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rule 2015 (Ind As) prescribed under section 133 of the Companies Act 2013 and other recognised accounting practices and policies to the extent possible.
5. The company operates only in one segment

For and on behalf of the Board of
Sd/-
Naresh Kumar Chibba
Managing Director
Din: 00376963

Place : Noida
Date : 12.11.2020

ASSAM UNIVERSITY: SILCHAR
(A Central University)
Employment Notification No 4/2020 Dated 3rd November, 2020

Online applications are invited from the eligible Indian Citizens and Overseas Citizens of India (OCIs) for various Teaching positions at different department of this university at its HQ: Silchar & Diphu Campus as stated below:

Silchar : HQ

A. **Professor :** Agricultural Engineering(1,UR), Applied Science & Humanities(1,UR), Bengali(1,SC), Computer Science & Engineering (1,UR), Economics(1,UR), English(1,ST). Ecology & Environmental Science (1,UR), Education(3,1UR, 1SC, 1OBC), Hindi(1,SC), Life Science & Bioinformatics(1,SC), Law in law subjects(1,UR), Mathematics(1,SC), Mass Communication(1,ST), Netaji Subhash Centre(1,OBC-PWD-LV), Political Science(1,OBC), Sanskrit(1,EWS), Visual Arts(1,EWS), Women Study Centre(1,OBC).

B. **Associate Professor:** Arabic(1,EWS), Agricultural Engineering(1,PWD-OH), Applied Science & Humanities (1,UR), Bengali(1,ST), Business Administration(1,ST), Commerce(1,OBC), English(1,SC), Ecology & Environmental Science (1,OBC), Education(1,ST), Electronics & Communication Engineering(2,1UR, 1OBC), Foreign Language(1.SC), Hospitality & Tourism Management(2,UR), Life Science & Bioinformatics(1,0BC). Mathematics(1,ST), Mass Communication(1,UR), Microbiology(1OBC). Political Science(1,SC), Physics(1,ST), Sanskrit(1,UR), Sociology(1,UR)

C. **Assistant Professor:** Agricultural Engineering(2,0BC), Applied Science & Humanities (1,ST), Business Administration (2,1UR 1SC), Commerce(1,0BC), Computer Science(2,SC), Computer Science & Engineering(1,EWS), Economics(1,OBC), Earth Science(1,SC), History(2,1OBC, 1EWS), Hindi(1,UR) Hospitality & Tourism Management(1,UR), Life Science & Bioinformatics(1,UR-PWD-OH), Law(2, 1UR1,ST),Law-Non Law Subjects (Economics, 1ST, Mass Communication, 1PWD-VH), Mass Communication(2,UR), Pharmaceutical Science (2,1OBC,1EWS), Social Work (1,OBC), Urdu(1.PWD-HH), Visual Arts(1,SC)

Diphu Campus:

A. **Professor:** Geography (1, UR), Life Science & Bioinformatics (1, UR), Political Science (1, OBC).

B. **Associate Professor:** Geography (1, UR).

Pay matrix and Academic level of pay is admissible along with DA and other allowances as per MHRD (MOE) Government of India rules. Minimum qualification, Experience, Specialization, Reservation, Service Conditions, Age of Superannuation etc. are as prescribed by the University/UGC/ respective regulatory body like AICTE/NCTE/PCI and Government of India. The stakeholder may see the general instructions and other details available at www.aus.ac.in and http://assamu1.ucanapply.com. All eligibility criteria will be reckoned on the closing date of submission of online application.

Application Fee - Rs. 1000 (for General/OBC/EWS category). SC, ST and Women candidates are exempted from payment of application fees.

Note:

1. This advertisement is suppression of employment notification no 2/2019 dated 6.8.2019,3/2019 dated 7.8.2019 and 4/2019 dated 8.8.2019 against the posts for which selection and recruitment could not be made. The vacancies subsequently arisen due to superannuation etc are also included. The posts against which writ petition© No 7077/2019 is pending before the Honorable High Court of Gauhati are not included in this advertisement.
2. The applicants are requested to verify post codes carefully before submitting online application.
3. After successfully applying through online mode, the PDF downloaded application along with duly enclosed self-attested copies of all the required documents like proof of academic qualifications, experience, caste certificates & publications should reach to the **Assistant Registrar, Recruitment & Assessment Cell, Raja Rammohan Roy Administrative Building, Assam University, Silchar-788011, Cachar, Assam, India in a sealed envelope superscribed with the "POST CODE" and "NAME OF POST" by 14" December, 2020 at 5.00 pm.**
4. The closing date of submission of online application is 8" December, 2020 at 5.00 pm.

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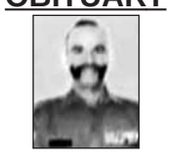

HAVILDAR RANJAN KUMAR PANDA
15 FEB 1975 - 15 OCT 2020

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Woman among three killed in road mishap

Lucknow (PNS): Three persons, including a woman, was killed in a road mishap near Amity College under PGI police station on Friday. The identity of two of the injured could not be identified. The deceased were identified as Ram Narayan, his daughter Poonam and her husband Vinod. Police said five persons left for SGPGI from Barabanki for Ram Narayan"s follow-up medical check up on Friday morning.

Eyewitnesses said the driver lost control of the vehicle after a speeding truck stopped all of a sudden and the car rammed into the divider before overturning. In another incident, a 35-year-old man, identified as Shashank Srivastava of Chanakyapuri in Ektanagar under Thakurganj police station, was killed while his wife Tripti injured as the ceiling of an under-construction room caved in around 4:30 pm on Friday. The couple were rushed to KGMU Trauma Centre with the help of locals but Shashank succumbed to injuries there.

Hooch claims 3 lives

Lucknow (PNS): Three villagers died after consuming spurious liquor in Banthra on Friday. Police had to used mild force to disperse irate villagers who had blocked Banthra-Mohan road in protest against the tragedy.

The deceased were identified as Raj Kumar alias Raju (30), Sunder Lal Rawat (38) and Mohammed Anis (28). Others who had to be hospitalised included Kanhaiya Lal, Abdul Hafiz, Kamal Rawat and Manoj Kori. The police detained a person, identified as Nankau, who was allegedly running the illegal distillery, and his business partner Manvendra Singh for interrogation. Raju's wife Reshma told the police that he bought liquor from Nankau on Thrusday evening and consumed it late in the night. He complained of acute pain in the stomach around 2 am. He was being taken to the nearby community health centre but he succumbed on the way. Sunder Lal Rawat had also purchased liquor from Nankau on Wednesday night and he took ill on Thursday morning. He was taken to a private nursing in Unnao but was referred to another hospital. He succumbed on in wee hours of Friday. Similarly, Anis also consumed liquor from the same outlet. His condition deteriorated on Thursday evening and he died on Friday.

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क्र. सं.	मूल आवंटी का नाम	भवन/भूखण्ड संख्या	योजना का नाम	मृत्यु दिनांक	मूल आवंटी के उत्तराधिकारी अथवा आवेदक का नाम	उत्तराधिकारी के पक्ष में अनापत्ति कर्ताओं के नाम	मूल आवंटी (मृतक) से सम्बन्ध
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	श्रीमती शान्ती देवी	भ०सं०–3/940 सेक्टर–3, जानकीपुरम विस्तार	जानकीपुरम विस्तार	10.07.2010	श्रीमती ज्योति	श्री राजकुमार (पिता)	पुत्री
2.	श्रीमती मिथलेश कुमारी एवं श्री भगवान स्वरूप श्रीवास्तव	भू०सं०–5/216 सेक्टर–5	जानकीपुरम विस्तार	05.04.2019	श्री भगवान स्वरूप श्रीवास्तव	———	पति
3.	श्री विकास सुमन	फ्लैट बी–2/204,	सी.जी. सिटी, सुल्तानपुर रोड	22.03.2020	श्रीमती प्रगति गौतम, अथर्व सुमन, कु० अनाहिता सुमन	नोट–सह आवंटी श्री सौरभ सुमन के साथ सह आवंटी विकास सुमन की मृत्यु होने की दशा में इनकी पत्नी श्रीमती प्रगति गौतम, पुत्र अथर्व सुमन व पुत्री अनाहिता सुमन संयौकिक प्रगति गौतम का नाम दर्ज किया जाना है।	पत्नी, पुत्र, पुत्री
4.	स्व० सुशील कुमार मौर्य	फ्लैट सं०–PS-4/705/A-1 विकल्प खण्ड	गोमती नगर	07.09.2020	श्रीमती सावित्री मौर्य	1. सुश्री निमिषा मौर्य 2. श्री आदित्य मौर्य, 3. श्री आर्यन मौर्य	पत्नी

उपर्युक्त नामान्तरण के आवेदन के सम्बन्ध में यदि किसी भी व्यक्ति को कोई आपत्ति हो तो वह साक्ष्य सहित प्रकाशन तिथि से **30 दिनों** के अन्दर अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के कार्यालय में प्राप्त करा दें। निर्धारित तिथि तक कोई आपत्ति प्राप्त न होने पर प्राधिकरण अभिलेखों में कॉलम–6 पर लिखित व्यक्ति का नाम दर्ज कर लिया जायेगा तथा उसके बाद किसी आपत्ति पर विचार नहीं किया जायेगा।

सचिव

चौ० चरण सिंह विश्वविद्यालय, मेरठ
दो गज दूरी ... मास्क है जरूरी ...

दीपोत्सव पर्व पर सभी को हार्दिक शुभकामनायें

कुलाधिपति आनन्दी बेन पटेल

कुलपति प्रो. एन. के. तनेजा

चौधरी चरण सिंह विश्वविद्यालय, राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र का एक महत्वपूर्ण विश्वविद्यालय है। पिछले 50 वर्षों में विश्वविद्यालय परिवार के समस्त सदस्यों ने अपनी गहन निष्ठा, मेहनत और भविष्य दृष्टि सँवारने का अथक प्रयास किया है। पौराणिक काल से ही महत्वपूर्ण यह क्षेत्र देश की आजादी के आंदोलन में भी अपनी महती भूमिका के कारण विख्यात रहा है। विश्वविद्यालय आधारभूत सुविधाओं की दृष्टि से प्रदेश और देश में अपना विशिष्ट स्थान रखता है। विद्यार्थियों को वर्तमान वैश्विक युग की आवश्यक्ताओं के अनुसार गुणवत्ता युक्त उच्च शिक्षा देने में प्रयत्नशील है। उच्च शिक्षा का जन–जन तक पहुँचाने के दायित्व का निर्वहन विश्वविद्यालय अपने सीमित संशाधनों में पूरी ईमानदारी व लगन से कर रहा है। यह विश्वविद्यालय लगभग 222 एकड़ भू–क्षेत्र में विकसित है, जिसमें पृथक–पृथक विभागीय शैक्षणिक भवन, नवीनतम उत्कृष्ट उपकरणों से समृद्ध प्रयोगशालाएं, आधुनिक सुविधाओं से युक्त पुस्तकालय, भव्य प्रेक्षागृह, विशाल प्रशासनिक भवन, सामुदायिक केन्द्र, चिकित्सालय, कम्प्यूटर केन्द्र, वातानुकूलित बृहस्पति सभागार, मूल्यांकान केन्द्र, आठ छात्रावास, अभियांत्रिकी व विद्युत विभाग के पृथक–पृथक भवन, डाकखाना, बैंक, रेलवे आरक्षण केन्द्र, क्रीडा भवन, कुश्ती स्टेडियम, विशेष रूप से विकसित किये गये विविध खेल मैदान तथा कोर्ट, तपोवन एवं साहित्य कुटीर आदि ढांचागत सुविधायें हैं।

उपलब्धियाँ

1. अनेक वर्षों से लम्बित नैक मूल्यांकन सम्पन्न एवं सम्मानजनक ग्रेड।
2. विश्वविद्यालय के समस्त प्रवेश ऑनलाइन सुनिश्चित एवं प्रक्रियाओं का सरलीकरण।
3. परीक्षाओं का समयबद्ध संचालन एवं शुचितापूर्वक संचरण, एवं सुव्यवस्थित तथा सुगठित रीति से दीक्षान्त समारोह का आयोजन।
4. शैक्षणिक विभागों में रिक्त आचार्य एवं सहायक आचार्य के पदों पर नियुक्त की प्रक्रिया पूर्ण हो चुकी है।
5. परिसर को रैगिंग–मुक्त प्रदूषण–मुक्त तथा धूम्रपान–मुक्त बनाना, जैविक खाद निर्माण द्वारा कूड़ा निस्तारण योजना का क्रियान्वयन।
6. विश्वविद्यालय परसिर में सी.बी.सी.एस. के माध्यम से शिक्षण प्रारम्भ एवं शैक्षिणिक विभागों के शोध व अध्ययन हेतु कतिपय विदेशी संस्थानों तथा भारत के अन्य अनुसंधान केन्द्रों के साथ अनुबन्ध।
7. प्रशासनिक, अकादमिक, वित्तीय तथा विधायी प्रक्रियाओं का क्रमबद्ध सरलीकरण।
8. शैक्षणिक विभागों में अध्ययन, अध्यापन एवं अनुसंधान पर विशेष ध्यान।
9. अकादमिक गुणवत्ता सुनिश्चयन हेतु प्रकोष्ठ का पुनर्गठन एवं नियमित क्रियाशीलता को प्रोत्साहन।
10. विश्वविद्यालय परिसर में छात्र/छात्राओं के सर्वांगीण विकास हेतु स्पिकमैके संस्था के संयुक्त तत्वाधान में शास्त्रीय/लोकसंगीत के आयोजन तथा साहित्यिक सांस्कृतिक परिषद् की पहल पर महापुरूषों की जयन्ती के अकादमिक एवं सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम।
11. पीएच.डी प्रवेश परीक्षा उत्तीर्ण छात्रों का प्री–पीएच.डी कोर्सवर्क में प्रवेश तथा अर्ह छात्रों का शोध पंजीकरण।
12. विभिन्न प्रशासनिक तथा अकादमिक समितियों का पारदर्शी पुनर्गठन।
13. सम्बद्धता के सभी लम्बित प्रकरणों पर त्वरित निर्णय।
14. विश्वविद्यालय परिसर में चालीस वर्षा जल संग्रहण संयंत्र स्थापति किये गये एवं अनुसंधान के क्षेत्र में पं0 दीनदयाल उपाध्याय शोधपीठ।
15. शैक्षणिक विभागों में पाठय् समिति तथा शोध उपाधि समिति की बैठक का आयोजन।
16. विश्वविद्यालय परिसर में सौर ऊर्जा सन्यत्रण द्वारा 1260 किलोवाट विद्युत का उत्पादन।
17. स्वामी विवेकानन्द की 12 फीट की धातु की मूर्ति का लोकार्पण।
18. विश्वविद्यालय में छात्रों की समस्यों के निस्तारण हेतु Online Grievance Redressal System की शुरूआत।
19. सहारनपुर राज्य विश्वविद्यालय की स्थापना के लिए 100 करोड़ रुपये जारी किये।

Study Programmes on the Campus

State Funded Courses :- Genetics & Plant Breeding (Ag. Batany) Botany, Chemistry, Economics-(MA, M.phil & Ph.D.), Education (M.Ed.,M.Phil, Ph.D.), English (MA, M.Phil, Ph.D.), Hindi, History, Horticulture, Mathematics, Microbiology, B.Sc. Food Microbiology, Safety & Quality Control, Phychology, Sanskrit, Statistics, Urdu, Zoology (Toxicology), Foreign Languages (Russian, German, French), B.Tech, Geography (PG), Physical Education (BP.Ed, MP.Ed, Yoga), Political Science

Self Finance Cources :- Institute of Business Studies (MBA, BBA, BBA (HA), B.Com, (Hon's), M.Com, MBA (Hospital Administration), MCA, Biotechnology, Home Science (Human Development Food Nutrition), Food Science & Technology (Plant Protection, Entomology, & Plant Pathology), Seed Science & Technology, BJMC, MJMC, M.Phil (MJMC), Fine Art, Law (BA -LLB, LLM), Environmental Science, Geography (PG Diploma in GIS), Library Science (B.Lib, M.Lib), Sociology (MSW), Master of Public Administration (MPA), Diploma in Psychological Counselling, Vedic Math, Applied Microbiology, Medical Microbiology, Bioinformatics, Polymer Science, & Chemical Technology, M.Sc (Bio-Chemistry), B.Sc. Chemistry (Hon's).

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सुशील कुमार गुप्ता — वित्त अधिकारी
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Covid cases cross 300-mark second day on trot

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

On the second day in succession, Covid cases crossed the 300-mark in Lucknow on Friday after a brief lull. Besides, 250 patients recovered, taking the recovery figures to 62,438 while the death toll has climbed to 930. The new patients included 24 from Gomtinagar, 22 from Indiranagar, 21 from Rae Bareli road, 20 from Cantt, 19 from Ashiyana, 16 from Vikasnagar, 14 from Hazratganj, and 11 each from Jankipuram & Aliganj. There were five deaths in the city and only one of the deceased belonged to Lucknow. There were two deaths at KGMU and the deceased included a 69-year-old man from Lucknow and a 79-year-old man from Balrampur.

Across the state, 2,183 persons tested positive, including 166 in Meerut, 134 in Gautambuddh Nagar and 171 in Ghaziabad, taking the UP tally of cases to 5,05,426. The states registered 25 deaths, including four in Kanpur, three in Meerut, two each in Prayagraj & Varanasi, and one each in Ghaziabad, Ayodhya, Barabanki, Lakhimpur Kheri, Muzaffarnagar, Jaunpur, Mathura, Etawah, Basti & Mau, taking the toll 7,327.

Meanwhile, as many as 13 transit teams will be testing people coming from the NCR at bus & railway stations and airport for effective containment of coronavirus spread in in the festive period. A senior official at the CMO office said it was being done because there was a spike in the cases in the NCR region, which is not so much in other parts of the country.

These teams will be screening and testing people in a random manner and will be supported by police. The official said it's not possible to check each and every person but that the circulation of virus can still be caught by random checking.

He said there is indeed risk of increase in the number of cases because of huge crowd in market areas. "As per the directives of the district magistrate, samples are being collected from crowded places while social distancing has to be implemented as far as possible while people have to necessarily mask up," he said. The official said the number of persons testing positive on Thursday were more because more tests were carried out.

In a meeting, District Magistrate Abhishek Prakash said the period between November 13 and November 15 is very sensitive in terms of coronavirus infection and all the officials have to work extremely hard to prevent its spread.

The DM reviewed contact tracing and testing being carried out in Lucknow, and said both antigen and RTPCR testing should be increased. He also called for a meeting of all the rapid response teams.

He issued directions for inspection of Covid hospitals to make sure there is a proper triage. He added that strict action will be taken against all the hospitals which have not maintained a proper triage area.

The DM said members of traders' organisations should ensure testing within their community. "Extra surveillance teams should carry out rapid antigen testing of people at ghats, sweet shops, bakeries and crowded places in general," the DM said.

He added that the nodal officers should take stock of community health centres and fill the gaps, if any. It should also be checked if Covid-19 protocols are being adhered to.

Meanwhile, People's Health Organisation (PHO) secretary Ishwar Gilada said 10 months into the global pandemic, India has done 12.3 crores RTPCR and antigen tests.

"However, what is lacking is the better understanding and applicability of antibody tests. The Central government has decided to use it only for surveillance purposes by doing a few thousand tests each month for the last six months. Without undermining the importance of RTPCR tests; which is considered gold standard in diagnosis of Covid-19 globally, time has come to widen the usage of antibody test that is easier and cheaper to perform but provide vast insights that can be crucial in managing the pandemic and brining the society back on track," he stressed. He said that the advantages of rapid antibody test is that it can help get people, including those with comorbidities, back to work. Gilada said it can help in surgery, dialysis, chemotherapy, delivery because if rapid antibody test result comes out positive, there is no need to do RT-PCR and wait for such procedures.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

DRM/Engineering/Northern Railway/Lucknow acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites following E-Tenders closing date 15.12.2020 at 15:00 hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. **Manual offers are not allowed against this tender,** and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money **only through online payment modes** available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

1.		N.I.T No.	05202020 dated 13.11.2020
2.	Name of work	1.	Construction of Boundary wall along with Railway Land in connection with Mission Raftar at various locations in LKO-CNB Section from KM 2.00 to 26.00 under ADEN-II-LKO. (Two Packet system).
3.	Approximate Cost	1.	Rs. 16,95,17,080.26
4.	Earnest Money	1.	Rs. 9,97,600.00
5.	Completion Period	For S.No. 01	Fifteen Months from the date of issue of acceptance letter
6.	Bidding Start Date	01.12.2020	
7.	Tender Closing Date and Time	15.12.2020 at 15:00 hrs.	
8.	Website	www.ireps.gov.in	

Note: Other detail of this work is available at above website. 2544/20

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

LMC bonds worth ₹200 crore make debut on BSE

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

After the announcement by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Investors Summit in Lucknow in 2018, the Uttar Pradesh government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, took it as a challenge to float the first municipal bond in north India under AMRUT scheme.

Lucknow Municipal Corporation successfully launched its historic municipal bond issue at Bombay Stock Exchange on Friday.

A senior LMC official said the total bond issue of Rs 200 crore (including green shoe option) was oversubscribed by 4.5 times (Rs 450 crore) and closed at an attractive coupon rate of 8.5% for a ten-year bond, which is a record, particularly in times of Covid-19.

He said it is a historic occasion as it is the first municipal bond issue from north India and the first from UP after the launch of AMRUT scheme.

"The considerable investor interest evinced by significant oversubscription of this bond issue is indicative of an improving economic environment. It follows the pioneering trend set by Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation, which issued the first municipal bond for Rs 100 crore without state government guarantee to finance infrastructure projects in January, 1998. The UP government and Centre have extended their full support to this issue which marks a paradigm change in urban governance and will trigger more market-oriented and transparent local administration," the official said. He said that the bond issue from LMC is rated 'AA' by India Ratings and 'AA(CE)' by Brickwork Ratings.

The proceeds of the issue are proposed to be invested in a water supply project being implemented under AMRUT scheme and a housing project. The tenure of the bond is 10 years and it is structured as a 'strip' bond with 7 STRRPs (A to G) and principal repayment to happen in seven equal annual payments from the fourth year to tenth year.

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता 44 वॉ वि0/यॉ0 वृत्त, लो0नि0वि0, वाराणसी

पत्रांक–1430/निविदा सूचना (अयो0क्षे0)–44/2020–21 **अल्पकालीन ई–निविदा सूचना** दिनांक 10/11/2020

1. महामहिम राज्यपाल, उत्तर प्रदेश की ओर से निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु ऑनलाइन निविदा http://etender.up.nic.in के माध्यम से दिनांक 21.11.2020 से दिनांक 28.11.2020 दोपहर 12.00 बजे तक आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा की तकनीकी बिड दिनांक 28.11.2020 अपरान्ह 12.30 बजे अधोहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय में उपस्थित आथराइज्ड फर्म/प्रतिनिधि के समक्ष अधोहस्ताक्षरी द्वारा गठित समिति के सदस्यों द्वारा ऑनलाइन खोली जायेगी। कार्यालय बन्द होने अथवा छुट्टी होने की दशा में बिड उसी क्रम एवं समयानुसार अगले कार्य दिवस में खोली जायेगी। कार्य का विवरण तथा शर्तें निम्नवत् है :–

क्र0 सं0	कार्य का नाम	कार्य की अनुमानित लागत (लाख रू0 में)	धरोहर धनराशि (लाख रू0 में)	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि	निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य व जी0एस0टी0 सहित (रू0 में)	निविदा हेतु पात्रता
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	बाराबंकी के हैदरगढ विकास खन्ड में पुराने बस स्टेशन का पुनःनिर्माण (विद्युतीकरण) कार्य।	9.35	0.94	4 माह	500.00 + 225.00+GST (Total 766.00)	लो0नि0वि0 में विद्युत कार्यो हेतु 'ए' श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदार

निविदा से सम्बन्धित नियम/शर्ते तथा विवरण http://etender.up.nic.in पर उपलब्ध है।

(अखिलेश कुमार) अधिशासी अभियन्ता
विद्युत/यांत्रिक खण्ड लो0नि0वि0, अयोध्या

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Gold, diamond worth ₹20 cr sold

Huge crowd in Bhootnath market on the eve of Diwali Pioneer

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

With the celebrations of Dhanteras continuing on Friday, Lucknow witnessed cumulative sales of gold and diamonds Rs 20 crore. Organising secretary, Lucknow Sarrafa Association, Adheesh Jain said the sales were better on the first day of Dhanteras as compared to the second day. He said that diamond, silver and gold weighing 35 kg were sold. "It matches the sales of last year when we sold Rs 20 crore worth of gold but the weight of gold sold last year was 45 kg. The cost of gold is approximately Rs 53,000 per 10 gm currently and it impacted the weight," he said, adding the crowds were not huge. "Brisk sales were witnessed only till 3 pm, after which the markets turned dull," Jain said.

President of Metals Merchant Association and Lucknow Vyapar Mandal Harish Chandra Agarwal said the utensil market was dull on the second day of Dhanteras. "Most of the people had purchased utensils on Thursday night itself. The cumulative sales of utensils were Rs 9 crore," he pointed out.

Meanwhile, the state capital is all set for Diwali celebrations in the pandemic times. However, the effect of ban on sale and bursting of firecrackers showed on the eve of Diwali. There was huge rush in markets as the surge of buyers continued from morning till night for all kinds of items, including sweets, garments, puja material etc. Traffic snarls were witnessed in markets, with people openly flouting Covid-19 precautions. Social distancing appeared to be the last thing on the mind of shoppers. Even though the crowds were huge in the markets, most of the people admitted that they will be celebrating the festival at home with near and the dear ones. A resident of Mahanagar said she did not buy several clay toys, pots and designer diyas for the fear of coronavirus.

On Friday, Lucknow Nagar Nigam organised 'Gomai Deepotsav' at Jhulelal Vatika in which one lakh diyas made from cow dung collected from Kanha Upvan were lighted. Municipal Commissioner Ajay Kumar Dwivedi said the aim was to celebrate Diwali in environment-friendly way. Meanwhile, the IIM- L alumni community collected funds for Covid-affected mess workers as well as others as they have lost their source of livelihood due to prolonged closure of the institute. The alumni community and IIM-L will come together to remove the darkness and to usher in a new beginning and celebrate hope. The alumni of PGP Batch of 2014 have gifted 2400 eco-friendly ghee diyas which will be lighted on the campus on the occasion of Diwali.

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322, 3rd FLOOR, SHAHEED BHAGAT SINGH PLACE, GOLE MARKET, NEW DELHI -110001

e-procurement Tender Notice

Sub:- Proposed Bus Terminus cum Commercial Complex near Shivaji Stadium.
SH: Construction of Bus Terminus Cum Commercial Complex near Shivaji Stadium.
ID:- 2020_NDMC_196562_1

Estimated cost	: Rs. 52,82,84,838.00
Date of release of tender through e-procurement solution	: 10.11.2020
Date and time for pre-bid meeting in the office of CE(C-II) Palika Kendra on	: 17.11.2020 at 3.30 P.M.
Last date/time for receipt of tenders through e-procurement solution	: 25.11.2020 at 4.00 PM.

Further details can be seen at https://www.govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in

Note:- (i)To participate in e-tender in NDMC registration with application services provider (NIC) is mandatory.
(ii) Kindly note that any change shall be communicated only through e-procurement system.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (BM-II)

Office of The Executive Engineer Maintenance Division No. 1 (Civil) P.W.D., Lucknow

No.- 2432/Tender/2020 **Re-Inviting Short Term E-Tender Notice 2020** Date : - 12-11-2020

The E.E. Maintenance Division No.-1(Civil). U.P.P.W.D., Lucknow on behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh invites the percentage rate bids online from the eligible and approved Contractors registered with UP PWD, in class A/B/C/D in Building Category for the following work-

SL. No.	District	Name of work	Estimated cost (Rs.)	Bid Security (Rs.)	Cost of Document (in Rs.)	Time Completion of work.	Address of Executive Engineer	Address of Superintending Engineer	Address of Chief Engineer
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Lucknow	Converting of Store room to Junior Engineer room office of the Assistant Engineer (Civil) and repairing work of Kitchen, bathroom in office of the Electrical at Raj Bhawan Campus, Lucknow.	5.17	0.52	725.00	03 Month	EE., Maintenance Division no.- 1 (Civil), P.W.D. Lko.	S.E., 39th circle, P.W.D. Lko.	Chief Engineer (Building), P.W.D., Lucknow
2	Lucknow	Construction of damaged boundary wall in lawn of Awas no. J-20 and other work at Raj Bhawan, Lucknow.	2.13	0.22	650.00	03 Month	EE., Maintenance Division no.- 1 (Civil), P.W.D. Lko.	S.E., 39th circle, P.W.D. Lko.	Chief Engineer (Building), P.W.D., Lucknow
3	Lucknow	Fixing of G.I. shed on open stairs side in Gulmohar Colony at Raj Bhawan Campus, Lucknow.	3.65	0.37	650.00	03 Month	EE., Maintenance Division no.- 1 (Civil), P.W.D. Lko.	S.E., 39th circle, P.W.D. Lko.	Chief Engineer (Building), P.W.D., Lucknow
4	Lucknow	Reconstruction of damaged water disposal drain in Gulmohar Colony at Raj Bhawan Campus, Lucknow.	9.06	0.91	725.00	03 Month	EE., Maintenance Division no.- 1 (Civil), P.W.D. Lko.	S.E., 39th circle, P.W.D. Lko.	Chief Engineer (Building), P.W.D., Lucknow
5	Lucknow	Outer and inner surface plastering and painting work at Main Building, Raj Bhawan periphery, Raj Bhawan, Lucknow.	12.36	1.24	725.00	03 Month	EE., Maintenance Division no.- 1 (Civil), P.W.D. Lko.	S.E., 39th circle, P.W.D. Lko.	Chief Engineer (Building), P.W.D., Lucknow

Notice inviting tenders and bid document with detailed terms and conditions will be available online on website http://otonder.up.nic.in from 18.11.2020 to 24.11.2020. upto 12:00 Noon. Bid must be submitted online only at e-tendering portal of http://otondor.up.nic.in on or before 24.11.2020. at 12.00 Noon. Bids received online will be opened on 24.11.2020 at 12:30 P.M.

UP- 157017 Date 13.11.2020 विज्ञापन वेबसाइट www.upgov.nic.in पर उपलब्ध है।

(A.K. Mishra) Executive Engineer
Maintenance Division No.-1 (Civil), P.W.D., Lucknow

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल गोण्डा
ई–टेन्डरिंग निविदा सूचना

अनुभवी फर्मों/ठेकेदारों से निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु सीलबन्द निविदायें दो भागों में दिनांक 10.12.2020 को 14.00 बजे तक आमन्त्रित की जाती है। (1) ई–निविदा संख्या 61/ई0टी0सी0(गोण्डा)/2020–21: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, बहराइच के अन्तर्गत 132 के0वी0 बहराइच(220 के0वी0)–बहराइच लाइन के मध्य अर्थवायर की रिस्ट्रिंजिंग सम्बन्धी कार्य। धरोहर राशि रू0 2000.00 निविदा भाग–1 खुलने की तिथि 10.12.2020 को 15:00 बजे, निविदा प्रपत्र मूल्य रू0 236.00 (कर सहित)। (2) ई–निविदा संख्या 62/ई0टी0सी0(गोण्डा)/2020–21: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, बहराइच के अन्तर्गत 132 के0वी0 कर्नलगंज–कैसरगंज लाइन के कॉरीडोर में आने वाले पेड़ों की कटाई–छटाई सम्बन्धी कार्य। धरोहर राशि रू0 2000.00 निविदा भाग–1 खुलने की तिथि 10.12.2020 को 15:00 बजे, निविदा प्रपत्र मूल्य रू0 236.00 (कर सहित)। (2) ई–निविदा संख्या 63/ई0टी0सी0(गोण्डा)/2020–21: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, बहराइच के अन्तर्गत 132 के0वी0 बहराइच (220 के0वी)–कैसरगंज लाइन के कॉरीडोर में आने वाले पेड़ों की कटाई–छटाई सम्बन्धी कार्य। धरोहर राशि रू0 2000.00 निविदा भाग–1 खुलने की तिथि 10.12.2020 को 15:00 बजे, निविदा प्रपत्र मूल्य रू0 236.00 (कर सहित)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क(नान रिफन्डेबिल) एवं ई0एम0डी0 अधिषासी अभियन्ता, विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, गोण्डा के बैंक खाते में (बैंक का नाम–पंजाब नैशनल बैंक, खाता सं– 0181002100120697, आईएफएससी कोड–PUNB0018100) आर0टी0जी0एस/एनईएफटी के माध्यम से निविदा की अंतिम अपलोड तिथि से एक दिन पूर्व तक जमा की जायेगी तथा बैक में जमा किये जाने का साक्ष्य यथा योज्य यू0टी0आर0 सं0, खाते का नाम निर्गतकर्ता बैंक अधिकारी द्वारा हस्ताक्षरित एवं निविदादाता द्वारा प्रतिहस्ताक्षरित पे इनस्लिप की स्कैन्डप्रति, ईएमडी के लिए बैंक गारण्टी की स्कैण्ड कापी, जारीकर्ता बैंक के कन्फरमेशनमेल की प्रति भी निविदाप्रपत्रों के साथ इलेक्ट्रानिकली 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 (पैन कार्ड, इन्कमटैक्स रिटर्न, जी0एस0टी0 पंजीकरण की स्वयं प्रमाणित छायाप्रति एंव तकनीकी अनुभव इत्यादि), संलग्न करना अनिवार्य है। धरोहर राशि/निविदा शुल्क जमा न होने अथवा किसी प्रकार की त्रृटि होने पर निविदा का भाग–2 जिसमें दरें दी जानी है, नही खोली जायेगी। भाग–2 में दरें एंव वाणिज्यक नियम व शर्ते 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 रिफन्डेबिल) एवं धरोहर धनराशि पुनः जमा की जानी अनिवार्य होगी, अन्यथा कि स्थिति में निविदादाता द्वारा प्रस्तुत निविदा को स्वतः निरस्त समझा जायेगा। निविदा का भाग प्रथम एंव द्वितीयः–(प्राइजबिड दरें एवं शर्तें) दिनांक 10.12.2020 को 14.00 बजे तक www.etender.up.nic.in पर अपलोड की जा सकती हैं। निविदा का प्रथम भाग दिनांक 10.12.2020 को 15.00 बजे एवं भाग–2 (प्राइज पार्ट) निविदा शुल्क एवं धरोहर धनराषि 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/विभाजित करने का अधिकार अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के पास सुरक्षित रहेगा। धरोहर/निविदा राशि रहित व सशर्त निविदायें स्वीकार नहीं की जायेगी। कृपया विस्तृत जानकारी, डाउनलोड, अन्य संशोधनों एंव 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, गोण्डा** संख्या–2235/वि0पा0म0/गोण्डा/ई–टेण्डर नं0–61 से 63/2020–21 Dt: 12.11.2020 "राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचायें"

Festival Special Trains between Dehradun and Howrah

To clear the extra rush of passengers the following fully reserved festival special trains will be run between **Dehradun** and **Howrah** as per following programme :

04310/04309 Dehradun-Howrah-Dehradun Festival Special Express

04310 Arr.	04310 Dep.	STATIONS	04309 Arr.	04309 Dep.
–	22.10	↓ Dehradun	18.05	–
08.00	08.15	Lucknow	07.12	07.32
12.55	13.05	Varanasi Jn.	01.40	01.50
23.25	23.30	Jhajha	18.10	18.15
02.15	02.20	Asansol	15.30	15.35
05.30	–	Howrah ↑	–	13.00

These trains will also stop at Haridwar Jn., Najibabad Jn., Moradabad, Rampur, Bareilly, Shahjahanpur, Hardoi, Sultanpur, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Patna Jn., Mokameh Jn., Kiul Jn., Jasidih Jn. and Barddhaman stations enroute. **Dates of Run : From Dehradun –** 13/11, 14/11, 17/11 & 18/11/2020 = 4 trips and **From Howrah –** 15/11, 16/11, 19/11 & 20/11/2020 = 4 trips. **Composition :** AC-3 tier – 1, Sleeper class – 8, General 2nd class – 7 and SLRD – 2 = 18 coaches. **Category :** Express.

Booking of **04309** (Howrah-Dehradun) Special trains will be available from **14.11.2020 at 8.00 AM** through PRS & Internet. **Features :** (1) Special charges for Special trains will be levied. (2) Seats in GS/SLR coaches will be booked as 2S class. (3) Concessional booking is **not** allowed.

Chief Commercial Manager/PM — Chief Passenger Transportation Manager

EASTERN RAILWAY

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संख्या : ई–325/2020(इक्यूपमेण्ट)–1 **अल्पकालिक ई-निविदा सूचना** दिनांक–नवम्बर 10, 2020

उ0प्र0 पुलिस रेडियो विभाग द्वारा Accessories for Functional old Radio & Installation Material जिसका विवरण बीओक्यू में अंकित है, को क्रय किये जाने हेतु अल्पकालिक ई–निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है जिसके टेण्डर फीस एवं प्रतिभूति राशि का विवरण निम्नवत् है:–

आइटम नं0	उपकरण/उपकर्मिका नाम	प्रतिभूति धनराशि (ई0एम0डी0)	निविदा फीस (डिमाण्ड ड्राफ्ट द्वारा)	सम्पूर्ति का स्थान
1	2	3	4	5
1	Accessories for Functional old Radio & Installation Material	रू0 17,500/–	रू0 2,600/-+ Taxes (18%) जीएसटी	उ0प्र0 पुलिस रेडियो मुख्यालय लखनऊ

उक्त निविदा के बिड डाक्यूमेण्ट्स का विस्तृत विवरण उ0प्र0 सरकार की वेबसाइट http://etender.up.nic.in एवं उ0प्र0 पुलिस की वेबसाइट http://uppolice.gov.in पर उपलब्ध होगें। इच्छुक निविदादाता उ0प्र0 सरकार की वेबसाइट http://etender.up.nic.in पर ही अपनी निविदाएं आन–लाइन सबमिट/अपलोड कर सकते हैं। उक्त निविदाओं की समय सारिणी निम्नवत् है

1	बिडर्स द्वारा अपलोडिंग प्रारम्भ की तिथि	दिनांक 17.11.2020 को 1100 बजे
2	बिडर्स द्वारा अपलोडिंग की अन्तिम तिथि	दिनांक 27.11.2020 समय 1200 बजे तक
3	तकनीकी निविदा खोलने की तिथि (Online)	दिनांक 27.11.2020 समय 1300 बजे
4	उपकरणों एवं उपकर्मिकाओं के प्रदर्शन की तिथि	दिनांक 01.12.2020 (सम्भावित)
5	वित्तीय भाव पत्र खोलने की तिथि (Online)	दिनांक 07.12.2020 समय 1100 बजे (सम्भावित)

उ0प्र0 156965, दिनांक–12.11.2020
विज्ञापन वेबसाईट www.up.gov.nic.in पर उपलब्ध है।

उप महानिरीक्षक (पुलिस दूरसंचार) प्राविधिक
उ0प्र0 पुलिस रेडियो मुख्यालय, महानगर-लखनऊ

Woman cop, aide accused of killing journalist

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

The mutilated body of a journalist with a Hindi daily was recovered from the railway tracks in Unnao on Thursday night.

After the victim's family accused a woman sub-inspector and some other cops of murdering him and making it look like an mishap, a case was registered against the accused and investigations were on.

As per reports, journalist Suraj Pandey got a call around 9 am on Thursday after which he left his home to meet the caller. When he did not return till late in the evening, his kin called him up on his cell phone which was found to be switched off. Later, his mutilated body was found on the rail tracks in Sadar Kotwali area on Thursday night. The victim's mother, Lakshmi, said that Suraj was friendly with sub-inspector Sunita Chaurasia and the latter used to visit their house.

She further claimed that on Wednesday, constable Amar Singh called Suraj on his phone and spoke to him indecently after mentioning Sunita Chaurasia and also threatened him with dire consequences. The complainant further alleged that Suraj got a call on his phone at 9 am on Thursday and left home to meet the caller but later disappeared. She suspected that Sunita Chaurasia, Amar Singh and another person might have killed Suraj and later dumped his body on the tracks to make it look like a mishap.

Circle Officer (City) Gaurav Tripathi said that the charges were being looked into and the autopsy report was awaited to check on ante mortem injuries and cause of death.

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EXTRACT OF FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPT, 2020

(Rs. In lacs except per share data)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Half year ended 30/09/2020	Half year ended 30/09/2019	Year eneded 31/03/2020
1	Total income from operations	5260.21	4979.84	10035.33
2	Net Profit /(loss) for the period (before tax and exceptional items)	94.19	120.32	193.78
3	Net Profit /(loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional items)	94.19	120.32	193.78
4	Net Profit /(loss) for the period after tax	94.19	102.54	127.52
5	Total Comprehensive income for the period [comprising profit/(loss) for the period (after tax) and Other comprehensive Income (after tax)]	94.19	102.54	127.52
6	Equity Share Capital (Paid Up)	1058.20	1058.20	1058.20
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of previous year)	1099.63	980.46	1005.44
8.	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each)(for continued and discontinued operations)			
	a) Basic :	1.04	1.13	1.30
	b) Diluted:	1.04	1.13	1.30

Note :
The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial results filed with Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and other disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015. The full format of the Half Yearly Financial Results are available on the Company's website and on the stock exchange website i.e. www.bseindia.com.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors
For SBC Exports Ltd.
Sd/-
Deepika Gupta
Whole Time Director

Place: Sahibabad
Date : 13.11.2020

Bhim Army protests mishap deaths, goes on the rampage

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Several leaders of Bhim Army and Azad Samaj Party created a ruckus after the death of two youths in an accident in Nangal police station area of Saharanpur and were subsequently booked by the police.

As per reports, Anuj and Vasu of Subri village of Nangal area died in a road mishap on Wednesday. On Thursday, the office-bearers and workers of Bhim Army and Azad Samaj Party took to the streets to protest the deaths and held up traffic, attacked and vandalised police vehicles and engaged in arson.

Inspector Prempal Dhama, constables Rohit Sen, Sunny Kumar and Aniruddh Khokar suffered injuries during the attack and stone pelting.

Later, the police cane charged the unruly mob and controlled the situation. Subsequently, a case was registered against 16 people, including Bhim Army's divisional in-charge Praveen Gautam, Azad Samaj Party's district chief Anil Ojaswi, district general secretary Aman Khan, treasurer Kanshi Maurya, Bhim Army's district in-charge Vinay Gautam, Ajay Kashyap, Aman Kashyap, Punit, Premdas, Nitin Kashyap, Deepak Baudh, Mahesh Verma, Vicky, and 50 unidentified persons under various laws and sections of the Indian Penal Code.

Superintending Engineer
Rural Engineering Department Circle, Lucknow

Letter No.-2782/RED/Computer/File-PMGSY(PM)/2020-21 Dated-09.11.2020

PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA (PMGSY)
e-Procurement Notice (IInd Call)

1. The Superintending Engineer, Rural Engineering Department Circle, Lucknow on behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh invites the **percentage rate** bids in electronic tendering system for Renewal of roads constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the district of Raebareli for **Groups No. - UP/5807-R, UP/5813-R, UP/5815-R & UP/5817-R (UP/5803 - R + UP/5804 - R + UP/5809 - R)** including their after maintenance for five years. The eligible and approved Contractors registered with UP PWD / UP RES. in appropriate class (A or B as per limit) or equivalent category in CPWD/MES/P&T Railways and other State Govt. and Central Govi. Departments,
2. Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement - 18.11.2020
3. **Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission :**
   a. The bid document shall be available online from 18.11.2020 (dd/mm/yyyy) to 03.12.2020 (dd/mm/yyyy) and should be submitted online in http://pmgsytendersup.gov.in
   b. The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities.
   c. The bidders are required to submit,
   (1) Original demand draft towards the cost of bid document,
   (2) Original bid security in approved form and
   (3) Original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4.4 B (ii) of ITB with Superintending Engineer, Rural Engineering Department Circle, Lucknow, on a date **not later than a working day after the last date and time for receipt of bids through e-procurement** of the Bid, either by registered post or by hand, failing which the bids shall be declared non-responsive. Bidder shall write only the bid-id-number (generated through e-tendering web site on submission of bid on-line) on the envelop containing the documents mentioned above in para 4-c and the package number for which they have bid. Bidder SHALL NOT WRITE their own names or name of their firm on this envelop in order to ensure confidentiality of the bid.
   d. **Last Date / Time for receipt of bids through e-procurement :** 03.12.2020 (dd/min/yyyy) upto 12:00 Noon and the technical qualification part of the bid shall be opened the same day from 1:00 PM in the Superintending Engineer, Rural Engineering Department Circle, Lucknow.

For further details please log on to http://pmgsytendersup.gov.in

U.P.: 156926, Date : 11.11.2020
विज्ञापन वेबसाईट www.up.gov.nic.in पर उपलब्ध है।

Superintending Engineer,
Rural Engineering Department
Circle-Lucknow

Govt directs prompt disposal of labour cess cases of real estate

Lucknow (PNS): The Uttar Pradesh government has directed prompt disposal of cases of labour cess related to the real estate developers and said that notices issued on cess collection from various sectors of industry, including real estate, be disposed of on priority. Reviewing the working of the Labour department on Friday, Chief Secretary RK Tewari discussed complaints related to labour cess. He was informed by the officials that under the Code on Social Security, 2020, Rs 10 lakh was provisioned for raising exemption limit of up to Rs 50 lakh in respect of private residential buildings under cess collection, which could be changed by an appropriate government order.

For the Act to be effective, the state government has the powers to hike the minimum number of workers to be employed at construction sites by 10. In order to facilitate cess assessment, a system of self-certification has been provided. The rules under the Code are being framed and are likely to be promulgated soon. Under the rules, it is proposed that the cost estimate of building issued by chartered engineer and chartered evaluator will be acceptable.

The government has also issued directions for making the process of labour cess collection simple and convenient. All the district collectors have been directed that for the government construction work in other departments, the Labour department officers be directed to expedite the matter of cess collection. Cess assessors and receptor officers are notified through which instructions have been given to ensure settlement of area disputes, building and other construction disputes on priority. Additional CS (Labour) Suresh Chandra and senior officials of other related departments were present in the meeting.

SCHOOLSCAN

GOLD MEDAL

Anvesha Paradhar, a class IV student of City Montessori School, Gomti Nagar Campus I, won the gold medal in national level inter-school online competition 'Brainobrain Wonderkid- 2020', bringing kudos tot the institution. The competition was organised under the aegis of educational institution 'Brainobrain'. Students of over 1,500 schools from across the country participated in this competition wherein Anvesha showcased her exemplary talent in mental maths, logical ability, general knowledge and speed typing, and walked away with the gold medal.

SORIL INFRA RESOURCES LIMITED
(CIN : L52190HR2005PLC077960)

Extract of the consolidated unaudited financial results for the quarter and six months ended 30 September 2020

(Rs. in crores)

Particulars	3 months ended 30 Sept. 2020	Year to date figures for current year period ended 30 Sept. 2020	3 months ended 30 Sept. 2019
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited
Total income	41.43	92.23	118.45
Net profit for the period (before tax, exceptional and extraordinary items)	1.11	17.80	5.61
Net profit for the period before tax (after exceptional and/ or extraordinary items)	1.11	17.80	5.61
Net profit for the period after tax(after exceptional and/ or extraordinary items)	1.03	13.97	3.39
Total comprehensive income for the period [comprising profit for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax)]	1.08	14.23	6.98
Paid-up equity share capital	31.50	31.50	31.50
Earnings per share before extraordinary items (face value of Rs. 10 per equity share) *(EPS for the quarter/ six month are not annualised)			
- Basic (Rs)	0.33 *	4.43 *	0.97 *
- Diluted (Rs)	0.33 *	4.43 *	0.97 *
Reserves(excluding revaluation reserve) as per audited financials of the previous year March 2020			208.83

Note to the financial results:

1) The above results have been reviewed by the audit committee and subsequently approved at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on 13 November 2020. These financial results have been subjected to a limited review by the statutory auditors of the Company.

2) **Key standalone financial information of SORIL Infra Resources Limited:** (Rs. in crores)

Particulars	3 months ended 30 Sept. 2020	Year to date figures for current year period ended 30 Sept. 2020	3 months ended 30 Sept. 2019
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited
Total income	36.40	70.10	99.63
Profit / (loss) before tax	1.17	4.40	(3.31)
Net profit / (loss) after tax	1.17	4.04	(3.31)

3) The above presentation is an extract of the detailed format of quarter/ six month financial results filed with the stock exchanges under regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the quarter/ six month financial results are available on the Company's website (http://sorilinfraresources.com) and on the website of BSE (http://www.bseindia.com) and NSE (http://www.nseindia.com).

Registered Office: Plot No. 448-451, Udyog Vihar, Phase-V, Gurugram - 122016
For and on behalf of Board of Directors
Place : Gurugram
Date : 13 November 2020
Anil Malhan
Whole Time Director

INDIABULLS RURAL FINANCE PRIVATE LIMITED
(CIN :U74140MH1993PTC074596)

Extract of the financial results for the half year ended 30 September 2020

(Rs. in crores)

Particulars	6 months ended 30 September 2020	6 months ended 30 September 2019	Previous year ended 31 March 2020
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
Total income	23.78	16.81	39.59
Net profit for the period (before tax, exceptional and extraordinary items)	12.96	3.89	10.72
Net profit for the period before tax (after exceptional and/ or extraordinary items)	12.96	3.89	10.72
Net profit for the period after tax(after exceptional and/ or extraordinary items)	9.60	2.84	8.00
Total comprehensive income for the period [Comprising profit for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax)]	9.54	2.80	8.00
Paid-up equity share capital	41.80	41.80	41.80
Reserves (excluding revaluation reserve)	91.82	76.94	82.16
Net worth	133.62	118.74	123.96
Outstanding debt	49.43	157.00	83.30
Debt equity ratio	0.37	1.32	0.67
Earnings per share before extraordinary items (Face Value of Rs. 10 per Equity Share) (EPS for the half year are not annualised)			
- Basic (Rs)	2.30	0.68	1.91
- Diluted (Rs)	2.30	0.68	1.91

Note to financial results:

1) The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on 13 November 2020.

2) The above presentation is an extract of the detailed format of half yearly / annual financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing and other disclosure requirements) regulations, 2015. The full format of the half yearly / annual financial results are available on the company's website (http://indiabullsruralfinance.com) and on the website of BSE (http://www.bseindia.com).

Registered Office : One International Center, Tower-1, 4th Floor, S. B. Marg, Elphinstone(W), Mumbai, 400013
For and on behalf of The Board Of Directors
Place : Gurugram
Date : 13 November 2020
Vijay Kumar Agrawal
Director

LIC भारतीय जीवन बीमा निगम LIFE INSURANCE CORPORATION OF INDIA

LIFE INSURANCE CORPORATION OF INDIA
Divisional Office: "Jeevan Prakash" 30, Hazratganj, Lucknow-226001, Ph.: 0522-2616420, Fax : 2420052, Gram : BIMAMANDAL & E-mail : engg.lucknow@licindia.com

PRE-QUALIFICATION NOTICE

EMPANELMENT OF VENDORS FOR COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT OF ON LINE UPS AT VARIOUS OFFICES UNDER LUCKNOW DIVISION

LIC of India intends to invites application for enrolment of VENDORS for Comprehensive A.M.C of on line UPS installed at its various offices in Uttar Pradesh, under Division Office Lucknow of North Central Zone, in the prescribed Enrolment Form.

Interested firms fulfilling the following eligibility criteria with experience of working in Banks, Central or State Public Sector undertaking, CPWD or Central or State Govt., and possessing valid Certificate / enlisting and have service center at Lucknow may apply in the prescribed enrolment form.

Description of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs. In Lac)	Min Bank Solvency (Rs. in Lac)	Avg. Annual Turnover over last 2 years (Rs. In Lac)
A	B	C	D
Comprehensive AMC of ON-Line UPS installed at various offices under DO Lucknow	2.50	1.25	2.50

Enrolment forms are available in the engineering department at the office of under signed from **17.11.2020** to **05.12.2020** during the office working Hrs. enrolment forms may also be down loaded from **"Tender"** section of our **website www.licindia.in.**

Duly filled in enrolment application forms along with enrolment fee in favour of **LIC of India, Payable at Lucknow** of **Rs.1000.00 (non refundable)** in the form of demand draft drawn on any Nationalized Bank, including supporting documents of fulfilling the eligibility criteria shall reach us at the office of Sr. Divisional Manager at the address given above on or before **11.12.2020** upto **15.00 Hrs.** Enrolment forms received without enrolment fee are liable to be rejected. Any delay including postal shall not be entertained. Agencies who are already enlisted with us may also apply in fresh for enrolment.

Sr. Divisional Manager

Indiabulls Integrated Services Limited
(CIN: L51101HR2007PLC077999)
Extract of Consolidated Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended 30 September 2020

(Rs. in Crores)

Sl. No.	Particulars	3 months ended	Year to date figures for current period ended	3 months ended
		30 Sept 2020	30 Sept 2020	30 Sept 2019
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited
1	Total Income from Operations	47.17	108.32	93.30
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Minority Interest and Share of Profit / (Loss) of Associate, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(32.10)	(41.06)	(55.40)
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Minority Interest and Share of Profit / (Loss) of Associate (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items))	(32.10)	(41.06)	(55.40)
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax, Minority Interest and Share of Profit / (Loss) of Associate (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(34.85)	(47.45)	(54.60)
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(15.83)	163.85	(810.18)
6	Equity Share Capital	17.87	17.87	17.87
7	Earnings per Share (EPS) before extraordinary items			
	- Basic (Amount in Rs.)	(3.94)	(5.86)	(6.13)
	- Diluted (Amount in Rs.)	(3.94)	(5.86)	(6.13)
8	Earnings per Share (EPS) after extraordinary items			
	- Basic (Amount in Rs.)	(3.94)	(5.86)	(6.13)
	- Diluted (Amount in Rs.)	(3.94)	(5.86)	(6.13)

Notes:

1) The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on 13 November 2020.

2) **Key Standalone Financial Information:** (Rs. in Crores)

Particulars	3 months ended	Year to date figures for current period ended	3 months ended
	30 Sept 2020	30 Sept 2020	30 Sept 2019
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited
Total Income	0.46	3.54	1.13
(Loss) / Profit before Tax	(23.09)	(30.92)	(5.97)
Net (Loss) / Profit after Tax	(23.09)	(30.92)	(4.97)

3) The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly / Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly / Annual Financial Results are available on the Company's website (https://indiabullsintegratedservices.com) and on the website of BSE (https://www.bseindia.com) and NSE (https://www.nseindia.com).

Registered Office: Plot No. 448-451 Udyog Vihar, Phase-V Gurugram, Haryana 122016
For and on behalf of the Board of Directors
Place : Gurugram
Date : 13 November 2020
M.S. Walia
Whole Time Director

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

E-Procurement Tender Notice No.:12/P-69/2020-21/TMC/HQ/NCR/Prayagraj **Dated: 09.11.2020**

OPEN TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of the President of India, Principal Chief Engineer, North Central Railway, Subedarganj, Prayagraj-211015 invites the following E-Procurement Tenders. ***(The complete information along with tender document of this E-Procurement Tender are available in website on http://ireps.gov.in upto 15.00 hrs. of the due date of tender opening).***

S. N.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Tender Value (₹)	Earnest Money (₹)
1.	TMC 0512021	Semi Finish P.B. Bush. Details of description, make and quantity as per tender document. **[Acceptable Make: Plasser or Equivalent]**	2,03,833/-	4,100/-
2.	TMC 0522021	Spacer Set for tamping unit, Spacer for Oil Seal, Spacer Ring. Details of description, make and quantity as per tender document. **[Acceptable Make: Plasser or Equivalent]**	3,91,734/-	7,900/-
3.	TMC 0532021	Mechanical cum Hydraulic Jack Screw lifting and Traversing capacity-50 Ton. Details of description, make and quantity as per tender document. **[Acceptable Make: Hy-Tack, Well worth, Bemco, Vankos only]**	11,74,041/-	23,500/-
4.	TMC 0542021	Various type of Hydraulic Cylinder. Details of description, make and quantity as per tender document. **[Acceptable Make: Plasser or Equivalent]**	5,48,553/-	11,000/-
5.	TMC 0552021	Squeezing Cylinder. Details of description, make and quantity as per tender document. **[Acceptable Make: Plasser or Equivalent]**	35,80,500/-	71,700/-

Quantity: For S.No. 1 to 5: As per Annexure, **Date of opening: For S.No. 1 to 5: 09.12.2020 Note:-1.** The complete information along with Tender document of above E-Procurement Tender is available on website **https://ireps.gov.in**. Up to **15.00 hrs.** On the due date of tender opening. **2.** Following condition has been included in Tender Document vide Railway Board Letter No. 2001/RS(g)/779/7 Pt I Dated: 29.06.2017 "Whenever tender is floated with purchase restriction from sources approved by nominated authorities and there exists a suspected cartel situation by approved sources or the rates available from approved/sources are adjudged unreasonably high, despite fair efforts as permissible, the purchaser reserves the right to place order on firms outside the approved vendors list, without any restrictions". **3.** Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above Tenders. For this purpose, venders are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with class III Digital signature certificates issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. **4.** This tender notice has also been uploaded on **www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in**. **5.** Allocation for Security deposit and Earnest money is "Deposit Misc stores 00844523. **6.** In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. **1203/20 (R)**

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आन्ध्रा Andhra | कार्पोरेशन Corporation

शाखा : नगर निगम, झाँसी
क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय : 117/H-1/240, पाण्डुनगर, कानपुर
प्रधान कार्यालय : 239, विधान भवन मार्ग, नारीमन प्वाइंट, मुंबई

कब्जा सूचना (अचल सम्पत्ति हेतु)
[Rule-8(1)]

जैसा कि अधोहस्ताक्षरी वित्तीय आस्तियों का प्रतिभूतिकरण एवं पुनर्गठन और प्रतिभूति हित प्रवर्तन अधिनियम 2002 के तहत यूनियन बैंक आफ इंडिया का प्राधिकृत अधिकारी होते हुये और उक्त अधिनियम की धारा-13 (12) सपठित प्रतिभूति हित (प्रवर्तन) नियम 2002 का नियम-3 में प्रदत्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुए मांग सूचना अन्तर्गत धारा 13 (2) निम्न खाता धारकों आदि को जारी किया गया था, जिसमें नोटिस प्राप्ति के 60 दिवस के भीतर देय राशि के अदायगी की अपेक्षा की गयी थी।

ऋणी उपरोक्तानुसार अदायगी में विफल रहे हैं फलस्वरूप ऋणी एवं सर्वसाधारण को एतद्द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि अधोहस्ताक्षरी ने उक्त अधिनियम की उपधारा (4) धारा 13 सपठित नियम -8 के तहत प्रतिभूति हित (प्रवर्तन) अधिनियम 2002, में प्रदत्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुए निम्नलिखित बंधक संपत्ति/सम्पत्तियों पर निम्नलिखित दिनांक को कब्जा ले लिया गया है। ऋणी एवं सर्वसाधारण को एतद्द्वारा सावधान किया जाता है कि, बंधक संपत्ति/सम्पत्तियों से किसी प्रकार का समव्यवहार न करें। कोई भी समव्यवहार यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया, के ऋण रुपये एवं उस पर अनुबंधित दर पर लागू ब्याज आदि के भार के अधीन होगा।

ऋणी का ध्यान बंधक संपत्ति/सम्पत्तियों को मुक्त कराने हेतु उपलब्ध मियाद के संदर्भ में अधिनियम की उपधारा (8) धारा-13 की ओर भी आकर्षित किया जाता है।

क्र. सं.	बकायेदार/जमानतदार का नाम/पता व बंधक सम्पत्ति/सम्पत्ति मालिक एवं मांग सूचना तिथि/प्रलक्षित कब्जा तिथि/बकाया धनराशि
1.	**बकायेदार : श्री राजू कुशवाहा** पुत्र श्री जुग राज कुशवाहा, निवासी : 2656, मेन रोड, कुशवाहा मार्केट, हनसारी, जिला-झाँसी। **जमानतदार :** श्री नवीन कुमार पुत्र श्री सतीश चन्द्र, निवासी : मकान सं. 24/2, गढ़िया गाँव, थाना प्रेम नगर, झाँसी। मांग सूचना तिथि : 27.03.2019, प्रलक्षित कब्जा लेने की तिथि : 10.11.2020 **बंधक सम्पत्ति का विवरण :** आवासीय भवन संख्या 558 स्थित आराजी सं. 1537, मौजा गदहियाग, तहसील एवं जिला-झाँसी **सम्पत्ति मालिक :** श्री राजू कुशवाहा पुत्र श्री जुगराज कुशवाहा के नाम। **क्षेत्रफल :** 1138.80 वर्गफीट, **चौहद्दीः उत्तर :** विक्रेता की सम्पत्ति, **दक्षिण :** अन्य का मकान, **पूरब :** रास्ता, **पश्चिम :** राठौर की जमीन। मांग सूचना तिथि में बकाया धनराशि : **रू. 6,68,895.75** + ब्याज + अन्य खर्चे
2.	**बकायेदार : श्री राम गोपाल** पुत्र श्री भगवान दास एवं श्रीमती फूलवती पत्नी श्री रामगोपाल, दोनों निवासी : 15/30, आउट साइड खंडराव गेट, जिला-झाँसी। **जमानतदार :** श्री मोहन लाल कुशवाहा पुत्र श्री कठोले, निवासी : 84 सिमराहा, झाँसी (उ.प्र.)। मांग सूचना तिथि : 26.02.2020, प्रलक्षित कब्जा लेने की तिथि : 11.11.2020 **बंधक सम्पत्ति का विवरण :** आवासीय भवन संख्या 254 स्थित आराजी सं. 254, मौजा सिमराहा, जिला-झाँसी। **सम्पत्ति मालिक :** श्रीमती फूलवती पत्नी श्री रामगोपाल के नाम। **क्षेत्रफल :** 4000 वर्गफीट, **चौहद्दीः उत्तर :** निर्मला कौर का प्लाट, **दक्षिण :** विक्रेता का मकान, **पूरब :** 12 फीट रास्ता, **पश्चिम :** फारेस्ट डिपार्टमेन्ट की भूमि। मांग सूचना तिथि में बकाया धनराशि : **रू. 5,47,641.00** + ब्याज + अन्य खर्चे
3.	**बकायेदार : श्री लक्ष्मी नारायन कुशवाहा** पुत्र स्व. गंगा प्रसाद, निवासी : 75, कुम्हार टोली, हसारी, जिला-झाँसी। **जमानतदार :** श्री राजू कुशवाहा पुत्र श्री जुगराज कुशवाहा, निवासी : 2656, हसारी गिर्द कुशवाहा मार्केट, सारांधा मार्केट के पीछे, झाँसी (उ.प्र.)। मांग सूचना तिथि : 04.11.2019, प्रलक्षित कब्जा लेने की तिथि : 10.11.2020 **बंधक सम्पत्ति का विवरण :** आवासीय भवन संख्या 75 स्थित आराजी सं. 858, कुम्हार टोली हसारी गिर्द, जिला-झाँसी। **सम्पत्ति मालिक :** श्री लक्ष्मी नारायन कुशवाहा पुत्र स्व. गंगा प्रसाद के नाम। **क्षेत्रफल :** 900 वर्गफीट , **चौहद्दीः उत्तर :** अन्य का प्लाट, **दक्षिण :** विक्रेता का प्लाट, **पूरब :** दिनेश का प्लाट, **पश्चिम :** रास्ता। मांग सूचना तिथि में बकाया धनराशि : **रू. 8,43,857.38** + ब्याज + अन्य खर्चे
4.	**बकायेदार : श्री मनोज पाण्डेय** पुत्र स्व. श्रीराम बहादुर पाण्डेय एवं श्रीमती हेमलता पत्नी श्री मनोज पाण्डेय, दोनों निवासी : मकान सं. 332, न्यू पाल कालोनी, सिमर्धा, बर्फ फैक्ट्री, जिला-झाँसी। **जमानतदार :** श्री कैलाश चन्द्र कुशवाहा, निवासी : 336, आउट साइड दतिया गेट, झाँसी (उ.प्र.)। मांग सूचना तिथि : 31.07.2019, प्रलक्षित कब्जा लेने की तिथि : 10.11.2020 **बंधक सम्पत्ति का विवरण :** आवासीय भवन स्थित प्लाट संख्या 332 स्थित न्यू पाल कालोनी सिमर्धा, जिला-झाँसी (उ.प्र.)। **सम्पत्ति मालिक :** श्रीमती हेमलता पुत्र पत्नी श्री मनोज पाण्डेय के नाम। **क्षेत्रफल :** 1027.11 वर्गफीट, **चौहद्दीः उत्तर :** महेश चन्द्र रायकवार का मकान, **दक्षिण :** श्री रमेश पाण्डेय का प्लाट, **पूरब :** स्टील मिल्स, **पश्चिम :** 10 फीट चौड़ा रास्ता। मांग सूचना तिथि में बकाया धनराशि : **रू. 5,42,822.38** + ब्याज + अन्य खर्चे

प्राधिकृत अधिकारी, यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया

शिक्षा व्यवस्था में बढ़ते कदम
वर्चुअल स्कूल

e-ज्ञान गंगा माध्यमिक शिक्षा विभाग उत्तर प्रदेश

कक्षा-10 एवं 12 के विद्यार्थियों के लिए दूरदर्शन, उत्तर प्रदेश (DD UP) चैनल और कक्षा-9 एवं 11 के विद्यार्थियों के लिए चैनल e vidya-9 एवं e vidya-11 पर शैक्षणिक वीडियो के माध्यम से 17.11.2020 से 19.11.2020 तक ई-लर्निंग प्रसारण का तेरहवां चरण

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

दिनांक तथा समय	कक्षा-10				कक्षा-12			
	अपराह्न 1:00 से अपराह्न 1:30 बजे तक	अपराह्न 2:30 से अपराह्न 3:00 बजे तक	अपराह्न 4:00 से अपराह्न 4:30 बजे तक	सायं 5:30 से सायं 6:00 बजे तक	अपराह्न 1:30 से अपराह्न 2:00 बजे तक	अपराह्न 3:30 से अपराह्न 4:00 बजे तक	अपराह्न 4:30 से सायं 5:00 बजे तक	सायं 6:00 से सायं 6:30 बजे तक
17-11-2020 मंगलवार	मिशन शक्ति महिला सशक्तिकरण आत्मरक्षा प्रशिक्षण भाग-5	अंग्रेजी अध्याय-3 (Prose) The Ganga भाग-1	वाणिज्य अध्याय-1 (बहीखाता) अन्तिम खाते भाग-4	गणित अध्याय-3 दो चर वाले रैखिक समीकरण भाग-1	वाणिज्य अध्याय-6 व्यापारिक संगठन एवं पत्र व्यवहार-प्रबन्धक के कार्य भाग-1	वाणिज्य अध्याय-7 व्यापारिक संगठन एवं पत्र व्यवहार-व्यापारिक कार्यालय भाग-1	जीव विज्ञान अध्याय-12 जैव प्रौद्योगिकी एवं उसके उपयोग भाग-1	जीव विज्ञान अध्याय-12 जैव प्रौद्योगिकी एवं उसके उपयोग भाग-2
18-11-2020 बुधवार	मिशन शक्ति महिला सशक्तिकरण आत्मरक्षा प्रशिक्षण भाग-6	गणित अध्याय-4 द्विघात समीकरण भाग-1	गृह विज्ञान अध्याय-9 पर्यावरण और जनजीवन पर उसका प्रभाव भाग-2	विज्ञान अध्याय-2 अम्ल, क्षार तथा लवण भाग-1	वाणिज्य अध्याय-8 व्यापारिक संगठन एवं पत्र व्यवहार-कार्यालय में आने जाने वाले पत्र भाग-1	अर्थशास्त्र अध्याय-4 आय और रोजगार के निर्धारण भाग-1	जीव विज्ञान अध्याय-12 जैव प्रौद्योगिकी एवं उसके उपयोग भाग-3	नागरिक शास्त्र अध्याय-3 नियोजित विकास की राजनीति भाग-1
19-11-2020 गुरुवार	संस्कृत अध्याय-व्याकरण विसर्ग सन्धि भाग-2	विज्ञान अध्याय-2 अम्ल, क्षार तथा लवण भाग-2	वाणिज्य अध्याय-6 नस्तीकरण भाग-3	विज्ञान अध्याय-10 प्रकाश परावर्तन तथा अपवर्तन भाग-1	वाणिज्य अध्याय-11 अनुक्रमणिका भाग-1	रसायन विज्ञान अध्याय-13 एमीन भाग-1	रसायन विज्ञान अध्याय-13 एमीन भाग-2	रसायन विज्ञान अध्याय-13 एमीन भाग-3

नोट : DD-UP, अब आप इन चैनलों पर भी देख सकते हैं, डी डी फ्री डिश-45, डेन-137, नेटविजन-138, डिश टीवी-229, लखनऊ 9-237, बिग टीवी-250, एयरटेल-400, हाथवे-400, सिटी केबल-671, वीडियोकॉन डी 2 एच-889, टाटा स्काई-1195

चैनल e vidya-9 पर कक्षा-9 एवं चैनल e vidya-11 पर कक्षा-11 यू.पी. बोर्ड हेतु शैक्षणिक प्रसारण की समय-सारिणी

दिनांक तथा समय	कक्षा-9		कक्षा-11	
	प्रातः 8:30 से प्रातः 9:00 बजे तक	प्रातः 9:00 से प्रातः 9:30 बजे तक	सायं 6:30 से सायं 7:00 बजे तक	सायं 7:00 से सायं 7:30 बजे तक
17-11-2020 मंगलवार	हिन्दी अध्याय-4 हिन्दी संस्कृत अनुवाद (व्याकरण) भाग-1/2	गृह विज्ञान अध्याय-6 इकाई-2 (स्वास्थ्य रक्षा) स्थानीय स्वास्थ्य संस्थाएं, प्रशासन एवं सेवाएं भाग-1/3	गृह विज्ञान अध्याय-1 (स्वास्थ्य रक्षा) इकाई-1 खण्ड-क शरीर क्रिया विज्ञान तथा स्वास्थ्य रक्षा भाग-1/2	इतिहास अध्याय-अनुभाग दो कालक्रम दो (लगभग 100 ई0पू0 से 1300 ईसवी) विषय-3-तीन महाद्वीपों में फैला हुआ साम्राज्य (विश्व इतिहास के कुछ विषय) भाग-1/2
18-11-2020 बुधवार	हिन्दी अध्याय-3 (संस्कृत) पुरुषोत्तमः रामः भाग-1/1	गृह विज्ञान अध्याय-6 इकाई-2 (स्वास्थ्य रक्षा) स्थानीय स्वास्थ्य संस्थाएं, प्रशासन एवं सेवाएं भाग-2/3	संस्कृत अध्याय-3 खण्ड-च (व्याकरण) व्याकरण -समास - तत्पुरुष, कर्मधारय बहुव्रीहि भाग-1/1	भौतिक विज्ञान अध्याय-3 सरल रेखा में गति (भौतिक भाग-1) भाग-1/1
19-11-2020 गुरुवार	हिन्दी अध्याय-4 (व्याकरण) हिन्दी संस्कृत अनुवाद भाग-2/2	गृह विज्ञान अध्याय-6 इकाई-2 (स्वास्थ्य रक्षा) स्थानीय स्वास्थ्य संस्थाएं, प्रशासन एवं सेवाएं भाग-3/3	गृह विज्ञान अध्याय-1 (स्वास्थ्य रक्षा) इकाई-1 खण्ड-क शरीर क्रिया विज्ञान तथा स्वास्थ्य रक्षा भाग-2/2	इतिहास अध्याय-अनुभाग दो कालक्रम दो (लगभग 100 ई0पू0 से 1300 ईसवी) विषय-3-तीन महाद्वीपों में फैला हुआ साम्राज्य (विश्व इतिहास के कुछ विषय) भाग-2/2

नोटः e vidya-9, जियो टीवी एप, डिश टीवी चैनल-950, वीडियोकॉन चैनल-447, एयरटेल चैनल-440, फ्री डिश-128 तथा टाटा स्काई चैनल-756 पर उपलब्ध है। e vidya-11, जियो टीवी एप, डिश टीवी-952 तथा NCERT OFFICIAL YouTube पर उपलब्ध है।

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Markets glitter on Diwali eve

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

Markets glittered with attractive lighting on eve of Diwali in Varanasi on Friday Pioneer

Most of the markets in this holy city were seen glittered with attractive lighting arrangements on the eve of 'Festival of Light' but unlike most of the Diwali in the past, it was for the first time when no deafening sound of firecracker bursting was heard as on the directive of National Green Tribunal (NGT) and state government there was total ban on the sale / use of firecrackers. With the extension of festival of Dhanteras this time for two days, heavy rush of people continued being seen in almost all the main markets. The people came out from their houses to purchase different articles here on Friday. As per the tradition, the people purchase their puja and other articles of Diwali on this occasion. Due to rush, in almost all the main areas there were traffic jams like situation in the entire city. Even in the narrow lanes, markets saw rush as thousands of temporary shops selling utensils, puja items, sweets, lai and other items, flowers, decorative items and others were opened on roadsides causing a lot of traffic jam like situation. As per the tradition, on this auspicious occasion the people purchased various utensils, especially made of metals. There was also heavy rush of people at various shops selling grocery and crockery items.

Many auto, jewellery and other showrooms which suffered a huge losses due to lockdown and restrictions due to worldwide coronavirus pandemic, got Dhanteras as a golden opportunity to overcome their crisis as they got two days time to see rush of customers at their showrooms. Many companies launched several schemes to attract the customers. Besides, on the repeated calls of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for 'vocal to local', its impacts were seen as several artisans and potters accepted the facts that the sale of their products has increased this time, though it is still far away to help the cottage units fight in the markets in this age of globalisation.

Two nomination papers found invalid

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

With the rejection of two nomination papers filed from Varanasi Graduate constituency during scrutiny here on Friday, as many as 23 candidates remained in the fray. The papers of Independent candidates Jaichand and Narendra Nath Dubey 'Adig' were cancelled. The most surprising aspect of the election is that despite filling of two candidates along with senior Congress leaders both Sanjeev Kumar Singh and Nageshwar Singh are in the fray as independent candidates as there are just two candidates of national/ state level political parties (Ashutosh Sinha of Samajwadi Party and sitting MLC Kedar Nath Singh of Bharatiya Janata Party) and one of recognised party (Lokesh Kumar of Bhartiya Jan Jan Party).

For Varanasi Teacher constituency, as many as 12 candidates are in the fray and out of them, there is just one candidate (Lal Bihar Yadav) is from a political party (SP) while sitting MLC Chet Narayan Singh and ex-MLC Pramod Kumar Mishra though close to the BJP and Congress respectively are fighting as independent candidates. The candidates can withdraw their names by November 17, while the election will be held on December 1 and counting of votes on December 3.

After scrutiny the candidates whose papers were found valid are Ashutosh Sinha (SP), Kedar Nath Singh (BJP), Lokesh Kumar (BJJP), Anil Kumar, Arvind Kumar, Arvind Kumar Singh, Karunakant Maurya, Ganesh Giri, Gopal Singh, Chandra Prakash, Nageshwar Singh, Pankaj Kumar, Fauzdar Singh, Brahmdev, Rajesh Yadav, Ramji, Rahul Kumar Singh, Vinay Kumar Tripathi, Shashi Kala Maurya, Sanjeev Kumar Singh, Santosh Kumar Tiwari, Santosh Pandey and Subedar (all independents).

The candidates who are in the fray for Varanasi Teacher constituency are Lal Bihari Yadav (SP). Dr Krishna Mohan Yadav, Chet Narayan Singh, Jitendra Kumar Singh, Dharmedra Kumar, Pramod Kumar Mishra, Farid Ansari, Brijesh, Rajni Dwivedi, Ramesh Singh, Rajendra Pratap Singh and Sanjay Kumar Singh (all independents). For electing their representative from Graduate constituency, 2,07,039 would cast their votes from eight districts of the region including Varanasi, Chandauli, Jaunpur, Ghazipur, Bhadohi, Mirzapur, Sonbhadra and Ballia, while 32,649 of the same areas will elect their representative from Varanasi Teachers constituency.

71 COVID-19 patients found

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

Rush of passengers going home at Varanasi Cantt. station on eve of Diwali on Friday Pioneer

As many as 71 new COVID-19 patients have been detected in the district on Friday, increasing the total number of cases to 17,757. There was relief as no casualty was reported and the death toll remained at 284. During the day, the follow-up negative reports included 78 and all of them have been recovered from home isolation, increasing the number to 13,927. As no patient has been discharged from any of the hospitals, the number of recovered patients remained at 2,837. The total number of patients who have been recovered so far is 16,764, leaving 709 active cases.

Meanwhile, Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport (Babatpur), Varanasi Junction (Cantt.) and other stations, Cantt. and other bus depots witnessed heavy rush of passengers who were willing to go their home districts on the eve of festivals of Diwali, Bhaiyya Dhuj and Dalla Chhath. The stations witnessed heavy rush despite the fact that regular trains are still not being run due to coronavirus pandemic and only passengers with reserved tickets were allowed to travel in all special trains. Though at the stations and airport, there was main rush of passengers willing to go to other states and far distance places, in bus depots most of the passengers were going to different districts of Purvanchal (eastern UP).

Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Dr VB Singh has informed that in the first report of the day, 41 positive patients were found out of 2,419 reports received. Till then, the total test reports received were 3,65,257 and the results of 4,859 are awaited. Out of them, 3,47,530 were negative, while 17,727 positive. The total number of samples collected was 3,84,536. Earlier, a male aged 73 from Phulwaria and a female aged 65 from Mangari succumbed to COVID-19 at SSH BHU.

With the addition of five new red zones, the total number of hotspots has increased to 2,393 including 184 red zones.

Three green zones have been converted into red zones again. There are 2,209 green zones with 17 new ones.

CRPF launches plantation drive

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

Rohania MLA SN Singh planting a sapling in Varanasi on Friday Pioneer

Cleanliness and plantation campaign was carried out under joint aegis of 95th Battalion of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and Srijan Samajik Nyas from Vetavar on the banks of Ganga river to Shooltankeshwar Mahadev temple, Madhopur here on Friday. After this, the participants offered prayer at the famous temple. They also launched an awareness campaign towards cleanliness and plantation. The chief guest on the occasion was MLA from Rohania Surendra Narayan Singh, while the distinguished guest was CRPF Commandant Narendra Pal Singh. The programme was presided over by Anil Singh, chief of Srijan. The participants also pledged to protect the environment.

Speaking on the occasion, Narendra Pal Singh said that the protection of environment is not only the task of the government or some big companies but it is the duty of all of us to maintain ecology through cleanliness, plantation and keeping the surroundings hygienic. He said that a good environment is necessary for a good health of future generations. As many as 101 saplings of mango, rosewood, berries, tulsi and others were planted near Shoolatankeshwar Mahadev Temple. Before the programme, CRPF personnel, continuing their bid since imposition of lockdown in view to prevent worldwide coronavirus pandemic, sanitised the areas with the spray of sodium hypochlorite solution. They also did thermal scanning of the local people. Leading social worker Keshav Jalan, Om Prakash Gupta, Narayan Singh, Sameer Pandey and many others were also present.

LAKSHMI BAI JAYANTI CELEBRATED: Under the auspices of Maharani Lakshmi Bai Sewa Nyas, the Janmotsav of Rani Lakshmi Bai was organised at the statue in Bhadaini, here on Friday.

In the attire of Rani lakshmi Bai, a class Xth girl student Shambhvi Singh drew the attention of all gathered on the occasion. The members of trust recalled the contribution of this great Queen of Jhansi who laid down her life for the sake of the nation. Rani Lakshmi Bai fought the British rulers till the last breath and did not let them succeed in making the country slave until she was alive, they added.

This daughter of Kashi had got 350 districts free from British Rulers from May 10 to September 18 in 1857, they said. The bravery that Rani Lakshmi Bai had shown while fighting the Britishers, is remembered even till now, they said further.

The various competitions were also organised to mark the 185th birth anniversary of Rani Lakshmi Bai such as essay writing, Diwali card competition and solo acting competition and the winners were also rewarded. Because of the COVID-19, the procession was not taken out to mark the occasion and all the programmes were held by following the guidelines of pandemic.

Dr Ranjana Srivastava conducted the programme and Durga Pandey offered a formal vote of thanks at last. Many graced the occasion including Meena Chaubey, Ram Pyare Chaubey, Dr Padyaja Mehta and Ravi.

Development of Shringverpur will be further accelerated: Maurya

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ ALLAHABAD

Deputy CM KP Maurya performing aarti at the Shringverpur ghat Pioneer

Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya said that the development of Shringverpur will be further accelerated. He said that ever since the BJP government has been formed at the Center, sites associated with Lord Ram are being developed. The work for Shriram Van Gaman is going on fast. Starting from Ayodhya, Ram Van Gaman will proceed to Chitrakoot via Shringverpur. A bridge will also be built on the river Ganga near Shringverpur, which will make the movement of people from this side easier. State Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya reached Shringverpur Dham, one of the pilgrimage sites associated with Lord Ram. A three-day Deepotsav Festival is being organised these days at Shringverpur Dham in Prayagraj. On Friday, the second day of the programme, the Deputy Chief Minister, Keshav Prasad Maurya also reached Shringverpur Dham. He attended the Deepotsav and worshiped. Thereafter, he also performed the aarti and worshiped Maa Ganga.

During this, Deputy CM Keshav Prasad Maurya said that the Ganga Expressway is also being built connecting this religious place. This work is also going on at a fast pace. Deputy CM Keshav Maurya along with Phulpur MP Kesari Devi Patel and Phaphamau MLA Vikramaditya Maurya also performed Ganga Aarti. They demanded that Shringverpur be made an assembly constituency and a tehsil. On their demands, the Deputy CM assured to do so. During this some people were also honoured. Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Maurya left for Ayodhya after joining the programme.

People throng Hanuman temples

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ ALLAHABAD

Bade Hanuman temple being decked up with flowers and festoon on eve of Diwalil in Prayagraj.

Chhoti Diwali is also celebrated as Janmotsav of Lord Hanuman, so people thronged all Hanuman temples here, particularly the Bade Hamunan temple on the Sangam bank and the Hanumat Niketan in Civil Lines. Dakshin Mukhi Hanuman temple in Rambagh also attracted devotees in thousands.

Hanuman Chalisa and Sundar Kand recitation marked Hanuman Jayanti at temples and also at residences of the devotees. Though most of the temple visitors observed Covid guidelines, still there were many who preferred not to sport masks. To maintain physical distance, circles were marked at temples, but the non-serious people created a rush, and the temple administration had to make appeals several times.

Hanuman Jayanti was celebrated in the city with great religious fervour and enthusiasm. The temples of Lord Hanuman were tastefully decorated with flower petals and festoons. At some places, prabhat pheries and procession of Lord Hanuman were taken out.

Chanting `Har Har Mahadev' and `Lord Hanuman ki Jai', strong Hindu devouts headed for Sangam for a dip in the holy waters. After taking a dip, the devouts dressed in their best reached the Hanuman temples and offered puja and aarti. After worshipping Lord Hanuman, the devouts offered alms to the poor and needy.

At various places in the city, the procession of Lord Hanuman was taken out with great pomp and show. A number of bands, elephants, horses, flags and banners accompanied the procession. Tableaux depicting Lord Hanuman heroic deeds and his intense and sublime love for Lord Rama and Sita were also taken out. People offered puja and aarti at a number of places. In the evening too, people visited the temples and took part in the bhajans and kirtans. The temples which attracted the maximum crowd was Lord Hanuman temple at Bandh, Civil Lines, Rambagh, Loknath, Bahadurganj, Batasha Mandi, Mumfordganj, Mutthiganj, Gaughat, Kydganj, Rajrooppur, Dhoomanganj, Teliarganj etc

Jaypee Cement makes inroads in markets

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ ALLAHABAD

Jaypee Cement in Uttar Pradesh has been able to increase its sales in a tremendous way due to its excellent quality, reliable delivery system and amazing customer service, said Senior Vice-President of JP Cement SKP Gupta.

In the last few months, Jaypee Cement has started making tremendous inroads in the markets of Uttar Pradesh by starting production with several new cement plants. Cement plants at Prayagraj, Churk and Chunar in Uttar Pradesh are producing world class quality cement at international standards by grinding high level clinker.

SKP Gupta added that JP Cement has made the best quality and best customer service the core of its sales system, and in order to provide the best cement in the markets of Uttar Pradesh, Jaypee Cement, Master Builder, Buland and Foundation Brand is committed for its continuous supply. Everyone attributed JP Cement's ever-increasing popularity to JP Cement's highest quality.

Apart from the good quality of the cement, the scientific method and correct method of using the cement should also be known only then a strong house can be built. For this reason, JP Cement is continuously conducting awareness campaign to training masons, cement artisans, contractors and engineers on a wide scale with their training programmes, so as to avoid common mistakes and mistakes made during construction and every construction made by JP Cement, the building should not only be solid but also have longevity. These efforts of customer service have brought JP Cement to this point of success.

97 more test positive in Prayagraj

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ ALLAHABAD

Coronavirus once again starts intensifying its tentacles in the Prayagraj city. According to the data, the number of infections increased for the third consecutive day on Thursday. The Covid report of 97 people came positive in 24 hours. At the same time, 72 people beat corona. One corona infected died during treatment.

According to CMO Dr GS Bajpai, the number of corona infected in the district has increased to 24,889 with 97 new patients. At the same time 23,724 people have also beaten corona. Of these, 17,757 people completed home isolation.

About 5,947 people were discharged from various Covid hospitals. On Thursday, 72 people who were infection-free were discharged from hospitals and 44 people completed home isolation. According to the CMO, a total of 5,883 people were sampled for the Covid test. The Target Group testing was conducted in the electronics showrooms, shops and showrooms of vehicles. With the death of one infected, the number of people who lost their lives to corona infection has increased to 325.

With a view to stop the spread of corona infection, Covid testing centres will be open on Saturday and Sunday i.e. on Diwali and also on its second day. CMO informed that on November 14 and 15, all hospitals and all sampling centres will be open. Covid screening facilities will also be available in private hospitals and nursing homes. Instructions have been issued in this regard. From November 16, all teams and mobile vans will carry out sampling work as before.

Shoppers throng markets on Diwali eve

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ ALLAHABAD

The rising number of COVID-19 cases in Prayagraj notwithstanding, excited shoppers thronged markets on the eve of Diwali (popularly known as chhoti Diwali) on Friday even as many were spotted without masks and flouting social distancing.

The crowds outside shops and temporary markets indicated how people were turning a blind eye to safety norms.

Electrical items, gadgets, garments, decorative items, earthen lamps, candles and lai and lawa (puffed rice) were among the most demanded goods in markets, many of which have mushroomed in narrow lanes of localities.

In several places, both shopkeepers and customers were found ignoring COVID-19 safety protocol. Of those who were seen wearing masks, many did not cover their noses. Despite the presence of police personnel in markets, the violations went unchecked.

Meanwhile, shops in Civil Lines, Katra, Chowk, Teliarganj, Sulem Sarai, Mutthiganj, Kydganj, Khuldabad, Batasa Mandi and Loknath remained open till late and did brisk business.

'As it is our businesses were affected due to the pandemic and lockdown. So, we are trying to recover our losses by staying open for longer hours,' said Gopal Das, a shopkeeper in Chowk.

Traders are hopeful that festive sales for the next three days will help them shore up their businesses.

Roadside shops selling decorative items like artificial flowers, lamps and decorative lights also drew a lot of shoppers. The festive rush also led to heavy traffic on several routes in the city.

GSVMMC selected for Covid test award

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KANPUR

The GSVM Medical College has been selected for the International Global Award for carrying out the highest number of Covid tests in a span of six months.

It has been ranked No. 1 for carrying out three lakh Covid tests, the highest in the UP, and has been selected for the award for this feat.

The medical college's lab in Kanpur Nagar is a BSL-2 (biosafety level 2) certified facility

with the latest equipment that enable it to give the report the same day and also upload it on the portal.

GSVM Medical College Principal Prof RB Kamal said the laboratory was under the direct control of the microbiology department which came into existence on April 14.

He said that not only the latest equipment but the laboratory's manpower was also behind its success as the lab was working round the clock with the technicians and pathologists coming in three shifts without any leave .

Prof Kamal said the biosafety level 2 was suitable for work involving agents of moderate potential hazard to personnel and the environment or toxins that posed a moderate danger if accidentally inhaled, swallowed or exposed to the skin. He said the design requirements for BSL-2 laboratories included hand washing sinks, eye washing stations and doors that closed and locked automatically.

He said out of the total three lakh plus tests, 7,945 results were positive. He said when the laboratory started it had a capacity to test 100 samples but at present it possessed the facility to test 3,000 plus tests per day, which was a record in itself.

He added that in view of the festival, one had to be extra careful. He advised people to follow the Covid protocol and maintain social distancing and wear face masks when out of the house.

He also advised people to wash their hands and use sanitisers frequently after coming in contact with any object at public places.

66 more test positive

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KANPUR

Kanpur Nagar reported 66 more coronavirus positive cases on Friday evening. Chief Medical Officer Dr Anil K Mishra said that 66 more people had tested positive for coronavirus infection between Thursday evening and Friday evening taking the tally of confirmed cases to 28,820 cases. He said that 18 cases were discharged from hospital. He said one COVID-19 death in the city was reported till Friday evening keeping the death toll to 751. The CMO said at present 853 active cases were undergoing treatment. Dr Mishra said 3726 samples were sent for testing in the city.

He said the testing was done not alone for Kanpur Nagar but also for samples coming from Kanpur Dehat, Fatehpur, Hamirpur, Chitrakoot and Jalaun.

History-sheeter's murder worked out, assailant held

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KANPUR

The police have worked out the murder of a history-sheeter, Mukesh Rawat alias Rohit of Nawabganj. He was killed by his friend Arun Mishra to avenge his being slapped by the history-sheeter.

With the help of mobile phone surveillance, the police arrested the assailant near Kalyanpur-Bithoor toad tri-section and recovered the iron rod used in the crime near Singhpur road crossing on the information given by Mishra.

It may be recalled that the body of history-sheeter Mukesh Rawat, a resident of Pahalwanpurwa, Kanpur Zoo, Nawabganj, was recovered near Shivdeenpurwa main road on Mandhana-Ganga Barrage highway under Bithoor police station on Wednesday morning.

Late in the night, Rawat's wife, Gunjan, had lodged an FIR against Annu alias Arun Mishra of Nawabganj Kheora and his friend, Amit, at the Bithoor police station. She alleged that both these friends had taken Mukesh Rawat with them.

Kalyanpur Circle Officer Ashok Kumar said during investigation, Arun Mishra was found to be present near the spot where the Rawat's body was found.

Mishra was arrested on Thursday and he confessed his crime.

Bithoor Station House Officer Kaushlendra Pratap Singh said that during interrogation, Mishra revealed that while consuming liquor five days ago, he had an argument with Rawat and he had slapped him in front of all other friends and he had decided to avenge his insult.

Murder accused Annu alias Arun Misra arrested by Bithoor police. Pioneer

Around 6 pm on Wednesday, Mishra and his friend Amit took Rawat to Singhpur model shop where the three consumed liquor. Thereafter, after purchasing some more country-made liquor, they took Rawat to a plotting site on the road to Shivdeenpurwa village and they again consumed liquor there.

On getting a chance, Mishra repeatedly hit Rawat on the head from behind with the iron rod, and escaped with his friend.

Mishra said he had no intention to kill Rawat and only wanted to teach him a lesson by breaking his hands and feet.

NER GM inaugurates VSS control room

CORRESPONDENT ■ GORAKHPUR

General Manager of North Eastern Railway (NER) Vinay Kumar Tripathi on Thursday in the Operating department here inaugurated the newly-established Video Surveillance System (VSS) control room by unveiling the plaque. The GM after seeing the method of working of VSS gave several practical suggestions for system improvement in it. In order to make VSS more effective, he suggested to develop face recognition system and also the alarm/alert facility of defective cameras. The officials of RailTel while describing the suggestions of GM as very important assured to include them in VSS. Among those present on the occasion were Additional General Manager(AGM) AK Agarwal, Principal Chief EngineerPCE SK Pandey, senior Deputy General Manager (Dy GM), Amitabh Ojha, Principal Chief Operating Manager (PCOM), Anil Kumar Singh, Principal Chief Security Commissioner (PCSC)/RPF, Atul Kumar Srivastava, PCCM SC Prasad, PCME AK Pandey, CSC/RPF Dr SK Saini, CSO SN Shah, CCE PK Rai, CPO/ Administration Nuruddin, secretary to GM DK Khare, CPRO Pankaj Kumar Singh, RailTel GM Deepu Shyam and senior officers of Railway and RailTel. It is noteworthy here that very effective in protecting railway passengers the provision for VSS at railway stations is being made by RailTel at 6,124 stations/points of all Indian Railways. In the first phase more than 300 VSS have been established on Indian Railways. On NER in the first phase VSS has been started at as many as 12 stations, including Basti, Gonda and Khalilabad of Lucknow division, Kathgodam and Rudrapur City of Izzatnagar division and Ballia, Mau, Belthara Road, Azamgarh, Deoria Sadar, Chhapra and Siwan stations of Varanasi division, CPRO PK Singh. This system will be expanded in all the stations of NER in a phased manner. On NER's important stations such as Gorakhpur and Lucknow Junction closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras have already been installed. Moreover this system will be expanded in all the stations of North Eastern Railway in a phased manner. In VSS IP-based camera has been installed. Each camera has a very high recording capacity.

208 tortoises recovered; three held

CORRESPONDENT ■ MIRZAPUR

GRP arrested three smugglers and recovered 208 tortoises on Thursday. Reports said SO GRP US Kushwaha during patrolling along with team saw seven bags lying on the platform in a suspicious manner and tried to locate their owners. During the search they found the three smugglers hiding in a nearby bush who confessed that tortoises which were kept in the bags were being transported to West Bengal to be sold there at a heavy price. The police released the tortoises in the river and booked the accused Sonu and Sonu Patharkata, residents of Pakadi village under Kotwali Dehat police station in Sultanpur and Manisha, daughter of Sonu Kumar, under relevant sections of crime.

SEMINAR: MLA Majhawaan Shuchismita Maurya while addressing a seminar organised to mark Dhanvantari Jayanti said health was more important than wealth. She said that at the cost of health no goal could be achieved. Dr GP Awasthi said that irregular lifestyle was responsible for more than 85 per cent diseases. Other speakers said that we should adopt our traditional lifesytle. Somnath, Dr KK Barnwal, Dr Kavita Mishra and Dr Deepshikha were honoured for their outstanding contribution to the society. The seminar organised under the aegis of Arogya Bharti was presided over by Dr Sandeep and conducted by Dr TN Dwivedi. Among those present were Dr CL Bind, Dr Aditi Jain, Sunil Kumar and Dr Vivek.

MARCH: To make people aware about traffic rules and women about their rights a march of NCC cadets was taken out recently. During the march awareness slogans were raised, placards pertaining to the drive attracted the people and a van displaying its purpose accompanied it. The march was flagged off by ASP (City) Sanjay Kumar and was led by CO City AK Rai.

KILLED: Vijay (19) and Anil (18) of Tendua village under Lalganj police station died when a truck hit their bike near Pagaar village. The police nabbed the truck driver and took their bodies for completing the legal formalities.

Trade union leaders take pledge

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KANPUR

Members of the joint forum of Central Trade Unions led by senior labour leader Rajesh Kumar Shukla took a pledge to make the proposed November 26 nation-wide strike a grand success.

At a function organised at Nagrath Paints road crossing in Fazalganj Industrial Area on Friday, the trade union leaders highlighted their demands. They said the proposed strike was to press the government for revoking the anti-workers Labour Code, anti-farmer and anti-agriculture laws and the decision to privatise the public sector undertakings, factories, railways and defence organisations.

Besides, they said, the government should ensure jobs, salary, social security, pension, food, health and education to all the workers not covered under the Income Tax Act.

They demanded the transfer of Rs.7,500 per month for the next six months to the accounts of these workers and distribution of 10 kg grains to them in view of their financial hardships arising out of coronavirus pandemic.

Prominent trade union leaders present at the meeting were Siyaram, Rakesh Kumar, Pawan Tambe, Umesh Shukla, Om Prakash, Sulekha, Dashrath Lal, SAM Zaidi, Rana Pratap Singh, Kuldeep Saxena, Mohd Nazir, Dharmdeo, Ram Prakash Rai and convenor Asit Kumar Singh.

CRS inspects Nandganj-Taraon section

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS), Lucknow (NE Circle) Mohammad Latif Khan made a safety test of newly-constructed second line and electrified section in Nandganj-Taraon (nine km) railway section on Thursday. The work was done under the ongoing doubling project on Varanasi City-Chhapra railway route of Varanasi Division of NER for upgradation of passenger facility and making the train operation easy in the area. CRS first reached Nandganj railway station in his special vehicle and carried out intensive inspection for traffic management on double line at the station. He also inspected electrification works including 25000 volt 50 Hz AC traction line, new foot overbridge, passenger facilities, platform length, station master room, station panel, fire alarm, relay room, point crossing, signals and others during his safety test visit. Later CRS boarding on push trolley inspected the Nandganj-Taraon section, testing safety standard of traction line fittings, sighting boards, overhead lines, power feeders, level crossing gates, curvatures, culverts etc. After inspection Khan conducted a successful speed trial by electric loco powered special vehicle and in just 10 minutes the distance from Taraon to Nandganj was covered. Earlier on October 12 the CRS had inspected the newly-constructed second line and electrification of the 12-km long Aunrihar-Taraon section. During his inspection Khan was accompanied by CAO (Construction) of NER RK Yadav, PCE AK Shukla, DRM (Varanasi) VK Panjiar, Dy CSO (Signal) Balbir Yadav, Chief Signal and Telecom Engineer (Project and Planning) AK Verma, CS&TE (Construction) Neelam Mahesh, DCS&TE (Construction) AK Pandey and other senior officials from NER headquarters, Construction unit and Varanasi division.

Baroda UP Bank distributes loans

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KANPUR

Baroda UP Bank Divisional Manager SB Saxena, while inaugurating a comprehensive loan distribution camp at Sadh here, said the government's objective of distributing loans was to provide opportunity to the people to contribute in nation building.

He said the bank had always been in the forefront to uplift the economic status of its customers by providing them easy loans on competitive interest rates. He said often the loans were focused more on the urban areas and the rural people were deprived of the opportunities but Baroda UP Bank was focused on this section of society. He said there was immense talent in non-metro areas and the only setback was that the talent died on account of lack of opportunity, especially on the financial front.

He said on several occasions such people were provided loans and they were not only able to start their ventures but also provide employment to others as well. He said as part of the comprehensive loan distribution plan, 151 beneficiaries had been extended loans from the bank.

Baroda UP Bank Loan Distribution Camp being held on Thursday. Pioneer

He said the bank distributed Rs 1.51 crore to the beneficiaries that included loans to KCG, KCC dairy and traders.

He said as per the pact with the bank, these beneficiaries would have to repay the loans within 12 months and they had to pay timely and regularly. He said the bank had extended a facility of 5 per cent further discount on the interest if one paid the loans timely and regularly.

The mega camp had officials of various other branches like Kudhni, Bariagarh, Nauranga and Umri.

Prominent among those who took part in the loan camp included Sharad Shukla, JM Singh, DP Gupta, Tarun, Yogendra Singh and SK Singh

Webinar discusses challenges before women labourers

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KANPUR

The BEd department of Virendra Swarup Institute of Professional Studies, in collaboration with National Commission for Women, organised a national webinar on 'Challenges faced by the labour and labour market division caught in throes of social disparity'.

The webinar was inaugurated by Virendra Swarup Institute's Principal Poonam Madan, who said the effort of the institute was to create awareness among women, especially from the weaker sections of society. She said it was the duty of the academic institutions to create awareness on the subject so that the benefits could reach the grassroots level.

Speaking on the topic, Dr Preeti Mishra from Human Rights School of Legal Studies, BR Ambedkar University, Lucknow, said the current challenge before the migrant women labourers was the true implementation of schemes and an end to social disparity.

She said the economic status of women was inextricably related to the treatment that they were accorded to in the labour market which was unequal vis-à-vis men and the unequal access, control and ownership of productive resources like land, credit, technology, education, skills, inequitable work burdens, inequitable distribution of consumption resources within the household were major factors differentiating women from men. She said the increase in employment and access to economic and other productive assets were the building blocks of women's economic empowerment. She said women represented half of the population in India, however, when it came to participation in economic activities, gaining economic empowerment, there were only 22.5 per cent of the women in the labour force as against 55.6 per cent of men. She further said that in rural areas this figure declined to 26.5 per cent from 33.3 per cent in and in urban it declined to 14.6 per cent from 17.8 per cent. She said for men, the decline was seen only for urban areas and there too, the decline in women was greater than men.

Additional coaches to be attached in trains

CORRESPONDENT ■ GORAKHPUR

Keeping the convenience of the waiting list passengers in mind due to the rush the railway administration will attach additional coaches in the following trains. Now the arrangement for feeding of additional coaches has been done instantly so that passengers can get immediate benefits. As soon as these additional coaches arrive on the system much before the departure time of the train the waiting list will be reduced or reservation will be confirmed. With this facility the railway administration has succeeded in checking the touts as well. Passengers travelling in these special trains have to comply with the Covid-19 prevention guidelines, CPRO PK Singh said. In the 09021 Bandra Terminus (T)-Lucknow special on November 14, 21 and 28 from Bandra (T) an additional sleeper class coach will be attached. In 09022 Lucknow-Bandra Terminus special train on November 15, 22 and 29 from Lucknow an additional sleeper class coach will be attached. In the 09065 Surat-Chhapra special on November 16 from Surat one AC third and three additional sleeper coaches will be attached. In the 09066 Chhapra-Surat special on November 18 from Surat one AC third and three additional sleeper coaches will be attached. In 09089 Ahmedabad-Gorakhpur special from November 13 to 30 from Ahmedabad two additional sleeper class coaches will be attached. In 09058 Manduadih-Udhna special train on November 15, 22 and 29 from Manduadih an additional sleeper coach will be attached. In 09019 Udhna-Chhapra special on November 15, 22 and 29 from Udhna an additional sleeper coach will be attached. In 09020 Chhapra-Udhna special on November 17, 24 and December 1 from Chhapra an additional sleeper coach will be attached. In 05008 Lucknow Jn- Varanasi city special in Lucknow Jn from November 14 to 17 an additional sleeper coach will be attached. In 05007 Varanasi City-Lucknow special from November 15 to 18 from Varanasi City an additional sleeper coach will be attached. In the 02597 Gorakhpur-Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus special on November 17 and 24 from Gorakhpur two additional geneal second class coaches will be attached. In the 02598 Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus - Gorakhpur special Train on November 18 and 25 from Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus two additional general second class coaches will be attached. In 05018 Gorakhpur-Lokmanya Tilak Terminus special from November 13 to 17 from Gorakhpur 2020 an additional second class coach will be attached. In the 05017 Lokmanya Tilak Terminus-Gorakhpur special from November 15 to 19 from Lokmanya Tilak Terminus an additional coach will be attached. In the 05101 Chhapra-Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus special on November 17 from Chhapra two additional general second class coaches will be attached. In 05102 Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus-Chhapra special train on November 20 from Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus two general second class coaches will be attached.

NEW DELHI-BARAUNI SPL: The railway administration will run 04476/04475 New Delhi-Barauni-New Delhi puja special from New Delhi on November 16 and from Barauni on November 17 for one trip. All coaches in these trains will be of reserved category, CPRO said.

Pneumonia responsible for 15 pc deaths in children

KANPUR (PNS): World Pneumonia Day was observed on Thursday and the theme this year was 'Every Breath Counts'. Most people suffering from COVID-19 have mild or moderate symptoms like cough, fever, and shortness of breath. However some people who contract the novel coronavirus infection suffer from severe pneumonia in both lungs. COVID-19 pneumonia is a serious illness that can be deadly and in view of the second wave of COVID-19 about to emerge, there is a need to create awareness among the masses regarding pneumonia. Pneumonia is responsible for 15 percent of deaths in children under the age of five in India, and yet, just three percent of global infectious disease research spending was being allocated to the disease before the outbreak of the novel coronavirus pandemic.

This was stated by ex-director of ML Chest Hospital and member of Chest Physicians of India, Dr SK Chaudhary, while addressing a virtual seminar on 'Pneumonia to COVID-19' at VS Degree College here on Thursday.

He said pneumonia could be a complication of COVID-19 and the symptoms of COVID-19 pneumonia could be similar to other types of viral pneumonia. He said pneumonia was a lung infection that caused inflammation in the tiny air sacs inside the lungs and they get filled with fluid and pus that made it hard to breathe. He said it caused severe shortness of breath, cough, fever, chest pain, chills or fatigue. He said one could have pneumonia as a complication of viral infections such as COVID-19 or the flu, or even a common cold and bacteria, fungi and other microorganisms could also cause it. He said the illness tied to the novel coronavirus was originally called novel coronavirus-infected pneumonia (NCIP) and the World Health Organisation renamed it COVID-19.

Pneumonia is a severe lung infection. In some people, it can be fatal, especially among the elderly and those with respiratory disorders. COVID-19 can also spread to the lungs, causing pneumonia. He said in the current times most cases developed severe pneumonia that did not respond well to treatment. Dr Chaudhary said if COVID-19 spread to the lungs, it could cause pneumonia and the virus could progress through the respiratory tract and into a person's lungs which caused inflammation and the air sacs, or alveoli, could get filled with fluid and pus and this progression then limited a person's ability to take in oxygen. He added that people with severe pneumonia may have lungs that are so inflamed that they cannot take in enough oxygen or expel enough carbon dioxide. He said continuous oxygen deprivation cold damage many organs, causing kidney failure, heart failure, and other life threatening conditions. He said symptoms of pneumonia could vary from mild to severe but typical symptoms included cough, loss of appetite, nausea/vomiting, shortness of breath, fever, difficulty in breathing deeply. He added that people with conditions that weakened the lungs or immune system may be more vulnerable to COVID-19 pneumonia. He said this could be triggered by factors like cancer, diabetes, high blood pressure, severe heart disease, kidney and liver diseases in people who were above the age of 65 years. Dr Chaudhary said people with more severe pneumonia may need to stay in hospital while in hospital, a person may receive intravenous (IV) fluids and monitoring. He said people with breathing difficulties may need a ventilator or oxygen therapy. He said it was highly contagious and thus one must avoid contact with people outside their own household, as much as possible. He advised people to remain at home and not go out if sick and wear a face covering when around other people. He said air pollution was a major risk factor for pneumonia but indoor air pollution was a major contributor of respiratory infection in many high-burden pneumonia countries, where the burning of biomass for cooking, heating and lighting were the common sources of pollution'.

NTPC Vindhyachal celebrates Raising Day

CORRESPONDENT ■ SONBHADRA

To commemorate its 39th Raising Day, a programme was organised at NTPC Vindhyachal on Thursday, following all Covid-19 guidelines and maintaining social distancing. The NTPC flag was hoisted by ED Munish Johri in the Administrative Building premises and then participants sang NTPC song. It was followed by releasing of balloons in the air by the ED along with CGM (O&M) RK Rout and GM (SSC) Vipan Kumar. They also cut the cake. The function was also attended by all GMs, AGMs, heads of departments, chairperson of Suhasini Sangh Mridula Johari, its office-bearers, Deputy Commandant of CISF Prashant Dwivedi and representatives of unions and associations. In his address, Johri said that on November 12 in 1982 the foundation stone of this project was laid by the then PM late Indira Gandhi and on September 1, 1987, the first unit of 1x210 MW started its commercial operation. Over the years its generation capacity has grown and today it is not only of NTPC but also the largest power project of the nation with 4783 MW capacity. For this remarkable journey he praised its hardworking employees for their patience and sacrifice. ED presented Mentor honours to 14 officers, Gift Work Manager awards to 30 apart from giving prizes to winners and runners-up teams of Fame Quest 2020. The winning teams of Quality Circle and Professional Circle were also awarded. The programme was conducted by Senior Manager (HR) Kamna Sharma while the vote of thanks was proposed by the AGM (HR) Snehashish Bhattacharya.

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Stimulus or not?

It is way too optimistic to believe that the latest infusion of funds into the economy will help India emerge from the pandemic

While it was always felt that India should have gone big with its first stimulus package, some more educated economists believed that the Government was wise to not play its hand too soon. Is it the correct time now for the Government to infuse funds into the economy? It is apparent that officials in the Finance Ministry believe just that with the latest round of prod measures announced by Nirmala Sitharaman. Yet questions remain about their efficacy because of their selective, sectoral appeal. Definitely fertiliser, cement and steel companies as well as those into infrastructure building will be very happy. Also some kind of job creation is expected. Under this scheme, every establishment that is registered with the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) will be incentivised to hire people who were not registered with EPFO earlier as well as those who lost their jobs between March 1, 2020, to September 30, 2020. The Central Government will give a subsidy for new employees for establishments with up to 1,000 employees. Yet, the average income tax payer, the white collar worker, who has been hit the hardest by the pandemic, might still feel hard done by with the few direct relief measures announced. But as the Bihar elections made it very clear that Prime Minister Narendra Modi knows his audience well, so he is ensuring that those in lower income groups get much of the benefits. The Opposition will almost certainly protest but it has not brought any positive ideas to the table either, thus cementing its political irrelevance. One will have to wait and see if this is the spark that the economy needs to recover from months of stasis. Certainly, increased activity in infrastructure and the performance-linked incentives for manufacturing might push up growth curves and bring back jobs across the board. While incentives to clear the housing inventory and step up infrastructure are good, there also needs to be an acceptance by many that the good times of the past will not come back anytime soon. Sales will stay depressed for a while, as will salaries and while there might be some festive cheer about a vaccine, it may be several months, maybe even a couple of years before a reasonable number of Indians receive a shot. The stimulus believes in creating a demand but the consumer will be cautious for some time. However, it is the informal sector that has been the hardest hit and where direct cash transfers are still a patchy proposition. Modi may have spun an electoral magic but without a booming economy, employment and newer opportunities, particularly among the subaltern castes, he cannot sustain his popularity either.

As announced, the stimulus package was said to be of ₹29,87,641 crore (15 per cent of GDP till date) with the Government's contribution being nine per cent of GDP and the Reserve Bank of India's the remaining six per cent. But even if we calculate the account of the extra spend this year, it adds up to only ₹1,18,200 crore which is not even half of what Sitharaman promised. Also this only accounts for 0.6 per cent of GDP. The first package on March 27, the highlight of which was the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana, was ₹1.08 lakh crore; the second announcement, which was made over a period of five days in May, added up another ₹1.08 lakh crore to the Centre's fiscal cost and the third package in October had a capital expenditure component of just ₹37,000 crore. Even after adding all the relief measures for the Coronavirus pandemic made by the Government, it would increase the Centre's actual fiscal outgo by under two per cent of GDP in 2020-21. Additionally, the expenditure in the form of production-linked incentives (PLIs) to 10 new sectors amounting to ₹1,45,980 crore will most likely kick in only in the next financial year. However, we all know that things could be a lot worse and in this festive season, we should remember that last Diwali nobody thought we would be here today. We can only hope that Diwali 2021 is the one where the economy and society are both looking up.

Obama's honesty

Former US President calls Rahul Gandhi 'nervous, unformed', reinforcing an image that the Congress leader ought to change

It is not the best of times to be Rahul Gandhi, what with the Congress hitting new lows both electorally and politically and all of it being attributed to his lustreless persona, directionless ideas and unchanging ways. The Gandhi scion continues to lose the battle of perception despite the many image makeovers he might have undergone. But the latest opinion of former US President Barack Obama has definitely done him in. In his new memoir, *Promised Land,* the Democrat leader, who has worked extensively with the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) while in office, made quite uncharitable and unflattering remarks about him. Basing his observations on a short meeting he had with Rahul in 2017, he described him as having a "nervous unformed quality about him," like a student eager to impress the teacher but "lacking aptitude and passion to master the subject." Considering it comes from a world leader with proven liberal values and one who would be deeply invested in politicians sharing his vision, this comment definitely shows up Rahul as a reluctant leader forced into circumstances and explains much of his recalcitrance and abandonment of Congress affairs after the Lok Sabha debacle of 2019. This lends further grist to criticism about his ability to lead the party again, something that his mother Sonia Gandhi wants. His political opponents and their troll armies have long tried to undermine him, both as a leader of any standing and as a serious critic of the Government by giving him nicknames like *"shehzada", "pappu"* and so on. Even when he does make valid points, like questioning the Government about the ailing economy, or the plight of women or the poor handling of the pandemic, despite him raising the issue way before it turns into a major crisis for the country, his detractors are dismissive of his voice. Plus, Opposition unity has suffered badly because of his non-serious nature with senior leaders like Mamata Banerjee and Chandrababu Naidu refusing to deal with his immaturity. But this book has just unmade his efforts at being serious through the year of the pandemic at least. For Obama's words are sincere and precise and unlike the vacuous name-calling by trolls, are actually trenchant, projecting the reality of Rahul as it is. And it rings more true as the former US President had a few good words for the then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in comparison. He found him, like former US Secretary of Defence Bob Gates, to be among those who have a "kind of impassive integrity." Clearly, this draws more attention to Singh being the "accidental and silent" Prime Minister, who had to kowtow to the Congress first family. The "told you so" comments are predictably flooding the Internet.

However, Rahul is not the only politician to have been at the receiving end of Obama's biting wit as he has described Russian President Vladimir Putin as "physically unremarkable." This demolishes the carefully constructed belief of the latter being the epitome of hypermasculinity in his country, particularly after his widely-publicised photo shoot in which the bare-chested leader can be seen riding a horse in Siberia, giving him instant mythical status in Russia. He has also compared Putin to "tough, street-smart ward bosses who used to run Chicago." He recalls the former President of France, Nicolas Sarkozy as "bold and opportunistic" with "his chest thrust out like a bantam cock's." And even though he has kind words for the US President-elect Joe Biden and calls him an honest, loyal and decent man, Obama does say that he sensed Biden "might get prickly if he thought he wasn't given his due — a quality that might flare up when dealing with a much younger boss." Obama is not bound by diplomatic niceties of his office anymore but as a statesman, he has made an honest assessment of leadership and left us to deduce what its components should be by exposing shortcomings. If anything, Obama's observation should be Rahul's wake-up call. For his own good.

Requiem for the Congress

To articulate the party's political philosophy when market capitalism increasingly sets the global agenda, the Gandhi siblings need to be familiar with its history

HIRANMAY **KARLEKAR**

The outcome of the Bihar Legislative Assembly election seems to suggest that the Indian National Congress is on a course of terminal decline. The familiar qualifying refrain, "barring a miracle", does not seem to apply here given the magnitude of its non-performance. It won only 19 of the 70 seats, which is a shade over 27 per cent, of the 243 it contested. Its utterly poor show pulled down the Rashtriya Janata Dal-led alliance, the *Mahagatbandhan* (MGB), despite the RJD's brave show, emerging as the largest single party with 75 seats, with the BJP a whisker short at 74. The BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) won 125 seats against the MGB's 110.

The Congress won a little over 27 per cent of the seats it contested, while the RJD won a trifle above 53 per cent and the three Left parties, which bagged 17 seats — with the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) getting 11 — a little more than 58 per cent. This is a dismal outcome for a party that had led India's struggle for independence from British rule and given the country a stable Government for the first 20 years as a free nation. It enjoyed unchallenged power during this period when it assiduously nurtured India's infant democracy, enabling it to strike deep roots.

Congress leaders have contended that the 70 seats their party contested were in areas where they had traditionally fared very poorly. In the 2010 Assembly polls, the BJP-Janata Dal (United) alliance won 65 of these. They led in 67 of the 70, which were Assembly segments of various Lok Sabha constituencies, in the parliamentary elections of 2019 they fought together. The question of the matter is: Why did the Congress contest these? Why, recognising its pathetic lack of workers and organisational strength on the ground, did it not contest fewer seats and concentrate all its strength in these? Significantly, it had won 27 of the 41 seats it had contested in the 2015 Assembly elections. It is difficult to avoid the conclusion that it was ambition-driven optimism, without any basis in reality, that had prodded the party. Obviously, none in the latter's decision-making parlour had read *Macbeth* saying in Shakespeare's play of the same name, "I have no spur/ To prick the sides of my intent, but only/ Vaulting ambition. Which o'erleaps itself/ And falls on th'other." And now, lying on the other, the party is alternating between licking its wounds and offering explanations.

The impact of this over-arching strategic blunder was aggravated by several factors. Apart from a few ineffective appearances, the Congress's top leaders like Rahul, Priyanka and Sonia Gandhi were generally missing from the scene. One, however, wonders whether it would have made any difference if they had been more visible and vocal. It is well-known that Sonia Gandhi is ill. While enjoying a certain acceptability among leaders of most Opposition parties, she lacks the command over Hindi required to strike a chord with the masses. This stands out as a major liability *vis-a-vis* Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who can sweep crowds off their feet with his strident oratory and has an uncanny ability to connect with people. It is no secret that it was his speeches in a string of public rallies in the last phase of the campaign that turned the tide in the NDA's favour.

Rightly or wrongly, Rahul Gandhi remains burdened with the *"pappu"* image, is an indifferent public speaker, and is seen as a part-time politician who vanishes after periodic appearances, generating much speculation about his whereabouts. The same goes for Priyanka Gandhi. Consider the Hathras rape incident. The duo burst into the forefront of the movement, demanding justice for the victim and her family, and then dropped out of sight. The argument that they had no occasion to stage another dramatic public appearance does not hold. A successful politician must know how to create such occasions. This is particularly so because a politician's image is increasingly important in a world where issues are too complex, and their solutions too technical, for ordinary voters to decide between the plans on offer. They tend to vote for the person who, they feel, can deliver. The appearance of capability is an important determinant of a leader's acceptability.

Can Rahul and Priyanka change the way the public seems to perceive them? Images tend to stick to people but can be overcome given foresight, determination, effort and, of course, success. When Indira Gandhi first came to power, she was regarded as a protégé of the Syndicate and a pushover. If memory serves, Ram Manohar Lohia called her a *"gungi Gudiya"* or a dumb doll. Yet she worsted the Syndicate on the issue of who should India's President be — ensuring the victory of her candidate, VV Giri, over the Syndicate's nominee, N Sanjiva Reddy — swept the Lok Sabha elections of 1971, played a critical role in Bangladesh's liberation and established herself as a widely-accepted national leader. But for the Emergency, which remains a permanent blot on her escutcheon, she might have been remembered as India's greatest Prime Minister.

Indira Gandhi established her position after becoming Prime Minister. Rahul and/or Priyanka Gandhi have to do so before assuming that office. It will be very difficult to do so through political action because the opportunities a Prime Minister can utilise by virtue of being in power — such as making populist moves like bank nationalisation, which Indira Gandhi resorted to — are not available to those in the Opposition. The latter can utilise the mistakes a Government makes. One, however, needs a certain political stature to lead effective movements against a Government and one cannot gain political stature unless one can lead effective movements. Stature is critically important. The movement against corruption that, surging through 1973-74, drove Indira Gandhi to the wall and prompted her to resort to the draconian step of declaring the Emergency, was led by Jayaprakash Narayan who, albeit no longer in politics then, was widely respected for his role in the freedom movement, in India's socialist politics, and land redistribution through land gifts *(Bhoodan)* movement.

Can Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi build up a credible stature for themselves? To start with, they need not disappear from the public eye every now and then, and begin making knowledgeable statements about not only current events but the Congress's political philosophy and the political, economic, social, cultural and other policies arising therefrom. These have not been adequately articulated in the recent years though the party has moved far away from the resolution adopted at its Avadi session in 1955, calling for the "establishment of a socialistic pattern of society where the principal means of production are under social ownership or control" and there is "equitable distribution of the national wealth."

The economic trajectory the party adopted under PV Narasimha Rao's prime ministership, and continued to pursue under Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's watch, marked a radical departure from the course advocated at Avadi. The Congress, however, has yet to come out with a comprehensive articulation of its economic policy and its dialectic with concepts of social justice, consumer rights, democracy, the environment and human freedom. Nor has it gone beyond shibboleths and come out with a coherent formulation of its stand on human rights and secularism.

Without a philosophy, a political party lacks a compass for its policies and remains vulnerable to making compromises that, while serving ephemerally, undermine its long-term credibility.

To articulate the party's political philosophy when market capitalism increasingly sets the global agenda, the Gandhi siblings need to be familiar with the history and the ideology of their party as well as the history of political and economic thought, and the contours of various ideologies like Marxism, *laissez faire* capitalism, Hindutva and the principles of integral humanism expounded by Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay.

As of now, one cannot visualise them doing so. Nor can one see a credible alternative leadership emerging within the Congress and of the latter becoming an effective political player at the national level. Recall the scant regard paid to the letter to Sonia Gandhi in August by 23 Congress leaders calling for root-and-branch reforms in the party, and their subsequent marginalisation. Without a change, one will be left with sharing William Wordsworth's lament in *On the Extinction of the Venetian Republic*, "Men are we, and must grieve when even the shade/ Of that which once was great is passed away."

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SOUNDBITE

There are millions who have lost their jobs and livelihoods. Unless money is put in their hands, they will not be able to contribute to the revival of demand and the consequent revival of the economy.

Congress leader
—P Chidambaram

Despite 450 years of exploitative Portuguese rule, Goa managed to keep its culture intact. India was already independent and for 14 years we had continued in exploitative Portuguese rule.

Goa Chief Minister
—Pramod Sawant

We do see the economy continuing on a solid path of recovery, but the main risk we see to that is the further spread of disease here in the US.

US Fed Reserve Chairman
—Jerome Powell

You cannot express in words what fun it is to be back on the golf course or a cricket ground, having fun and playing with friends.

Former cricketer
—Kapil Dev

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Long-term bonds

Sir — On November 12, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced a ₹2.65 lakh crore stimulus package to boost the COVID-hit economy. The *Aatmanirbhar* Bharat 3.0 stimulus package includes a subsidy scheme to give an impetus to job creation and an additional outlay for the urban housing scheme as well as measures aimed at 26 sectors worst hit by the lockdown. The Government should also revive public sector bakeries to set up big food processing and bakery units in each district of the country and produce packaged food to be served in trains and for mid-day meal programmes.

Huge funds required for setting up such big public sector units in large numbers can be acquired through long-term low interest bonds. The interest should be exempted from taxation. As per the recommendations by the Raja Chelliah Tax Reforms Committee, those with incomes exceeding more than ₹30 lakh should be required to compulsorily invest 20 per cent of their income per annum in these bonds. Apart from generating a huge number of employment opportunities, the move will profit the public exchequer.

Madhu Agrawal
Chandni Chowk

Congress needs to pull up its socks

The lacklustre performance of the Congress in the Bihar Assembly election and the byelections in 11 States has exacerbated the crisis it faces. The grand old party had banked on several different factors in various States to fare well in the polls. However, the lack of strong leadership at different levels, organisational weaknesses, new political developments and reluctance of voters to place unconditional trust in the party contributed to its disappointing performance. In Bihar, the Congress failed to cash in on the anti-incumbency factor against the ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA) and managed to win only 19 seats out of the 70 it contested.

Contrary to the expectations of the party that the electorate in Madhya Pradesh would give a fitting reply to the BJP for toppling the Congress Government unscrupulously, it cast its votes in favour of the ruling party. The Congress fared worse in Uttar Pradesh. Its inability to make a comeback in the UP elections despite the rising number of crimes against women and human rights violations points to the party's pathetic state. Unless its leadership realises the frailties that have affected the party and takes corrective measures, it will adversely affect its future prospects. Sadly, the decline of the Congress will certainly be detrimental to Indian democracy.

Venu GS
Kollam

Telangana HC steps in

Sir — Responding to a public interest litigation (PIL) filed by advocate P Indra Prakash, a division bench of the Telangana High Court, comprising Justice Raghvendra Singh Chauhan and B Vijaysen Reddy, has ordered the Government to "immediately" impose curbs on the shops selling fireworks throughout the State. The judges observed that festivals do serve an important social function. However, it is the duty of the State Government to ensure that people's lives are not put at risk. This decision comes after States like Rajasthan, Delhi and West Bengal banned the sale of firecrackers, keeping in view the high level of air pollution and the rising number of COVID-19 cases.

The problem of air pollution isn't new to India and every winter the conversation around it gains traction only to be forgotten once again. So, why is there no political will to address such a crucial matter? Why does a court need to intervene when it should be the Government, both Central and States, that should work together to find a long-term solution. The idea of a green Diwali is welcome but this won't decrease the level of pollution that we are already witnessing. Strict measures need to be taken and followed through to clean up the toxic air we breathe.

Melville D'Souza
Mumbai

Multi-party Opposition

Sir — India is witnessing a trend of political parties with different viewpoints coming together with the only aim of bringing down the ruling Government. For example, the Samajwadi Party's alliance with Bahujan Samaj Party and Rashtriya Lok Dal in Uttar Pradesh or the Grand Alliance of Rashtriya Janata Dal, Congress and the Left parties in Bihar. Such incoherent groups are not able to present before the electorate any credible alternative. Hence, the BJP continues to draw more votes.

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FIRST COLUMN

Don't play politics over cracker ban

Many States have come up with their own norms. Even so, some States, looking at the issue through a selfish lens, are doing a flip-flop

RAJEEV **AHUJA**

After the National Green Tribunal (NGT) banned the sale and bursting of crackers in the Delhi-National Capital Region (NCR) till November 30, firecracker traders in Delhi were up in arms against the Government for having issued licences for the sale of fireworks in the first place. Did the Government not have the foresight to stop issuing licences? It is no secret that the air quality in Delhi-NCR goes for a toss during this time of the year, especially post-Dussehra and Diwali. It doesn't require much insight to see this coming and take preventive action, including non-issuance of licences for firecracker traders. But every year, all Governments deal with it as if it's a new issue. Why is this so? Bursting of crackers during weddings and festivals in India is a long-standing tradition. Hence it is a touchy issue. Any restraint is highly unpopular and has implications for the industry and employment as well. And so, all governments are reluctant to take a clear and tough stand on it. Now, with the country being in the middle of the Coronavirus pandemic, the issue of air pollution has acquired an added seriousness. Health authorities have already warned us that air pollution can aggravate the ongoing crisis. Couldn't the Delhi Government and the governments of the States surrounding the national Capital have anticipated this and shown some foresight?

Outside of Delhi-NCR, the ban by the NGT is applicable in towns and cities where the air quality is in the "poor" category. However, the tribunal allowed the sale and use of "green" crackers in areas where the air quality is "moderate" or "better." But even in such places, the tribunal has restricted the use of firecrackers to only two hours during festivals like Diwali, Chhath, Christmas and New Year's Eve. Many State Governments have come up with their own guidelines, restricting the use of firecrackers. Even so, some States, looking at the issue through a political lens, are doing a flip-flop. The ban has been imposed on both the demand and supply of crackers. On the demand side, it is a pity that some people still need to be stopped from bursting crackers at a time when the contagion has forced us all to reset our lifestyles.

While most people voluntarily exercise restraint, there remains a sizeable section of the population that would need to be restrained. Left to themselves, these people can create havoc for others. Given their mental make-up and their geographical scatter, the demand side enforcement of the ban by Government agencies is likely to be challenging. When looked at from the supply side, the ban has come too late in the day. The stocks that have already been produced will find their way into the market and get sold and used. It shouldn't come as a surprise if compliance remains tepid. The enforcement of the ban has to be made everybody's business. This is where some advance and longer-term planning would have helped.

Bursting of crackers that create so much air and noise pollution has to be treated as a social menace. A negative association between the bursting of crackers and the welfare of the people at large has to be drawn and reinforced time and again. There is a need to create a social norm around it to build pressure against those who resort to the firing of crackers. A collective action needs to be activated against this practice. Further, the law and order agencies need to engage civil society in the monitoring and reporting of violations of the prohibition. This just goes to show that a sophisticated approach is needed for dealing with the issue.

The bursting of firecrackers is only one of the sources of air pollution in major towns and cities and that, too, a transient one. Dealing with the other sources of air pollution such as vehicular emissions, dust from construction sites, burning of solid waste and so forth require a similar approach even before the Graded Response Action Plan kicks in. Some sources of air pollution such as the burning of crop residue don't have affordable technological fixes yet. The Government needs to work closely with research organisations and the industry to get cheap and sustainable technological solutions to the farmers. Where these solutions already exist, the Government needs to facilitate their early adoption by working closely with the industry and civil society.

Dealing with the challenge of air pollution requires changing peoples' choices and practices. This cannot happen without the Government's active engagement with the industry and civil society. Its role is not confined to merely being a referee or a regulator. It has a facilitator's role as well. Further, different layers of Government — Central, State, and local authorities — need to work in tandem. Delhi-NCR is probably the worst-affected by the coordination failure between the different State Governments and offices. This failure is seen across a slew of development challenges. The education system needs to do much more in conditioning children about the interdependence and interconnectedness of various sectors in controlling air pollution. People have to be taught early on about the limits to individual freedom and free will. They have to take socially responsible decisions when their actions adversely affect others. They have to respect the rights of others to clean air and health.

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POINT**COUNTER**POINT

FAMILY-RUN PARTIES ARE THE BIGGEST THREAT TO DEMOCRACY. THE ONLY MANTRA FOR OUR WIN WAS *SABKA SAATH, SABKA VIKAS* AND *SABKA VISHWAS*
—PRIME MINISTER
NARENDRA MODI

LEFT PARTIES DON'T HAVE A DYNASTIC RULE. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW MANY BJP LEADERS' SONS AND DAUGHTERS ARE IN POLITICS IN BIHAR.
—CPI LEADER
ATUL ANJAN

Manage land records better

The real constraint lies in discrepancies and the huge pendency of disputes about authenticity and completeness of ownership documents

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Providing error-free, tamper-proof and effortlessly accessible land records has been a major and prolonged governance challenge in the country. Land is a State subject and the project for computerisation of land records has been dragging on for decades due to a systemic lack of capacity, will and resources. Under the Digital India Land Record Modernisation Programme, the Rural Development Ministry provides financial assistance to States for computerisation of records, survey, re-survey and computerisation of registration of plots. This involves preparation of cadastral maps, record of land rights, tracing changes in the rights and right-holders over time, deeds for registration of property transfers and other plot records.

By July 31 this year, the computerisation of land records was more than 90 per cent complete in 23 States and Union Territories (UTs). Digitisation of cadastral maps was more than 90 per cent done in 19 States and UTs, computerisation of registration was more than 90 per cent finished in 22 States and UTs while integration of the registration office with the revenue office was more than 90 per cent accomplished in 16 States and UTs. This is a historic effort towards rural transformation.

In a major initiative to use drones and satellites to digitally map the entire rural landscape, the Ministry launched a new Central scheme, Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas (SVAMITVA), on the National Panchayati Raj Day on April 24.

The Geological Survey of India has been asked to create a network of Continuously Operating Reference System (CORS) stations to utilise modern surveying technology. This will be based on global satellite positioning systems and drones for accuracy and real-time data acquisition. SVAMITVA will be gradually implemented to cover all villages (over 6.65 lakh) by March 2024 and one lakh villages have been targetted by March 2021. SVAMITVA is a national scale-up of Haryana's trail-blazing project of mapping villages to create a record of rights for "*abadi*" (inhabited) areas using a drone survey.

On October 11, an initial batch of one lakh beneficiaries from 763 villages from six States received an SMS link sent on their mobile phone to download their property cards, followed by the physical distribution of these cards by respective State Governments. Each card will have a unique identity number similar to the Aadhaar card. Acceptable proof of property ownership rights plays a big role in a country's development and these property cards would make accessing bank loans easier. This will further loosen the grip of the informal credit system.

SVAMITVA will help start-ups provide drone technology as they will get more business. Real Time Kinematic (RTK) and Post-Processing Kinematic (PPK) drone technologies are to be used for the mapping. The RTK technology uses the real-time satellite navigation technique to enhance the precision of position data derived from satellite-based positioning systems. The PTK technique is used to correct location data after drone data has been captured and uploaded. A number of agri-based start-ups are coming up and the field is ripe for innovation and employment. Drone-based surveillance has already been successfully used for monitoring crowd movement and better traffic management. It is imperative that the SVAMITVA scheme is not confined to rural areas and is accelerated to include urban areas, too, as fast as the States cooperate. After all, drones and satellites can only help create authentic records of locations. Who owns what rights on a particular piece of land cannot be decided by the technology service provider. So the rather broken mechanism for resolving title disputes needs to be fixed in parallel. That explains why covering all villages is targetted by March 2024.

> "IT WOULD PERHAPS BE PREMATURE TO THINK ABOUT EVOLVING A MODEL LAND TENANCY LAW OR PROPOSING A COMMON TEMPLATE OF LAND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM BY THE CENTRE BUT CERTAINLY A SYSTEM OF SPECIAL INCENTIVES FOR ACCELERATING MODERNISATION OF THE RECORD SYSTEM SHOULD BE CONSIDERED"

It would be a big advancement in the governance system if the whole country is digitally mapped and each square metre is assigned a unique identification code. Spinoffs of a unique addressing system are limited only by the imagination. The enormous benefits of the unique addressing system for governance and business will include valuable inputs for distribution of population, homesteads, farmed areas, wetlands, forests and so on and better planning and implementation of projects.

Such a system will be useful in monitoring unauthorised constructions and encroachments as well. Petty corruption and local vested interests that patronise such activities can be checked through randomised selection of inspections by higher authorities.

The real constraint lies in discrepancies and the huge pendency of disputes about authenticity and completeness of land records. It is a big burden on the administrative system and courts. There is no ready central repository of statistics on cases pending with *Tehsildars*, Sub-Divisional Magistrates, District Magistrates, Divisional Commissioners, Revenue Ministers and Revenue Boards. Over 98 lakh civil cases were pending in courts on November 12. Of these, 60 per cent were more than one year old, 34 per cent were over three years old and 20 per cent cases were over five years old. How many of them are land related is not known.

The fact that land record digitisation is over 90 per cent complete in 23 States and UTs is heartening but also indicates the enormous challenge that lies ahead. There are just too many departments and agencies involved in management of lands and superstructures thereon. There is an urban-rural divide handled by different Ministries and Departments even as more and more rural areas get commercialised and urbanised. Some areas develop a vested interest in remaining officially "rural" even though these are not just adjacent but deep inside big cities. *Lal Dora* lands in Delhi and "villages" in Delhi-NCR make an interesting study of what is rural and urban in terms of differential regulations and its costs to broader public interest.

Historically, Revenue Departments in States are primary custodians of land management, especially agricultural plots. Forest and urban land management is with the Forest Department, Urban Development Department, municipal bodies and area development authorities. In some States, separate Panchayati Raj departments maintain records of village lands and properties. Then there are special authorities for management of charitable endowments and Waqf properties. Some States have separated survey and settlement functions and given them to specialised agencies.

The Centre has a rather limited role in these transformative reforms as land is a State subject. It provides some financial assistance and shares best practices across the country. Some additional measures are needed to speed up progress. For historical reasons, the land laws rooted in a colonial legacy differ widely across States. Post-Independence laws for implementing abolition of the *zamindari* system, "land to the tiller", rights of share-croppers, land ceiling, consolidation, reforming revenue system have been differently implemented. It would perhaps be premature to think about evolving a model land tenancy law or proposing a common template of land management system by the Centre but certainly a system of special incentives for accelerating modernisation of the record system should be considered.

Annual State rankings may also be considered. States are competing in annual ranking in terms of the Ease of Doing Business (EOBD) in the spirit of cooperative federalism. Ease of registering property, ease of verifying title and ease of recording and verifying charges on immovable property are contributory factors for promoting EOBD for corporations and Ease of Living for ordinary citizens.

The need to speed up modernisation of the land records system can hardly be overemphasised. Together with schemes like PM-KISAN and the new agri-reform laws, incentivising digital payments and online trade of farm produce will strengthen the process of gradual formalisation and digitalisation of economic activities and boost officially-recorded economic growth.

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Miles to go before we achieve gender parity

In India, women's struggle to gain working space continues. They form only 19.9 per cent of the total labour force, much below the halfway mark

ARCHANA **DATTA**

Is gender stereotyping a thing of the past? No way! There are instances of sexism galore even in the "post-feministic" world. A widely circulated video on a popular social media platform showed how a "work from home" husband, hassled by his wife's never-ending demands for participating in domestic chores, longs to get back to the office. The images, no doubt, reinforce the notion that domesticity is the women's domain and the external world belongs to men.

In Justice Amy Coney Barrett's recent Senate Judiciary confirmation meetings, her large brood found frequent mention and her commitment to motherhood was part of the public narrative. However, in the case of former Justice Antonin Scalia, his fatherhood and large family never found any mention.

During the present pandemic, a handful of women political leaders earned applause for their effective containment strategies. In a crisis, their humility, inclusiveness, decisiveness and empathy touched the right chord with their beleaguered compatriots. It certainly unsettled the existing presumptions about leadership, which is often associated with "macho" qualities.

Roshee Lamichhane, Professor, Kathmandu University School of Management, rues that "gender stereotyping is deeply ingrained in the very process of child rearing, which, often metamorphoses a girl into a submissive creature, and endows a boy with overbearing character traits." Saira Shah Halim, a social activist, author and film-maker, says that "the school curriculum and textbooks further sustain the rigid construction of gendered roles and condition the young minds with many cliches. For instance, D stands for a doctor, depicting a man, N for a nurse, with the image of a woman and that father goes to office and mother cooks at home and such gender expectations act as a deterrent in nurturing aspirations, choices or freedoms for many girls." She further says that "even emotional responses are gender-specific, such as aggression, anger and violence are signs of manly behaviour, and consequently, women bear the burnt, despite a host of protective laws, as malefactors often find social support."

The role of socio-religious forces cannot be undermined in fostering an inequitable power play in gender relations. The sacred Hindu literature, *Manu Smriti*, whose tenets still hold sway, spoke of imposing "tight control over women's autonomy" and ordained women to be under the protective care of male guardians like a father, husband and son in different phases of their lives. Festivals like Karva Chauth, Raksha Bandhan, Shiv Ratri, *et al* are perhaps the outcome of such diktats. Some States in India are now mulling a law against inter-faith marriages or the so-called "love jihad", possibly another attempt to impose a patriarchal writ on sisters and daughters in the name of saving family honour.

The popular entertainment industry is no less responsible in keeping alive gendered myths through its scripts, casting and dialogues. In 2014, a UN-sponsored study in the 10 most-profitable global film industries, including India, found that films often prop up beliefs that masculine traits and behaviour are more valued than feminine ones. In Hindi movies, women were only in 11.9 per cent of the films as central characters (2015-2017), which was only about seven per cent in the 70s, according to a study by the IBM and two Delhi-based institutions.

Katherine Coffman, a Harvard Business School Professor, asserts that "gender stereotypes determine people's beliefs about themselves and others. If I take a woman who has the exact same ability in two different categories — verbal and math — just the fact that there's an average male advantage in math shapes her belief that her own ability in math is lower."

Researchers from Illinois, New York and Princeton Universities also found that girls as young as six years old tend to believe that brilliance is reserved for men, while a University of Warwick study says that "girls feel the need to play down their intelligence to not intimidate boys, pretending to be less intelligent than they actually are, not speaking out against harassment, and withdrawing from hobbies, sports and activities that might seem unfeminine." Undoubtedly, trying to live up to such unreal ideas of masculinity and femininity leads to a tragic loss of potential in young people, especially in women.

In the US, women comprise half of the labour force, but only 26 per cent of them are employed in computer and math jobs, and occupy fewer seats in the C-suite than men, particularly in male-dominated professions like finance and technology. They earn almost 60 per cent of advanced degrees, but bring home less pay, due to "occupational sorting", as men go for higher-paying jobs than women. While gender gap in pay is a universal reality, the recent case of the Princeton university paying lesser to its women professors proves that even renowned institutions are not immune to gender prejudices.

In India, women's struggle to gain working space continues, being only 19.9 per cent of the total labour force, much below the halfway mark says the World Bank. Women remain poorly represented in core sectors of the economy like oil and gas (seven per cent), automotive (10 per cent), pharmaceutical and healthcare (11 per cent) and information technology (28 per cent). They earn, on average, 65.5 per cent less than their male colleagues for the same work, says a *India Skills Report 2020*.

In the STEM disciplines, women constitute nearly 43 per cent of the total enrolments but only three per cent enrol in PhD in science and six per cent in engineering and technology. A meagre 14 per cent of them work as scientists, engineers, technologists in research development institutions.

A 2018 IMF study indicated that women are prone to being displaced by technology as they perform more routine tasks, and about 11 per cent of them are likely to suffer from job losses for want of the required STEM skills by 2030. Kelly's Workforce insights reveals that about 81 per cent women in the STEM sector confronted a subtle gender bias in performance evaluations. A large proportion of them felt that they wouldn't be offered top positions and faced exclusion because of the presence of fewer women peers and leaders.

While commenting on prevalence of sexism in academia, Lamichhane says that issues like women's looks and their linkage with career prospects remain contested, but, such a purported perception, often makes an impact on employees' quest to look attractive. This proclivity has gravely impacted the sanctity of meritocracy and commodified the looks of women, while it is not a debatable issue at all for male employees.

Nevertheless, a recent lab research finding on the pre-historic skeletal remains excavated from the Andes Mountains has upset the applecart for gender stereotyping, which confirmed that women in large numbers used to be the big game hunters, and not gatherers alone, demolishing the millennia-old belief. Hasn't this put into question the origin of gender binaries?

Sadly, the WHO and John Hopkins University's joint study affirms the existence of all-pervasive "gender stereotypes around the world regardless of their country's level of development." Yet, many women, known and unknown, dared to defy the status quo and carved a new path for themselves. The milestone for bridging the gender gap may be a century away, a long journey, but not unachievable.

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I-T relief to help realty developers liquidate unsold inventory: Fin Min

New Delhi: The government's move to allow primary or first sale of housing units costing up to Rs 2 crore at a price 20 per cent below the stamp duty circle rate would enable real estate developers to liquidate their unsold inventory and also benefit homebuyers, the finance ministry said on Friday.

The Aatmanirbhar Bharat 3.0 package announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday included income tax relief measures for real estate developers and homebuyers for primary purchase/sale of residential units of value of up to Rs 2 crore for the period from November 12, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

"In order to boost demand in the real-estate sector and to enable the real-estate developers to liquidate their unsold inventory at a rate substantially lower than the circle rate and giving benefit to the home buyers, it has been decided to further increase the safe harbour from 10 per cent to 20 per cent under section 43CA of the Act for the period from November 12, 2020-June 30, 2021, in respect of only primary sale of residential units of value up to Rs 2 crore.

"Consequential relief by increasing the safe harbour from 10 per cent to 20 per cent shall also be allowed to buyers of these residential units under section 56(2)(x) of the Act for the said period," the ministry said in a statement. So far, the law restricted the differential between circle rate and agreement value at 10 per cent.

The I-T relief announced on Thursday would mean that tax would not have to be paid if, for example, the circle rate of a property in Rs 100 and the purchase/sale value is up to Rs 80. Therefore, for these transactions, circle rate shall be deemed as sale/purchase consideration only if the variation between the agreement value and the circle rate is more than 20 per cent.

This relaxation, which is applicable till June 2021, would help builders clear their unsold stock, which is estimated at around 7 lakh units in major seven to eight cities.

Nangia Andersen LLP Partner Sandeep Jhunjhunwala said it is sure to provide a breather to the industry. ***PTI***

FHRAI says ECLGS extension is welcome, but hospitality sector needs specific stimulus package

New Delhi: Apex hospitality industry body Federation of Hotel & Restaurant Associations of India (FHRAI) on Friday welcomed the extension of the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) but said the hospitality sector requires specific stimulus package to come out of distress.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday announced the extension of ECLGS till March 31, 2021.

"The ECLGS is the only respite that the hospitality industry has received from the government so far. We cannot stress on this enough; hospitality is not like other industries," FHRAI VP Gurbaxish Singh Kohli said.

He added that it is highly capital- and labour-intensive sector, and without a specific stimulus, the sector will continue to bleed.

Travel, tourism and hospitality are the worst-affected sectors, not only in India but across the world, he added.

"We once again request the government to understand the industry's fragility at present and offer us the much-needed support," Kohli said.

The FHRAI also said the extension offers only a marginal benefit to the industry.

"The government has allowed businesses to avail loan restructuring to help them recover from the hit they took during the lockdown.

The hospitality industry is also eligible for it. ***PTI***

Sensex returns to winning mode as bank stocks recover; ends Samvat 2076 with 11 pc gains

Mumbai: Domestic equity benchmarks eked out modest gains on Friday after a day's pause as banking and finance stocks found firmer ground amid mixed global cues. The 30-share BSE Sensex ended 85.81 points or 0.20 per cent higher at 43,443. The broader NSE Nifty rose 29.15 points or 0.23 per cent to 12,719.95.

Both the benchmarks closed Hindu calendar year Samvat 2076 with smart gains. The Sensex rallied 4,384.94 points or 11.22 per cent, while the Nifty soared 1,136.05 points or 9.80 per cent. Markets will have a special one-hour Muhurat trading session on Diwali (Saturday) to mark the beginning of Samvat 2077. Bajaj Finserv was the top gainer in the Sensex pack on Friday, rising 3.32 per cent, followed by Tata Steel, ICICI Bank, Axis Bank, Bajaj Finance, SBI and UltraTech Cement.

On the other hand, L&T, HDFC twins, Bharti Airtel, Tech Mahindra, TCS and M&M were among the major laggards, slumping up to 2.04 per cent. ***PTI***

Rupee snaps 4-day losing run, ends marginally up at 74.62 vs USD

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The rupee halted its four-session losing streak on Friday, settling with a marginal 2 paise gain at 74.62 to the US dollar, as stronger Asian peers against the greenback lent support to the domestic unit.

Forex traders, however, said that importers and banks' demand for the greenback continued to exert pressure on the Indian currency.

At the interbank forex market, the rupee opened at 74.63 a dollar and witnessed an intraday high of 74.47 and a low of 74.71.

The local unit finally closed at 74.62 against the American currency, registering a rise of 2 paise over its previous close.On weekly basis, the rupee lost 54 paise or 0.72 per cent. ***PTI***

China halts imports of seafood products from Indian firm

Beijing: China has suspended the import of seafood products from an Indian company for a week starting from Friday, after traces of COVID-19 were reportedly found on the outer packaging of some samples of frozen cuttlefish exported by the firm. China's General Administration of Customs suspended the import of seafood products from an Indian company for one week starting from Friday after COVID-19 was found on the outer packaging of some samples of frozen cuttlefish from the company, the state-run Global Times reported.

The report, however, has not provided any details of the company which exported the fish to China.It also said Liangshan county in East China's Shandong Province on Friday reported that packaging from one batch of imported frozen beef tested positive for COVID-19.

The beef was delivered from another Chinese city. Control and management of resources will be strengthened, Bi Kexin, head of the import and export food safety bureau of the General Administration of Customs, was quoted as saying. ***PTI***

NTPC develops Geo-polymer aggregate from fly ash

New Delhi: NTPC Ltd, India's largest power producer has successfully developed Geo-polymer coarse aggregate from fly ash. The development will help in replacing natural aggregates reducing the impact on environment.

NTPC's research project on production of Geo-polymer coarse aggregate from fly ash has met the statutory parameters of Indian Standards and confirmed by National Council for Cement and Building Materials (NCCBM).

NTPC has successfully developed Geo-polymer coarse aggregates as a replacement to natural aggregates. The technical parameters as per Indian standards for its suitability to use in concrete works were tested by NCCBM, Hyderabad and the results are in acceptable range.The development is NTPC's R&D achievement in expanding the horizon in ash utilisation.

India's demand for these aggregate touches close to 2000 million metric tons mark every year. The aggregate developed by NTPC from fly ash will help in meeting the demand to a great extent and also will reduce the impact on environment caused by Natural aggregates which require quarrying of natural stone. In India, every year, approximately 258 MMT of ash is produced by the coal fired thermal power plants. Out of this around 78% of the ash is utilised and the balance remains unutilised which remain in ash dykes. NTPC is exploring alternate ways to utilise the remaining ash which includes the current research project to generate aggregates using more than 90% ash. The Geo-polymer aggregates finds its extensive usage in construction industry turning the ash eco-friendly. These aggregates are extremely environment friendly and does not require any cement for application in concrete where the fly ash based Geopolymer mortar acts as the binding agent. The Geo-polymer aggregates will help in reducing carbon emission and has great potential for reduction of water consumption.

Insurance policy for treatment of vector-borne diseases like dengue on anvil

New Delhi: Health and general insurers will soon be permitted to offer specific insurance cover to the public for treatment of vector-borne diseases like dengue, malaria and chikungunya.

Regulator IRDAI on Friday came out with an exposure draft on Standard Vector Borne Disease Health Policy under which general and health insurers will be encouraged to offer such policies for one year.

NIFTY 50

SCRIP	OPEN	HIgh	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
NIFTY 50	12659.70	12735.95	12607.70	12719.95	29.15
EICHERMOT	2318.00	2574.40	2317.50	2525.00	174.25
BAJAJFINSV	6940.00	7300.00	6935.90	7299.00	272.80
COALINDIA	122.50	126.35	121.20	125.85	3.75
TATASTEEL	470.85	488.40	465.00	487.50	14.35
ICICIBANK	472.70	487.10	467.55	485.80	9.10
DIVISLAB	3370.00	3450.00	3368.20	3429.00	61.95
AXISBANK	595.00	612.35	584.30	610.30	10.60
BAJFINANCE	4260.00	4410.00	4250.00	4372.90	74.60
SBIN	225.00	230.65	220.10	230.60	3.80
GRASIM	827.00	848.00	819.50	839.90	12.95
JSWSTEEL	337.05	344.25	334.25	342.65	4.65
HEROMOTOCO	3089.00	3134.90	3071.10	3128.00	42.20
ULTRACEMCO	4825.00	4922.00	4815.35	4909.35	63.25
RELIANCE	1982.00	2036.65	1981.75	2000.05	20.05
DRREDDY	4850.00	4884.85	4830.05	4869.95	43.10
NTPC	90.00	92.35	89.20	91.55	0.75
HINDALCO	206.00	211.05	204.30	210.30	1.70
CIPLA	742.50	751.00	740.15	745.50	5.80
BAJAJ-AUTO	3010.00	3048.00	2995.60	3040.85	23.40
TITAN	1297.00	1304.00	1278.45	1287.05	8.95
NESTLEIND	16725.00	16890.00	16650.00	16831.00	112.40
ONGC	71.20	72.50	70.05	71.95	0.40
INFY	1120.00	1133.00	1117.00	1123.45	5.70
ASIANPAINT	2180.50	2206.55	2172.00	2181.80	10.00
HCLTECH	822.90	831.45	818.15	827.85	3.15
KOTAKBANK	1749.90	1774.80	1720.35	1758.45	3.70
BRITANNIA	3517.00	3541.45	3505.00	3515.80	0.50
SHREECEM	23529.50	23645.20	23205.30	23400.00	-41.60
SUNPHARMA	511.95	515.80	504.55	508.00	-1.25
INDUSINDBK	760.05	774.70	741.75	766.95	-2.25
WIPRO	344.50	346.25	342.70	344.50	-1.05
HDFCLIFE	625.00	630.35	617.95	628.50	-1.90
GAIL	92.95	93.30	91.50	92.75	-0.30
HINDUNILVR	2205.00	2218.40	2178.25	2185.00	-7.10
MARUTI	6880.00	6880.00	6786.00	6812.80	-24.05
TCS	2655.75	2664.90	2636.00	2661.20	-9.85
POWERGRID	188.60	189.95	186.20	188.80	-0.70
ITC	187.20	188.80	185.55	187.15	-0.85
BPCL	391.80	400.40	383.20	392.80	-1.85
SBILIFE	837.75	838.95	824.10	833.50	-4.25
TECHM	838.00	845.70	833.35	838.80	-4.45
BHARTIARTL	477.00	478.00	470.00	477.25	-2.60
M&M	633.95	638.95	628.05	628.20	-4.50
IOC	84.00	85.15	83.70	84.65	-0.65
ADANIPORTS	367.50	370.40	362.70	365.20	-2.85
HDFCBANK	1368.80	1368.80	1347.00	1358.00	-13.70
UPL	429.00	431.10	423.00	425.00	-4.60
HDFC	2320.00	2323.30	2284.00	2306.70	-25.40
LT	1065.05	1068.15	1038.10	1052.00	-21.20
TATAMOTORS	150.00	150.00	145.35	146.20	-5.00

NIFTY NEXT 50

SCRIP	OPEN	HIgh	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
NIFTY NEXT 50	29029.75	29340.45	29002.70	29310.05	260.05
ADANIGREEN	949.00	989.45	943.00	989.00	46.65
NAUKRI	3650.60	3875.90	3640.55	3855.80	179.00
PEL	1400.00	1478.75	1389.75	1467.25	63.70
TORNTPHARM	2618.00	2747.80	2595.00	2728.00	109.20
PETRONET	245.00	255.00	245.00	253.30	9.70
BIOCON	423.90	435.40	423.35	435.20	12.50
ICICIGI	1257.90	1304.00	1252.00	1293.25	33.90
AUROPHARMA	838.95	860.65	833.00	858.00	19.00
MUTHOOTFIN	1176.00	1192.35	1162.10	1191.95	22.70
HAVELLS	811.40	833.90	810.10	827.15	15.65
BANKBARODA	45.45	46.75	44.40	46.50	0.85
BANDHANBNK	333.00	346.00	330.00	344.00	6.25
ADANITRANS	327.10	333.80	323.10	331.25	5.80
NMDC	90.90	93.25	90.00	92.60	1.55
PFC	102.70	103.55	98.70	102.50	1.40
PNB	29.15	29.55	28.35	29.45	0.35
TATACONSUM	509.80	519.00	508.20	514.50	5.75
INFRATEL	179.45	181.45	178.65	180.90	1.70
ICICIPRULI	430.00	435.00	428.05	433.50	4.05
GICRE	124.75	128.50	124.05	125.85	1.10
BAJAJHLDNG	2680.00	2715.00	2631.30	2698.00	19.90
LUPIN	900.00	907.15	890.65	901.75	6.25
ALKEM	2666.30	2699.80	2655.85	2674.05	18.40
DLF	182.90	185.80	180.55	183.90	1.25
HINDPETRO	212.55	215.75	209.75	214.55	0.95
LTI	2985.00	3063.85	2945.65	2994.00	10.70
ABBOTINDIA	15390.00	15450.00	15315.00	15350.00	46.30
CADILAHC	427.95	432.75	424.10	426.25	0.20
OFSS	3100.00	3100.00	3075.00	3090.00	1.25
PGHH	10778.00	10821.00	10640.00	10680.00	-1.50
CONCOR	398.50	403.00	393.00	399.30	-0.35
ACC	1674.00	1684.50	1657.70	1672.00	-2.90
UBL	1023.50	1031.20	1015.55	1021.45	-2.05
DABUR	520.00	522.00	512.60	515.85	-2.05
PIDILITIND	1570.00	1589.95	1562.25	1565.00	-6.50
BERGEPAINT	651.50	655.60	645.60	647.70	-3.85
HINDZINC	227.95	228.80	225.00	227.40	-1.40
INDIGO	1608.00	1639.90	1605.00	1619.00	-12.05
IGL	439.70	446.45	434.45	435.00	-3.30
GODREJCP	687.00	690.50	678.40	681.85	-5.30
MCDOWELL-N	555.00	558.25	549.15	553.70	-4.40
DMART	2390.00	2399.00	2361.50	2380.20	-20.10
COLPAL	1510.00	1524.00	1493.50	1508.25	-13.15
SBICARD	782.90	787.90	770.15	774.15	-7.00
BOSCHLTD	11975.00	11975.00	11680.00	11768.00	-127.20
MARICO	374.00	376.45	368.15	369.65	-4.65
HDFCAMC	2415.00	2435.00	2400.05	2403.10	-32.75
AMBUJACEM	261.50	262.25	255.75	257.45	-5.40
SIEMENS	1393.00	1398.90	1356.25	1371.00	-34.35
MOTHERSUMI	131.50	132.45	129.10	129.35	-3.75

BSE 500

Script	Open	High	Low	LTP
Security Name	Open	High	Low	LTP
RELIANCE	1990.00	2036.65	1981.00	1996.10
INFY	1119.85	1132.20	1117.00	1123.90
HDFC	2325.00	2325.00	2285.00	2306.40
BAJFINANCE	4260.00	4409.00	4253.85	4374.90
TCS	2656.00	2663.95	2636.45	2657.30
HINDUNILVR	2200.05	2215.75	2178.55	2185.15
AXISBANK	595.70	612.15	584.30	610.45
ICICIBANK	473.50	486.80	467.70	485.40
HDFCBANK	1369.40	1369.40	1346.70	1359.00
MARUTI	6851.00	6874.00	6786.55	6808.95
SBIN	225.50	230.65	220.15	229.55
EICHERMOT	2240.00	2565.00	2240.00	2516.45
INDUSINDBK	759.20	774.50	742.00	768.55
LT	1067.50	1067.50	1038.60	1051.40
DRREDDY	4860.00	4883.00	4827.95	4855.25
TATASTEEL	471.90	488.00	465.40	486.50
IBULHSGFIN	172.80	184.00	172.00	182.10
BAJAJFINSV	7000.55	7299.00	6941.10	7257.80
BHARTIARTL	478.00	478.05	469.85	475.85
APOLLOHOSP	2111.20	2313.00	2111.20	2269.15
M&M	633.05	638.20	627.95	629.65
HCLTECH	824.35	831.30	818.70	828.05
IDEA	8.48	8.83	8.47	8.72
ASIANPAINT	2189.60	2205.40	2173.85	2179.55
ITC	187.00	188.75	185.70	187.05
TITAN	1289.00	1304.60	1279.15	1288.50
SUNPHARMA	510.55	515.95	504.60	508.40
TECHM	836.90	845.50	833.60	838.95
BPCL	394.40	400.40	383.30	394.20
ULTRACEMCO	4833.00	4915.80	4815.75	4897.40
CIPLA	741.35	750.70	740.50	744.50
TATAMOTORS	150.00	150.00	145.50	146.35
KOTAKBANK	1752.45	1774.00	1720.55	1765.95
NESTLEIND	16789.00	16886.95	16641.10	16825.95
ADANIGREEN	944.00	988.15	944.00	988.15
VBL	714.05	750.00	711.15	740.70
WIPRO	343.55	346.15	342.60	344.15
HDFCLIFE	630.25	630.25	618.00	625.80
HEROMOTOCO	3085.55	3134.90	3073.90	3128.80
COALINDIA	122.50	126.30	121.25	125.90
JSWSTEEL	337.00	344.00	334.50	343.20
PIIND	2289.00	2350.00	2283.00	2335.80
HINDALCO	206.00	211.10	204.60	210.55
DMART	2394.00	2398.85	2371.70	2381.60
JUBLFOOD	2385.00	2502.80	2360.95	2483.15
POWERGRID	188.00	189.95	186.25	188.85
GRASIM	827.80	847.85	820.05	841.25
BANDHANBNK	331.25	346.00	330.05	344.40
PVR	1265.00	1319.30	1260.00	1302.15
RBLBANK	199.25	207.70	196.95	205.60
VEDL	102.95	107.95	102.00	107.50
MRF	69799.00	72500.00	69607.35	71960.05
ASHOKLEY	89.85	91.30	89.25	90.75
IBREALEST	57.30	63.80	56.40	60.15
PAGEIND	21900.00	22289.40	21765.95	21925.15
ZEEL	199.00	199.00	190.80	192.60
AUROPHARMA	841.10	860.20	833.40	858.15
DIVISLAB	3398.00	3451.05	3367.75	3432.20
HAVELLS	824.00	833.80	811.30	827.35
JUSTDIAL	616.90	646.00	616.90	624.65
GODREJPROP	993.50	1020.90	981.10	991.10
PETRONET	241.50	254.90	241.50	254.20
SUNTV	443.05	444.40	415.80	425.00
SBICARD	784.85	788.25	770.75	773.85
TORNTPHARM	2620.00	2745.80	2605.00	2728.20
ESCORTS	1402.00	1418.05	1383.05	1396.05
DLF	183.95	185.75	180.70	184.70
NTPC	89.10	92.10	89.10	91.35
ONGC	71.20	72.45	70.05	72.10
LUPIN	903.00	907.50	891.00	901.25
NAUKRI	3625.00	3874.75	3625.00	3859.05
TATAPOWER	55.25	55.75	54.60	55.25
SRTRANSFIN	858.00	879.55	848.45	875.95
PEL	1410.00	1478.00	1390.70	1469.35
CADILAHC	426.00	432.70	424.10	425.50
LAURUSLABS	289.00	295.00	278.50	283.95
BALKRISIND	1573.00	1596.95	1567.55	1589.35
BRITANNIA	3518.00	3540.00	3509.00	3514.40
DIXON	10150.00	10790.00	10120.30	10599.10
L&TFH	68.30	70.65	68.25	70.10
LICHSGFIN	315.00	316.80	308.15	314.30
LTI	2970.05	3062.00	2950.00	3005.95
MANAPPURAM	160.00	164.20	158.15	163.60
TATACONSUM	511.00	519.00	508.50	513.25
FEDERALBNK	55.90	56.80	54.75	56.60
M&MFIN	145.05	145.45	141.60	143.75
ACC	1653.50	1684.10	1653.50	1675.95
IOC	84.50	85.15	83.70	84.75
MGL	881.00	893.20	853.35	859.70
DEEPAKNI	815.20	832.35	815.20	824.55
RECLTD	113.25	115.95	111.35	115.40
BHARATFORG	495.00	497.95	478.00	481.20
HINDPETRO	213.70	215.70	209.70	214.70
BIOCON	424.20	435.20	424.20	433.45
MOTHERSUMI	131.85	132.30	129.20	130.00
DABUR	518.50	521.40	512.60	515.35
DELTACORP	127.30	136.80	126.45	135.45
SIEMENS	1391.20	1397.65	1356.60	1368.70

IDFCFIRSTB	32.90	33.45	32.00	33.05
SPICEJET	54.55	55.15	53.60	54.45
PNB	29.10	29.55	28.30	29.50
NMDC	91.00	93.15	90.00	92.60
ICICIGI	1255.40	1304.00	1255.30	1298.40
SHK	106.45	119.50	105.00	116.90
ADANIENT	365.90	371.50	362.10	368.60
PGHL	5700.00	6039.00	5610.55	6012.30
CHAMBLFERT	168.55	182.30	168.55	181.35
PIDILITIND	1569.00	1589.70	1563.40	1564.85
MUTHOOTFIN	1179.90	1193.10	1163.00	1188.85
BANKBARODA	45.65	46.70	44.45	46.55
BLISSGVS	164.50	165.00	162.00	163.10
UPL	431.00	431.00	423.05	425.35
GAIL	92.80	93.20	91.45	92.70
SYNGENE	549.00	569.00	543.00	566.20
EXIDEIND	171.50	171.60	167.10	168.70
PHILIPCARB	151.50	159.30	150.20	157.30
VOLTAS	750.00	761.20	748.75	758.10
IRCTC	1376.00	1402.35	1365.50	1388.55
PFC	102.80	103.55	98.75	102.95
SRF	5073.55	5150.00	5047.00	5140.45
INDIGO	1613.00	1639.00	1605.70	1616.05
HDFCAMC	2421.00	2434.05	2400.05	2403.90
TRENT	718.00	758.00	718.00	751.65
FRETAIL	68.05	68.50	67.55	68.00
PFIZER	5110.00	5159.10	5101.00	5116.90
JINDALSTEL	217.25	217.25	213.10	214.95
APOLLOTYRE	165.10	165.15	162.10	164.00
GLENMARK	485.00	488.35	481.05	486.40
BEL	94.90	97.15	92.75	96.65
TATAMTRDVR	61.80	63.10	60.50	61.75
IPCALAB	2070.00	2117.00	2055.00	2078.90
HAWKINCOOK	5069.95	5129.95	4950.20	5005.40
COCHINSHIP	336.30	342.70	334.10	335.30
SBILIFE	842.00	842.00	824.15	832.15
IGL	439.00	446.70	434.70	436.20
SHREECEM	23500.00	23673.45	23213.95	23432.10
BHEL	28.10	28.10	27.80	28.00
AMBUJACEM	261.90	262.15	255.75	257.65
CHOLAFIN	314.50	316.20	308.60	309.45
NOCIL	143.45	148.75	140.70	147.95
AFFLE	2852.00	3005.15	2851.00	2952.30
FORTIS	134.00	142.70	131.50	141.95
COFORGE	2330.00	2357.20	2282.50	2304.55
POLYCAB	917.80	930.00	916.30	919.60
SUZLON	3.50	3.50	3.46	3.50
AUBANK	840.00	847.95	801.45	844.70
AMARAJABAT	835.00	846.00	812.45	817.10
BAJAJ-AUTO	3017.00	3048.00	2998.85	3040.95
SAIL	39.45	39.45	38.75	39.15
GRANULES	379.00	381.85	374.55	376.70
ADANIPORTS	368.70	370.00	362.90	365.35
NATIONALUM	34.05	35.00	33.50	34.75
JSLHISAR	109.40	119.10	108.40	117.80
GMM	3392.00	3440.00	3351.00	3394.70
KAJARIACER	578.00	609.75	577.00	605.80
ICICIPRULI	426.05	434.90	426.05	432.80
ADVENZYMES	322.70	335.00	320.85	330.35
NCC	37.20	39.15	37.20	38.90
CONCOR	398.70	402.35	393.70	399.70
MCX	1660.00	1689.00	1652.70	1679.80
INDIAMART	4986.45	5020.15	4920.00	4987.80
ABCAPITAL	74.00	77.35	72.65	76.95
STAR	652.10	682.40	652.10	678.10
COLPAL	1518.90	1521.95	1493.45	1510.75
TATAELXSI	1490.00	1509.00	1480.00	1484.25
FINOLEXIND	597.00	615.00	597.00	610.55
ADANITRANS	326.55	333.50	323.00	331.35
IDBI	37.30	37.30	36.60	37.00
ABBOTINDIA	15332.00	15450.00	15213.00	15371.90
AJANTPHARM	1526.00	1552.15	1486.95	1547.80
CUMMINSIND	476.00	482.00	470.60	478.75
ALKYLAMINE	3359.95	3400.00	3354.15	3374.15
INFRATEL	179.80	181.45	178.75	180.75
POWERINDIA	932.50	990.80	932.45	973.80
CANBK	91.15	91.75	90.35	91.55
HAL	755.00	767.50	742.05	759.90
DEEPAKFERT	145.80	147.95	144.00	145.15
DCBBANK	89.65	92.90	88.35	91.50
BSOFT	176.95	182.25	176.85	181.15
TASTYBIT	10700.00	11800.00	10415.05	11706.05
CASTROLIND	112.55	115.40	112.55	115.15
TVSMOTOR	484.00	485.00	476.25	477.80
BATAINDIA	1339.35	1356.70	1332.30	1354.40
GUJGAS	316.00	316.00	303.50	305.50
MASFIN	847.55	945.45	845.05	922.75
CARERATING	418.00	449.20	418.00	438.70
INDIACEM	124.85	128.00	123.50	125.65
BLUEDART	4049.00	4218.00	3977.00	4097.90
NBCC	23.70	24.70	23.70	24.35
MARICO	374.10	375.60	368.50	369.20
SOMANYCERA	235.00	258.65	231.55	252.30
MINDTREE	1325.00	1352.05	1322.90	1347.15
CERA	2734.55	3003.80	2730.00	2987.10
JKLAKSHMI	315.00	333.35	310.10	328.60
DALBHARAT	913.60	954.90	905.80	950.25
AMBER	2247.45	2339.00	2247.45	2310.25
APLLTD	967.00	979.00	963.90	977.10
REPCOHOME	221.00	237.70	218.85	233.95
MAHSCOOTER	3265.20	3539.65	3259.65	3497.70

ADANIGAS	240.55	244.90	238.20	242.90
COROMANDEL	723.20	755.00	723.20	750.15
INDHOTEL	111.50	112.00	108.00	111.25
RELAXO	695.50	730.00	688.00	727.75
FSL	74.00	75.30	73.75	74.10
SOBHA	288.70	298.00	288.70	296.20
SUDARSCHEM	448.50	459.50	445.15	454.80
MPHASIS	1331.05	1349.80	1309.00	1316.40
NATCOPHARM	925.00	930.00	896.00	898.55
BAJAJHLDNG	2677.00	2715.00	2630.05	2690.00
BOSCHLTD	11900.00	11900.00	11686.05	11741.35
SWANENERGY	133.60	134.40	131.30	133.25
INOXLEISUR	265.20	268.80	265.00	267.00
TV18BRDCST	28.20	29.20	27.90	28.85
NAVINFLUOR	2444.00	2548.00	2444.00	2518.60
ABB	958.40	1005.65	958.40	999.80
NIACL	105.40	116.35	104.35	114.25
PRSMJOHNSN	78.70	87.00	78.40	81.45
BEML	623.70	623.70	607.50	609.65
CUB	177.00	188.40	172.55	186.55
CGCL	252.90	269.00	248.00	248.50
BIRLACORPN	742.10	769.90	742.10	749.55
GALAXYSURF	1855.00	1887.85	1802.00	1829.05
AARTIIND	1082.25	1108.00	1075.00	1101.40
GRAPHITE	186.50	186.50	179.80	180.50
TATACHEM	327.95	329.00	322.60	324.30
VIPIND	295.00	303.70	295.00	302.25
JSL	59.25	62.45	58.60	61.95
VGUARD	168.90	173.00	167.80	171.85
PERSISTENT	1159.55	1170.00	1128.20	1142.10
ASTERDM	154.00	163.00	151.40	162.45
BERGEPAINT	650.00	655.55	645.05	648.95
HEIDELBERG	190.70	194.20	188.75	192.85
SHOPERSTOP	180.00	191.00	177.30	187.35
CROMPTON	295.85	298.75	294.05	297.00
JAICORPLTD	82.50	89.30	82.50	87.40
RALLIS	246.45	249.00	244.00	245.25
FINEORG	2537.80	2590.00	2518.55	2579.35
INFIBEAM	85.90	85.90	80.50	82.45
MOTILALOFS	550.35	581.60	547.40	576.45
OIL	90.05	93.30	90.05	92.00
KPITTECH	99.00	103.25	96.65	102.35
DCAL	130.00	135.50	120.80	132.10
FCONSUMER	7.10	7.10	6.94	7.04
MEGH	75.45	78.70	75.05	77.25
GODREJCP	687.00	689.85	678.80	681.75
BAYERCROP	5120.05	5169.60	5075.00	5098.20
TRIDENT	7.31	7.58	7.23	7.46
KPRMILL	821.00	829.40	802.40	815.00
SOUTHBANK	6.61	6.67	6.57	6.66
DISHTV	10.53	10.66	10.47	10.50
VENKYS	1599.00	1604.85	1535.00	1546.55
JKTYRE	78.20	78.70	77.30	77.55
FLUOROCHEM	497.15	532.00	490.00	529.80
BRIGADE	191.80	208.70	191.80	204.75
AVANTI	499.95	504.55	483.25	487.30
BDL	302.60	312.45	302.60	306.50
TORNTPOWER	307.10	308.00	302.60	302.90
CAPPL	467.35	489.70	467.35	485.10
IDFC	31.05	31.50	30.65	31.25
ATUL	6300.00	6422.00	6300.00	6361.70
PTC	52.80	53.60	52.75	53.20
BAJAJELEC	546.15	551.00	536.00	540.45
ASTRAL	1298.00	1298.00	1274.40	1279.20
BANKINDIA	40.55	40.90	39.90	40.50
UJJIVAN	242.95	248.60	241.15	246.75
SUNTECK	266.05	270.80	265.15	266.75
RAYMOND	281.00	282.70	278.40	280.80
ADANIPOWER	35.90	36.30	35.75	36.20
INTELLECT	258.00	265.30	250.00	252.95
EMAMILTD	383.55	387.70	376.55	378.50
IEX	208.85	213.25	205.90	207.15
ABFRL	154.00	159.25	154.00	158.30
HSCL	46.25	47.10	45.85	46.65
EIHOTEL	81.25	82.55	80.00	81.50
VINATIORGA	1110.00	1114.00	1101.00	1103.75
RAIN	101.25	103.55	101.25	102.15
SIS	365.00	375.00	364.70	373.70
GNFC	192.60	194.30	191.35	192.40
ASTRAZEN	4389.00	4389.00	4291.30	4326.70
SONATSOFTW	338.60	351.80	333.10	342.90
PNBHOUSING	382.40	393.20	379.85	385.30
HFCL	17.15	17.15	16.85	16.95
ENGINERSIN	70.95	71.30	69.80	70.70
WELCORP	101.10	103.75	100.20	101.45
KEC	344.90	346.30	336.65	338.05
GEPIL	242.55	249.50	240.95	249.50
VRLLOG	155.05	167.00	155.00	165.40
SUMICHEM	271.95	275.55	270.00	271.25
BBTC	1260.00	1274.05	1241.00	1256.20
CENTRALBK	11.65	11.65	11.29	11.41
BALRAMCHIN	149.30	149.95	148.70	149.15
CANFINHOME	478.20	480.00	471.40	473.55
LALPATHLAB	2140.95	2180.50	2135.00	2174.25
LINDEINDIA	837.00	870.75	816.95	858.50
HINDZINC	229.90	229.90	225.10	227.70
KEI	344.00	352.30	342.60	348.15
IIFL	92.50	92.50	88.75	91.85
MFSL	605.95	608.00	599.15	606.90
JKCEMENT	1860.00	1892.50	1850.15	1873.45
BAJAJCON	176.30	181.75	176.30	179.40

BLUESTARCO	660.60	689.80	655.00	679.05
TIINDIA	733.00	749.50	728.90	745.55
EQUITAS	49.00	50.60	49.00	49.90
JBCHEPHARM	941.00	965.85	941.00	953.80
SUNDRMFAST	479.25	496.55	479.25	490.45
RATNAMANI	1326.35	1408.75	1316.95	1387.20
RADICO	455.95	457.30	449.70	451.40
UNIONBANK	24.30	24.80	24.30	24.70
GODFRYPHLP	882.00	887.00	846.55	852.30
APLAPOLLO	3245.90	3315.00	3235.00	3311.15
RVNL	18.50	18.85	18.50	18.65
GRSE	187.25	195.00	186.85	191.70
REDINGTON	127.00	129.50	125.00	125.60
WHIRLPOOL	2091.95	2135.70	2090.55	2095.85
INDIANB	61.80	62.95	61.10	62.65
WOCKPHARMA	292.00	294.05	290.90	291.75
LAOPALA	207.85	218.65	201.65	217.70
HONAUT	28875.00	29590.00	28733.25	29268.45
TATACOMM	976.00	1022.00	976.00	1011.35
CEATLTD	1106.05	1110.70	1089.05	1107.10
UBL	1022.80	1030.50	1016.10	1023.40
CYIENT	423.75	431.00	421.00	424.30
MOIL	124.45	124.65	120.95	124.25
MINDAIND	360.25	369.10	357.35	366.25
SCI	51.95	52.55	51.60	52.25
GMRINFRA	24.25	24.70	24.25	24.55
TATACOFFEE	102.90	103.80	101.70	102.25
LTTS	1670.00	1717.00	1670.00	1708.95
DHANUKA	704.35	708.20	695.70	700.75
LAXMIMACH	4250.00	4295.00	4243.65	4274.70
OFSS	3124.00	3124.00	3075.25	3083.20
GLAXO	1430.00	1435.00	1410.00	1426.15
UJJIVANSFB	32.35	33.30	32.35	33.05
PRESTIGE	263.00	263.55	261.00	262.85
HEG	705.00	715.90	698.90	705.25
3MINDIA	20726.00	21187.95	20623.10	20667.70
GHCL	164.90	170.95	158.60	168.05
ZYDUSWELL	1799.40	1832.85	1780.85	1824.40
NH	346.00	363.10	346.00	361.70
SWSOLAR	220.00	220.00	215.20	217.75
NHPC	20.90	21.00	20.55	20.60
HUDCO	33.20	33.20	32.05	32.15
GODREJIND	379.90	385.00	378.05	382.00
PNCINFRA	161.25	163.30	157.00	162.00
ARVINDFASN	126.00	131.50	124.70	126.70
ASHOKA	69.95	69.95	68.00	69.15
HIMATSEIDE	121.85	123.50	118.00	121.25
SANOFI	8069.30	8091.90	8022.50	8082.55
TVSSRICHAK	1519.10	1540.00	1485.90	1521.70
SUPRAJIT	193.90	194.55	190.15	192.15
TATAMETALI	544.45	560.35	544.45	552.65
SOLARINDS	1024.00	1024.00	977.45	989.95
JUBILANT	697.00	707.40	694.90	698.90
RCF	45.05	45.65	44.90	45.05
OBEROIRLTY	435.90	436.90	429.70	431.95
JSWENERGY	61.00	63.85	61.00	63.65
PHOENIXLTD	599.45	624.20	595.60	621.60
NAM-INDIA	281.60	289.40	281.60	286.00
BOMDYEING	64.50	65.35	64.15	64.50
STLTECH	147.00	147.60	145.70	146.30
SHANKARA	299.00	299.00	284.20	286.30
FDC	335.00	336.05	327.30	334.70
BASF	1500.00	1535.35	1491.40	1506.90
TAKE	41.50	41.50	39.90	40.00
CENTURYTEX	312.00	315.15	311.75	313.55
IRB	111.00	111.20	108.65	109.20
GICRE	125.10	128.50	124.15	127.05
JAMNAAUTO	48.10	49.55	47.65	48.25
GSFC	63.80	64.40	63.15	63.75
EPL	259.90	262.15	250.10	252.90
ISEC	443.00	449.75	443.00	445.90
FINCABLES	271.00	277.30	271.00	273.10
METROPOLIS	1871.00	1938.90	1854.05	1905.70
PGHH	10780.00	10804.90	10654.60	10719.15
JKPAPER	89.50	91.30	89.50	90.95
ITI	126.00	126.00	123.00	123.30
GUJALKALI	311.70	314.35	311.00	311.75
WELSPUNIND	64.75	68.50	64.65	67.65
GREAVESCOT	71.75	73.05	71.55	72.70
SPARC	167.00	168.65	166.35	166.65
WESTLIFE	365.00	378.20	365.00	369.30
LUXIND	1505.20	1536.00	1474.55	1520.30
GESHIP	234.00	242.70	234.00	240.50
RAMCOCEM	860.00	861.50	844.50	855.30
MMTC	16.80	17.80	16.80	17.20
VTL	850.80	867.55	850.80	861.00
ZENSARTECH	193.50	197.80	192.70	196.80
CESC	580.00	585.00	574.00	581.95
TIMETECHNO	39.40	41.00	39.25	40.65
ENDURANCE	1047.50	1047.50	1024.20	1030.90
LEMONTREE	31.00	31.00	30.00	30.60
KALPATPOWR*	249.95	257.45	249.40	256.50
CREDITACC	687.70	687.70	670.00	671.60
BALMLAWRIE	101.95	101.95	100.35	100.55
THYROCARE	1049.15	1064.65	1042.05	1055.25
ALKEM	2668.20	2698.25	2668.20	2680.20
GMDCLTD	42.40	43.15	42.20	42.75
CARBORUNIV	300.60	307.00	290.00	295.50
UFLEX	335.50	337.70	329.60	332.55
JINDALSAW	64.90	65.45	63.20	64.70
JMFINANCIL	76.80	77.60	75.35	76.25

IOB	9.05	9.59	9.05	9.40
KANSAINER	505.00	518.50	500.25	505.05
CHENNPETRO	79.25	79.55	78.70	78.95
EIDPARRY	287.40	287.45	282.10	283.95
AEGISLOG	219.00	221.00	214.20	217.85
PCJEWELLER	16.00	16.40	15.90	15.95
VAIBHAVGBL	2040.00	2080.00	2020.00	2063.00
MRPL	27.75	27.90	27.40	27.50
DBL	355.50	356.00	350.00	352.80
TTKPRESTIG	5720.00	5775.00	5680.00	5763.00
VMART	1974.75	2015.00	1974.10	2009.55
KRBL	265.00	265.00	254.10	255.00
CCL	244.50	244.50	240.75	241.70
SUPREMEIND	1392.00	1400.80	1380.10	1399.35
TATAINVEST	876.70	879.50	867.85	871.40
J&KBANK	15.10	15.40	14.95	15.36
IFBIND	794.90	799.00	783.00	791.40
AIAENG	1734.65	1750.10	1721.10	1729.15
JTEKTINDIA	76.50	76.50	72.95	74.40
SYMPHONY	838.00	838.00	826.25	828.45
DCMSHRIRAM	328.00	341.95	328.00	337.25
TIMKEN	1100.10	1155.45	1100.10	1139.20
RAJESHEXPO	469.00	469.00	455.00	456.75
IRCON	81.10	82.00	80.85	81.50
GODREJAGRO	500.00	500.00	490.85	493.05
JCHAC	2194.95	2200.95	2144.90	2171.35
NLCINDIA	51.35	52.05	51.15	51.85
MIDHANI	187.50	190.60	185.15	185.75
JYOTHYLAB	132.70	136.70	132.70	134.60
STARCEMENT	85.50	86.60	84.45	85.85
MAHLOG	379.00	393.20	379.00	390.55
RITES	252.00	252.00	247.75	248.15
NBVENTURES	52.50	52.50	48.85	48.95
QUESS	418.00	418.00	402.00	406.35
HINDCOPPER	34.90	35.30	34.30	34.45
GULFOILLUB	678.90	699.00	673.70	696.65
CENTURYPLY	183.35	186.35	182.05	185.50
THERMAX	779.70	792.50	768.65	785.55
ORIENTCEM	67.10	68.10	66.05	67.75
MINDACORP	71.45	71.45	69.80	70.05
VARROC	300.90	303.00	293.15	295.30
SJVN	22.35	22.50	22.15	22.40
PARAGMILK	107.90	108.60	107.00	107.35
GSPL	188.85	189.70	187.90	189.40
HATHWAY	28.30	28.30	27.75	28.25
NESCO	508.40	514.00	501.90	503.70
GILLETTE	5572.35	5625.00	5541.70	5592.65
TCIEXP	804.00	835.80	804.00	816.45
KTKBANK	44.30	44.75	43.85	44.40
WABAG	187.50	187.50	181.30	182.80
SCHNEIDER	77.20	77.20	74.45	75.35
GARFIBRES	2076.70	2076.70	2006.95	2032.65
TNPL	102.75	106.30	102.05	105.35
CRISIL	1987.95	1987.95	1914.80	1962.75
JAGRAN	36.05	37.00	36.05	37.00
AAVAS	1483.75	1485.00	1462.25	1469.15
TVTODAY	201.55	203.30	198.80	200.80
ITDC	247.85	252.15	246.25	249.60
EDELWEISS	55.65	55.65	53.95	54.40
IFCI	6.00	6.08	5.94	6.05
MAHABANK	11.20	11.26	11.09	11.21
SKFINDIA	1496.25	1509.90	1495.00	1499.30
ECLERX	709.00	718.45	698.50	714.75
GPPL	88.00	89.75	88.00	89.00
SCHAEFFLER	3870.00	3871.65	3767.00	3777.65
AKZOINDIA	1999.40	2000.00	1970.00	1979.20
FORCEMOT	1057.00	1066.55	1051.60	1054.70
SPANDANA	625.20	630.00	614.50	628.25
WABCOINDIA	4806.85	4807.15	4784.05	4798.20
CSBBANK	254.80	255.40	250.80	253.40
MHRIL	185.00	185.00	181.00	182.55
DBCORP	74.75	76.70	74.25	75.40
VSTIND	3452.25	3477.10	3452.25	3471.85
MAHSEAMLES	239.75	243.35	239.20	239.85
HERITGFOOD	278.80	278.80	269.35	273.30
ERIS	501.55	505.15	500.00	501.90
KNRCON	256.35	257.10	253.50	254.70
NAVNETEDUL	79.60	82.00	77.95	80.45
ORIENTELEC	213.50	216.80	213.40	215.75
KSB	500.30	513.00	497.15	510.75
ALLCARGO	118.60	124.15	118.60	123.05
GRINDWELL	545.75	559.40	539.40	543.80
GDL	98.50	98.50	96.75	98.20
MAHLIFE	285.90	287.00	278.80	285.45
UCOBANK	11.88	11.88	11.71	11.77
GET&D	90.80	91.45	89.30	90.15
TCNSBRANDS	404.65	411.10	401.20	403.15
INDOSTAR	296.00	296.50	294.20	294.25
IIFLWAM	952.90	974.70	952.90	970.05
SHRIRAMCIT	876.00	915.00	876.00	903.80
MAHINDCIE	142.05	142.05	140.60	141.30
TEAMLEASE	2355.80	2366.80	2311.35	2331.10
OMAXE	69.20	69.50	68.35	68.85
INDOCO	256.20	256.20	254.60	255.00
ESABINDIA	1350.00	1368.60	1350.00	1357.00
CHOLAHLDNG	422.75	429.30	422.75	427.60
NILKAMAL	1348.55	1352.35	1344.80	1346.65
SFL	1341.00	1350.00	1338.20	1342.35
ORIENTREF	200.65	206.00	200.30	202.85

WHO to open traditional med centre in India

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The World Health Organisation (WHO) on Friday announced setting up of a Global Centre for Traditional Medicine in India, a move which Prime Minister Narendra Modi termed as impetus to the alternative drugs which during the Corona crisis have proved to be very effective in boosting immunity.

WHO Director General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus made the announcement in a video message at an event in which the Prime Minister dedicated two future-ready Ayurveda institutions in Jaipur and Jamnagar to the nation via video conferencing on the occasion of the 5th Ayurveda Day.

The Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda (ITRA), Jamnagar (Gujarat) and the National Institute of Ayurveda (NIA), Jaipur (Rajasthan) are both premier institutions of Ayurveda in the country.

In his video message, Ghebreyesus said, "I am pleased to announce that we have agreed to open a WHO Global Centre of Traditional Medicine in India to strengthen the evidence, research, training and awareness of traditional and complementary medicine."

"This new centre will support WHO's efforts to implement the WHO traditional medicine strategy 2014-2023 which aims to support countries in developing policies and action plans to strengthen the role of traditional medicine as part of their journey to universal health coverage and a healthier, fairer and safer world," he said.

Traditional systems of medicine such as Ayurveda can play an important role in integrated people-centric health services and healthcare, but they have not received enough attention, the WHO DG said.

Modi said Ayurveda is India's heritage whose expansion entails the welfare of humanity and all Indians will be happy to see that the country's traditional knowledge is enriching other countries.

"It is a matter of pride for all Indians that the WHO has chosen India for establishing its Global Centre for Traditional Medicine. Now work will be done in this direction from India," Modi said.

"I would like to thank the WHO and particularly its Director General Tedros for giving this responsibility to India. I am confident that just like India has emerged as the pharmacy of the world, in the same manner this centre for traditional medicine will become the centre for global wellness," he said.

Stressing on bringing ayurveda knowledge out of books, scriptures and home remedies and developing this ancient knowledge as per modern needs, Modi said new research is being done in the country by combining information received from modern science of the 21st century with India's ancient medical knowledge.

Noting that three years ago, the All India Ayurvedic Institute was established here, he said Ayurveda is not just an alternative today but one of the key basis of the country's health policy.

Modi informed that work is on to develop the National Sowa-Rigpa Institute for research and other studies related to Sowa-Rigpa in Leh. The two institutions in Gujarat and Rajasthan which have been upgraded are also an extension of this development, he added.

He also called upon the Education Ministry and UGC to find new avenues in disciplines like Ayurveda Physics and Ayurveda Chemistry and urged startups and the private sector to study global trends and demands and ensure their participation in the sector.

Pointing out that during the coronavirus period the demand for Ayurvedic products increased rapidly all over the world, he said exports of Ayurvedic products increased by about 45 per cent in September this year compared to the previous year.

Follow NGT's pollution protocol: Air quality panel to CPCB, States

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) on Friday directed the top anti-pollution regulator CPCB and States concerned to ensure that National Green Tribunal's directions in view of the prevailing air quality scenario are strictly adhered.

The recently constituted commission said state pollution control boards, committees and other field-level functionaries have also been asked to ensure that there is no lapse in implementation of the NGT's directions.

"In pursuance of the NGT order dated November 9 and considering the concerns of air quality scenario in the NCR and its adverse health impact, the Commission directed CPCB, concerned state governments and authorities for strict compliance of the directions of NGT, with zero tolerance on violation," it said.

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) had on Monday imposed a total ban on sale or use of all kinds of firecrackers in the National Capital Region (NCR) from November 9 midnight to November 30 midnight, saying "celebration by crackers is for happiness and not to celebrate deaths and diseases".

A bench headed by NGT Chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel had clarified that the direction will apply to all cities and towns in the country where the average of ambient air quality during November 2019 was in 'poor' and above categories.

"There will be total ban against sale or use of all kinds of firecrackers in the NCR from midnight of November 9-10, 2020, to the midnight of November 30-December 1, 2020, to be reviewed thereafter," the NGT had said.

"The cities/towns where air quality is 'moderate' or below, only green crackers be sold, and the timings for use and bursting of crackers be restricted to two hours during festivals like Diwali, Chhath, New Year/Christmas Eve etc, as may be specified by the state concerned.

"At other places, restrictions are optional for the authorities but if there are more stringent measures under orders of the authorities, the same will prevail," it had said.

GAVI alliance to use AMC fund for buying one billion Covid vaccine doses

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The GAVI alliance said on Friday that the funds for a so-called advance market commitment (AMC) will allow it to buy an initial one billion vaccine doses for 92 eligible countries including India which would not otherwise be able to afford them.

The European Commission, France, Spain, South Korea, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and others had in recent weeks pledged another USD 360 million to the AMC, the alliance said, bringing total funding over the USD2 billion target for this year.

However, another USD 5 billion is needed in 2021, to procure Covid-19 vaccine doses as they come through development and are approved by regulators, it said in a statement here on Friday.

"We've seen sovereign and private donors from across the world dig deep and meet this target and help ensure that every country will get access to COVID vaccines, not just the wealthy few," GAVI chief Seth Berkley told reporters, adding that there was an "urgent need" to also finance treatments and diagnostics.

U.S. drugmaker Pfizer and its partner BioNTech, who this week said their experimental COVID-19 vaccine was 90% effective in initial trials, had expressed an interest in supplying doses to the COVAX facility, Berkley said.

"We continue to advance negotiations with a number of manufacturers in addition to those we've already announced who share our vision of fair and equitable distribution of vaccines," he added.

Berkley said USD 5.3 billion was also still needed for diagnostics and USD 6.1 billion for therapeutics by the end of 2021.

Covid-19 hampers India's fight against pneumonia, diarrhoea

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Covid-19 induced disruption of steady health service deliveries like immunisation programmes is threatening some of the progress India has made in ensuring that children under five years of age are protected against pneumonia and diarrhoea through vaccine shot, according to the 2020 annual Pneumonia and Diarrhoea Progress Report released recently.Pneumonia is one of India's biggest killers for children under five. Along with diarrhoea, it claims the lives of over 2.3 lakh children yearly.

Prepared by the International Vaccine Access Center (IVAC) and Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, the report shows that India has made steady progress in eradicating the diseases through the years.

For instance, said the report, in 2019, India's immunization coverage against pneumococcal pneumonia increased by 9 per cent and the coverage of Rotavirus Vaccine (RVV) increased by 18 per cent. India's '100-days agenda' to scale up RVV will protect India's birth cohort from life-threatening cases of rotavirus diarrhea.

However, in 2020, Covid-19 is threatening some of the progress made with the disruption of steady health service deliveries like immunization programs in India as well.

The report looked at how countries worldwide were faring based on 10 key interventions—including breastfeeding, vaccination, accessing appropriate health care providers, use of antibiotics, oral rehydration solution (ORS), and zinc supplementation.

While the report shows evidence of great progress in India, it's not all good news, especially on the diarrhea front.

As per the progress report, "India failed to reach all four targets for treatment, but treatment for diarrhea had the lowest coverage in India; only 51 per cent of children received oral rehydration solution (ORS) and only 20 per cent of children received zinc. ORS and zinc, especially when co-packaged together, are highly effective treatments that are proven to reduce deaths from diarrhea in children."

One of the key findings was the need to strengthen our immunization delivery programs, especially in the midst of the pandemic. When health systems are strained, the most vulnerable populations are affected, and in this case, it is the lives of millions of children.

However, nearly every country included in the report lagged in access to treatments against pneumonia and diarrhea. "While the world focuses on new innovations in vaccines to respond to the Covid-19 epidemic, we cannot afford to lose sight of the millions of children who die from preventable diseases like pneumonia and diarrhea," IVAC senior advisor and professor in the department of international health, Mathuram Santosham, said.

SC asks Telangana to follow NGT order on sale, use of firecrackers

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday modified a Telangana High Court order imposing complete and immediate ban on sale of firecrackers in the State during Diwali, saying the directions of National Green Tribunal (NGT) on bursting of firecrackers keeping in mind the pollution level be followed.

The NGT, on November 9, imposed a total ban on sale or use of all kinds of firecrackers in the National Capital Region (NCR) till November 30 midnight.

It had said the direction of complete ban will apply to all cities and towns in the country where the average of ambient air quality during November 2019 was in 'poor' and above categories.

It, however, had said that in cities or towns where air quality is 'moderate' or below, only green crackers be sold.

The timings for use and bursting of crackers be restricted to two hours during festivals like Diwali, Chhath, New Year/Christmas Eve, as may be specified by the state concerned," NGT had said.

The Telangana High Court on November 12 came out with an order asking the state government to ban the sale and use of firecrackers and it was challenged by the Telangana Fire Workers Dealers Association (TFWDA) in the top court.

The plea said the high court order was violative of the right to livelihood of persons involved in the sale and manufacturing of firecrackers

The vacation bench of Justices A M Khanwilkar and Sanjiv Khanna issued notice on the plea of TFWDA and said that it cannot stay the High Court's order without hearing the other side.

The plea said the high court order was violative of the right to livelihood of persons involved in the sale and manufacturing of firecrackers.

Senior advocate Salman Khurshid appeared for the petitioner organisation on whose plea the top court issued notice to the state government for November 16.

The bench, meanwhile, asked the Telangana government to comply with directions of the NGT issued on November 9.

"In the meantime, the impugned judgment and order of the High Court stands modified and is brought in line with the directions issued

by the National Green Tribunal vide comprehensive order dated November 9, which applies even to Telangana on all fours.

"For, no reason muchless special reason is noted in the impugned order for departing therefrom. All concerned in the State of Telangana must comply with the stated directions of the Tribunal in its letter and spirit " it ordered.

CBI arrests two I-T inspectors for bribery

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI on Friday arrested two inspectors of the Income Tax Department on Friday from Hyderabad in a bribery case.

"The Central Bureau of Investigation has arrested two Inspectors of Income Tax, Aayaker Bhavan, Basheerbagh, Hyderabad on the allegations of accepting bribe of ₹80,000," the CBI said in a statement.

The arrests came after the agency registered a case against an Income Tax Inspector on the allegations that the accused demanded a bribe of ₹80,000 from the complainant for closing an Income tax matter pending against the complainant.

The then CBI laid a trap and caught the accused and also another Inspector of Income Tax while accepting the bribe of ₹ 30,000 and ₹ 50,000 respectively.

Searches at the premises of the accused persons led to recovery of incriminating documents and cash of about ₹5,50,000.

Both the arrested accused are being produced before the Special Judge for CBI Cases, Hyderabad, it said.

The arrested Income Tax Inspectors are Thota Purushotham Rao and Itta Upender Rao.

Meanwhile, the agency has registered a case against the then AGM, Regional Office, Syndicate Bank, Nizamabad; two former Chief Managers of Syndicate Bank, Chanda Nagar, Hyderabad and others including private persons and unknown persons.

It was alleged that a civil ₹ 5 crore as working capital and a similar amount as Bank Guarantee during the period 2016-17 to meet the expenses of his contract works.

Farmers' outfits meet Ministers to end stalemate over farm laws

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

One month after walking out of talks with the Union Government, farmer organisations have returned to the negotiating table in a bid to end the impasse and their meeting with Union Ministers ended inconclusively on Friday with both sides sticking to their ground. They held a meeting with Union Railway minister Piyush Goyal, agriculture minister Narendra Singh Tomar and Commerce and Industries minister Som Prakash and presented a long list of demands.

During the seven-hour-long crucial meeting, both sides heard each other's stand and tried to bring common ground for restoring rail services in Punjab, which is currently facing a blockade.

According to farmers' leaders, centre has not given any assurance for resumption of goods train services in the state. Farmers' leaders said they will now hold a meeting in Chandigarh on November 18 to decide their next course of action. Farmers' leaders said that they will observe Black Diwali day on November 14, with continued silent protest at toll plazas and other locations in the state.

After the meeting, Union agriculture minister Narendra Singh Tomar said that in the meeting, it became clear that their demands and government's position are far from a point of reconciliation and can't be resolved immediately. "I'm thankful that they came & I have requested them for more such discussions," he said. "It was assured that the Government of India is always committed to protect the interest of farmers and is always open for discussions for the welfare of farmers. The talks were held in a cordial atmosphere and both sides agreed to continue to hold further discussions," agriculture ministry said in a statement.

BJP announces names of State incharges

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

BJP Friday night announced names of State Prabharis with BJP General Secretary Bhupendra Yadav given dual chare of Bihar and Gujarat as BJP vice-president Baijant Panda appointment in-charge of Assam and Delhi.

Another General Secretary Arun Singh gets Karnataka and Rajasthan and party spokesman Sambitji Patra takes Manipur.

General Secretary Kailash Viajayvergia is given crucial state of West Bengal and UP is to Radhakrisnan Mohan Singh.

Similarly, sensitive J & K been put in-charge of party GS Tarun Chug who is also to look after Ladakh.

Similarly, P Murlidhar (MP), CT Ravi (Maharashtra), Dileep Saika (Jharkhand), CP Radhakrisnan (Kerala), Vinod Tawade (Haryana), V Murlidhar (Andhra Pradesh) and D Purandeshwari (Chattisgarh) have been appointed in-charge of the respective states by BJP president JP Nadda.

Kodiyeri resigns as Kerala CPM secy

KOCHI: Two days ahead of his 66th birthday, Kodiyeri Balakrishnan, secretary of the Kerala CPI(M) stepped down from the post citing health reasons.

A crisp release issued by the State Secretariat of the CPI(M) on Friday claimed that Balakrishnan has been given leave by the party following his request that he may be relieved from the post of secretary as he needs to undergo medical treatment. Balakrishnan was elected party secretary in 2015.

But the decision to relive Balakrishnan and entrusting the responsibility to A Vijayaraghavan, described as a sidekick of Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, is being seen as a sequel to the arrest and incarceration of the former's son Bineesh Kodiyeri by the Enforcement Directorate in connection with charges of money laundering and financing narcotics trade by Anoop Mohammed, a Bangalore based drug dealer. Bineesh has been sent to judicial custody after ten days of interrogation by the ED and is put up at Parappana AgraharaCentral Prison. His bail application would come up for hearing on November 18.

The timing of the CPI(M) to remove Balakrishnan (though leaders and the media release claim it as medical leave) at this juncture, when Kerala is in the midst of election to local self-government bodies have surprised the party cadre. Balakrishnan, who was elected as party secretary in 2015 was known as a tough taskmaster though he was considerate to the genuine needs and requirements of the cadre and allies. It was his tactical move which resulted in the Church dominated Kerala Congress (Mani) group dumping the UDF and joining the LDF recently.

Though Balakrishnan was known for his political acumen, his wife Vinodini and two sons Binoy and Bineesh through their flashy lifestyles proved to be his undoing. Elder son was held up by the Dubai Police in UAE following financial embezzlement to the tune of crores of rupees. ***PNS***

BOLLYWOOD-DRUG MAFIA NEXUS CASE

Rampal grilled for 8 hours; 'I have nothing to do with drugs'

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In fresh trouble that began brewing for Bollywood actor Arjun Rampal ahead of his questioning that lasted for eight-long hours, the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) on Friday arrested his Australian friend Paul Bartel in the much-discussed Bollywood-drug mafia nexus case.

Hours before Rampal appeared before the investigating agency for questioning, the NCB placed Bartel under arrest in the early hours of Friday. Bartel's arrest had followed an intense grilling that he was subjected to by the NCB on Thursday.

An architect by profession who resides in Bandra, Bartel is said to be Rampal's friend. The actor has known Bartel for a long time. He used to be a regular touch with Agisialos Demetriades, the brother of actor's live-in friend Gabriella Demetriades.

Agisialos was arrested by the NCB from Lonavala near Pune on October 19. Agisilaos is alleged to be a part of a larger drug syndicate operating in Bollywood, which is being investigated after the death of actor Sushant Singh Rajput.

Forty-seven-year-old Rampal, who arrived at the NCB headquarters in the afternoon, was grilled for eight hours in connection with the nature of his links with Agisialos and Bartel, the seizures made during the raid conducted at his Bandra residence for sev4en hours on Monday, the role of his live-partner Gabriella, a South African model in the nexus with the drug peddlers.

Talking to media persons after the questioning, Rampal said: "I am fully co-operating with the investigations. I have nothing to do with drugs. The medicine found at my residence (during Monday's raid) was prescribed by a doctor. The prescription has been found and handed over to the NCB officials. The NCB officials are doing a good job and I support them in their investigations.

Rampal's grilling came after two rounds of questioning that the NCB subjected his live-partner Gabriella to, on Wednesday and Thursday.

Monday's raid on Rampal's residence, the subsequent questioning of Gabriella, Bartel's arrest and Arjun Rampal's grilling should be seen in the context of the arrest of Gabriella's brother Agisilaos Demetriades made by the NCB in connection with Bollywood-drug mafia nexus case.

The NCB's investigations have revealed that Agisialos was in touch with Omega Godwin, a Nigerian national who had earlier been arrested for supply of cocaine in Mumbai. During his custodial interrogation, Godwin had named Agisialos. Earlier, ex-Dharma Productions employee Kshitij Prasad had earlier been arrested by the NCB in the in connection with the Sushant Singh Rajput's death-related drug case and expanded Bollywood-drug nexus case.

Sushant, it may be recalled, was found hanging from a ceiling fan in his closed room of his duplex flat at Mont Blanc building at Bandra's Carter Road in north-west Mumbai on June 14.

Incidentally, the raid on Rampal's residence came a day after the NCB officials carried out searches at film producer Firoz A. Nadiadwala's residence along Gulmohar Cross Road at Juhu Vile Parle Development (JVPD) Scheme in north-west Mumbai. During the searches, the NCB sleuths seized a total of 717.1 gm of Ganja, 74.1 gm charas and 95.1 gm MD (Commercial Quantity) along with Rs 3,58,610. They also seized 10 gm of Ganja from another accused Wahid Abdul kadir Sheikh @ Sultan.

After the seizure of drugs and cash, the NCB officials arrested five persons, including Firoz A. Nadiadwala's wife Shabana Saeed.

The NCB has registered two drugs cases in the wake of the investigations launched by the CBI into the death of actor Sushant Singh Rajput in June this year upon the directive issued by the Supreme Court.

AIMIM is a vote cutter, says TMC

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

With Asaduddin Owaisi's All India-Majlis-e-Ittehad-ul-Muslimeen (AIMIM) deciding to take a plunge in the Bengal Assembly elections an alarmed Trinamool Congress has called it a "B-Team of the BJP" being put into service for cutting votes of other "secular" outfits. Hours after Owaisi said that his party was game for contesting the next year's Assembly polls in Bengal senior TMC MP Saugato Roy said Owaisi's was a "vote-cutter" outfit and need not be given much importance.

"Owaisi's party is BJP's 'vote-cutter' party. Why are we giving so much importance to him? This was the third time that he contested elections in minority-dominated zones of Bihar and won 5 seats. What difference will 5 seats make? Also, his party appeals to the Urdu-speaking Muslims. He will not appeal to the Muslims of West Bengal who are mostly Bengali-speaking," Roy said even as another senior TMC leader conceded that MIM could play the spoil sport in Bengal should it become a closely contested election a la Bihar. "TMC is the most popular and preferred party in the minority belts" — which impact at least 123 out of 294 seats in the State, a TMC leader from the minority community said adding "our prospects may be hampered if MIM squeezes out 3-4 percent Muslim votes which is not impossible considering the fact that they have won 5 seats in Bihar — a fact that they will use during the poll in Bengal."

US election officials reject Trump's fraud claims

Washington: There is "no evidence" that the 2020 presidential election, the "most secure in American history," was compromised, US election security officials have said, rejecting President Donald Trump's fraud claims.

Republican President Donald Trump has repeatedly made unsubstantiated claims of electoral fraud and has not yet conceded. He has also launched a flurry of legal challenges to projected results in key states won by his Democratic rival Joe Biden.

"There is no evidence that any voting system deleted or lost votes, changed votes, or was in any way compromised," two committees within the Department of Homeland Security that worked on protecting US voting systems affirmed on Thursday.

"When states have close elections, many will recount ballots. All of the states with close results in the 2020 presidential race have paper records of each vote, allowing the ability to go back and count each ballot if necessary," members of committees, which include officials from the Election Infrastructure Government Coordinating Council Executive Committee (GCC)and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) said in a joint statement.

"This is an added benefit for security and resilience. This process allows for the identification and correction of any mistakes or errors. There is no evidence that any voting system deleted or lost votes, changed votes, or was in any way compromised," the statement said.

"While we know there are many unfounded claims and opportunities for misinformation about the process of our elections, we can assure you we have the utmost confidence in the security and integrity of our elections, and you should too," the statement added.

CISA, led by the top cybersecurity official, Christopher Krebs, runs a website that debunks misinformation about the election.

The security groups said all the states with close results in the race have paper records of each vote, which can be counted if necessary.

The statement comes as Trump has refused to concede the presidential election to President-elect Biden, baselessly alleging widespread voter fraud, despite presenting no evidence to support such a claim.

Major US media networks called the race for Biden last week. The 77-year-old former vice president holds a near insurmountable lead in both the popular and electoral vote.

Still, Trump and his Republican allies are waging legal challenges in a handful of battleground states and demanding tedious and costly recounts to contest the November 3 election's results.

The defiant Trump campaign is seeking to halt the vote count in Pennsylvania, Michigan and Arizona until they can have partisan poll watchers inspecting the voting process to ensure "illegal" ballots are not counted. ***PTI***

China finally congratulates Biden, Kamala

Beijing: China on Friday shed its initial hesitation and congratulated US President-elect Joe Biden and his deputy Kamala Harris for their victory in the 2020 US presidential election, saying Beijing respects the choice of the American people.

"We have been following reactions on the US elections from both within the US and the international community," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin told a media briefing here when pointed out that more world leaders as well as United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres have congratulated 77-year-old Biden. ***PTI***

14 Burkina Faso soldiers killed by extremists in Sahel area

Ouagadougou: Fourteen soldiers were killed and others were injured in an extremist attack in Burkina Faso's Sahel region, the government said.

A military convoy from the Tin-Akoff area, in Oudalan province was ambushed on Wednesday, government spokesman Remis Fulgance Dandjinou said. Three severely injured people were evacuated by plane to the capital, Ouagadougou and the military has been sent to the area to find the attackers, he said.

The same day, at least 20 gunmen were seen on motorbikes in the nearby town of Gorom Gorom, burning a bar and frightening civilians, Ousmane Amirou Dicko, the Emir of Liptako told The Associated Press by phone. The jihadists were trying to show that "they are in charge of the place," he said.

This was the second attack in Burkina Faso in less than a week. ***AP***

Obama: Trump's voter fraud claims one more step in delegitimising democracy

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Outgoing US President Donald Trump's unsubstantiated claims of election fraud is one more step in delegitimising not just the incoming Biden administration, but democracy generally, his predecessor Barack Obama has said.

"I'm more troubled by the fact that other Republican officials who clearly know better are going along with this, are humouring him in this fashion," Obama told CBS News in an interview.

"It is one more step in delegitimising not just the incoming Biden administration, but democracy generally. And that's a dangerous path," said the former popular president in his first interview after the November 3 presidential election.

Democrat Biden has won 290 electoral votes, 20 more than the required 270 in the election while his Republican rival received 217 votes from the 538-member Electoral College.

Obama was responding to Trump's allegations of massive voters fraud and electoral malpractice in key battleground states. The mainstream American media and state officials have said that they have not found any evidence of it.

"They (allegations) appear to be motivated, in part, because the president doesn't like to lose and never admits loss," Obama said.

Obama's latest book "A Promised Land" is scheduled to be released next week. In the book, the former president directly confronts Trump's racist politics, bluntly suggesting how he believes his own historic election in 2008 opened a wave of bitter and divisive turmoil that fuelled Republicans' obstructionism and ultimately changed the party, the CNN said in a report.

Denying Biden victory, Pompeo heads to Europe, West Asia

Washington: After refusing to acknowledge President Donald Trump's loss in last week's election, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo is leaving Friday on a trip to Europe and the Middle East, where leaders have all congratulated former vice president Joe Biden for his victory.

The seven-nation trip is aimed at shoring up the outgoing Trump administration's priorities, notably its anti-China and -Iran policies, and will include visits to Israeli settlements in the West Bank that have been avoided by previous secretaries of state.

But the usual foreign policy issues are likely to be overshadowed by the extraordinary moment in global politics: Most of the world has accepted the results of America's election, while the United States' top diplomat have not.

Pompeo's trip comes days after he raised eyebrows by dismissing a reporter's question about the presidential transition by saying "there will be a smooth transition to a second Trump administration." He appeared to be speaking in jest and went on to say, in a more serious tone, that the world should be assured that the State Department will be functional and successful with the president who takes office on January 20. ***AP***

French forces kill al-Qaida-linked commander, 4 others in Mali

Paris: French ground forces and military helicopters killed a jihadist commander linked with al-Qaida in Mali along with four others, the French military announced Friday.

The operation Tuesday targeted Bah ag Moussa, military chief for the RVIM Islamic extremist group, who had been on a U.N. Sanctions list and was believed responsible for multiple attacks on Malian and international forces in the country, French military spokesman Col. Frederic Barbry told reporters Friday.

Surveillance drones helped French forces in Mali identify Moussa's truck in the Menaka region of eastern Mali, which was then targeted by the helicopters and 15 French commandos sent to the scene, Barbry said. All five people in the truck were killed after they ignored warning shots and fired on the French forces, he said. ***AP***

Peshawar HC CJ who sent Musharraf to the gallows dies of Covid

PTI ■ PESHAWAR

Peshawar High Court Chief Justice Waqar Seth, who handed down the death sentence to former Pakistan president Gen (Retd) Pervez Musharraf in the high treason case, passed away due to coronavirus-related complications at a private hospital in Islamabad, officials said on Friday.

He was 59 and is survived by his wife and a daughter. He belonged to Dikhan district of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province.

Seth tested positive for COVID-19 on October 22 and was subsequently admitted to a hospital in Peshawar. He was later shifted to Kulsum International Hospital in Islamabad, where he succumbed to the deadly viral infection on Thursday, the officials said.

Seth, who took oath as Peshawar High Court top judge in June 2018, rose to prominence when while heading a special court in December 2019, he handed down the death sentence to self-exiled former military dictator Musharraf in the high treason case for imposing emergency in the country on November 3, 2007.

Official Myanmar vote count affirms Suu Kyi's party control

Yangon: Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy won enough seats in Parliament to return to power for a second five-year term, official results released by the election commission showed on Friday.

The NLD won 346 seats in the combined lower and upper houses of the legislature, far above the 322 needed to secure a majority, the Union Election Commission announced on television and in social media, even many seats from Sunday's election have yet to be declared.

The military-backed Union Solidarity and Development Party, the main opposition party, won 25 seats, and the Shan Nationalities League for Democracy, representing the ethnic Shan minority, won 15 seats. The Shan, whose homeland is in eastern Myanmar, are the country's largest ethnic minority.

An unofficial count by Yway Mal, an independent vote counting service, gave the NLD 397 seats and the USDP 28, with 44 going to other parties.

Majority control of Parliament does not give the NLD full control of Government. The army-drafted constitution of 2008 grants the military 25 per cent of the total seats, enough to block constitutional changes. Several key ministerial positions are also reserved for military appointees.

The USDP has called the election unfair and refused to accept the election results, but the election commission rejected its claim and its demand for a fresh vote. ***AP***

Pak bans online payments for Indian electronic media content: Report

PTI ■ KARACHI

Pakistan goverment has asked Pakistani banks to immediately ban online payments from this country for the subscription of electronic media content from India, according to a media report on Friday.

The decision was taken by the Cabinet on November 9, Dawn newspaper reported, adding that the banking authorities have also been asked to submit a compliance report to the State Bank of Pakistan, the central bank of the country, by November 13.

"We are in receipt of a letter from the cabinet division, Government of Pakistan, whereby they have instructed us to stop different modes of payments, including credit cards, for subscribing (to) Indian Content in Pakistan, including Zee5 video-on-demand service," according to the circular.

"It is advised to ensure meticulous compliance of aforementioned instructions of the Government of Pakistan and submit compliance status to the State Bank of Pakistan by November 13, 2020," the circular added.

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AYODHYA DEEPOTSAV BREAKS GUINNESS RECORD AGAIN

the city might have witnessed when Ram returned after defeating Ravana.

Chants of Jai Shri Ram kept reverberating the atmosphere with Deepotsav starting at its scheduled time.

The reception of these symbolic forms of Gods was attended by Governor Anandiben Patel, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and other dignitaries.

The chief minister also offered prayers on behalf of devotees after which the scenic reunion of Lord Rama and his brother Bharat took place bringing alive the memories of Lord Ram's coronation amidst Vedic chants.

Yogi Adityanath also paid obeisance to Lord Ram and sought blessings for people's welfare.

After arriving in Ayodhya for Deepotsav, Yogi Adityanath first visited the Ram Janmabhoomi temple and offered prayers for the welfare of the people.

AYODHYA TO GET BACK ITS GLORY: YOGI

The chief minister said that with concerted efforts under the guidance of the prime minister, "we will be revealing India's cultural and religious wealth on the world stage".

He said that efforts were made to connect Fiji, Thailand, Japan and Nepal to Ayodhya on the global stage. "Now an international airport is being built here," he said.

"While Shri Ram had to suffer a lot when he went on exile, the UP government is now getting the work done to improve facilities on the Ram Van Gaman Path. People will commute between Ayodhya and Chitrakoot in just three-and-half hours," he said.

The chief minister also highlighted the ongoing and future projects for multi-faceted development of Ayodhya as the air rent with slogans of Jai Shri Ram in an atmosphere full of enthusiasm.

Governor Anandiben Patel, while congratulating the people of the state for the Deepotsav, said Lord Ram was a symbol of Indian identity and appreciated the work being done in the public interest by the Yogi government.

Earlier, Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya said that he hailed from Shringverpur and described himself as Ram sevak. He termed the celebration of Deepotsav by the chief minister as a reflection of public aspirations.

In the welcome address, Religious Affairs Minister Neelkanth Tiwari, while speaking on the grandeur of the city of Ayodhya, described the beginning of the Deepotsav by the Yogi government as a wonderful effort and said that Ayodhya would be glorified all over the world under the leadership of Yogi Adityanath.

PM MAY CELEBRATE DIWALI WITH SOLDIERS ON BORDER

charge of the top post in 2014, he celebrated Diwali then at the Siachen Glacier.

Last year, Modi visited Jammu & Kashmir's Rajouri district to celebrate Diwali with soldiers guarding the LoC. The year before, he was in Uttarakhand. In 2017, he spent the festival of lights with soldiers posted at Gurez sector of north Kashmir.

The proposed visit on Saturday will be the second time this year that Modi will interact with troops. In July, he made a surprise visit to a forward post in Ladakh at the height of a border confrontation with China following a clash on June 14 when 20 soldiers died for the country at Galwan Valley. He addressed the troops there.

100mn Covid-19 shots by Dec in India

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The country's largest vaccine maker, Serum Institute of India (SII), has ramped up production of AstraZeneca Covid-19 shot, aiming to have 100 million doses ready by December for an inoculation drive that could begin across India.

The vaccine-maker has already administered 1,600 volunteers with doses of Oxford University-AstraZeneca's coronavirus vaccine Covishield and kept them under observation for next 28 days.

Adar Poonawalla, chief executive officer of the SII said, "If final-stage trial data shows AstraZeneca's candidate gives effective protection from the virus, the Serum Institute of India Ltd, which is partnered to produce at least one billion doses, may get emergency authorisation from New Delhi by December." That initial amount will go to India, Poonawalla told a news agency.

Covid-19 IN INDIA

TOTAL

CASES: 87,59,321
DEATHS: 1,29,075
RECOVERED: 81,48,146
ACTIVE: 4,80,175

STATES	TOTAL CASES	DEATHS	RECOVERED
Maharashtra	17,40,461	45,809	16,09,607
Karnataka	8,57,928	11,491	8,18,392
Andhra Pradesh	8,51,298	6,847	8,24,189
Tamil Nadu	7,54,460	11,454	7,25,258
Kerala	5,14,061	1,822	4,34,730
Uttar Pradesh	5,05,424	7,302	4,75,175
Delhi	4,67,028	**7,332**	4,16,580
West Bengal	4,24,675	7,557	3,85,617
Odisha	3,07,004	1,548	2,93,741
Telangana	2,55,663	1,397	2,37,172
Bihar	2,26,081	1,174	2,18,828
Rajasthan	2,19,327	2,032	1,99,943
Assam	2,10,068	959	2,04,718
Chhattisgarh	2,09,288	2,545	1,87,522
Haryana	1,95,799	2,006	1,74,380
Gujarat	1,86,116	3,791	1,70,036

A full approval early next year will allow distribution on a 50-50 basis with the South Asian nation and Covax, the World Health Organization-backed body that's purchasing shots for poor nations. SII, which has tied up with five developers, has so far made 40 million doses of AstraZeneca's vaccine in the past two months and aims to start manufacturing Novavax's contender soon.

"We were a bit concerned it was a big risk," said Poonawalla. But both AstraZeneca-Oxford University and Novavax's shots "are looking pretty good."

AstraZeneca CEO Pascal Soriot has said he is preparing for the possibility of large-scale vaccinations as early as December and once the UK grants its own emergency license, SII will submit same data to Indian counterparts.

Drugmakers are just now getting data that will show how well their vaccine candidates work, but there are plenty of hurdles remaining as the global race to find an effective shot against the pathogen reaches its final stages. Astra and co-developer University of Oxford still need to see testing results. And even if their vaccine proves effective and gets a nod from regulators, there are questions over how the shot can be distributed.

Poonawalla reiterated that it will take until 2024 to vaccinate the entire world and two years to see a real reduction in infections, due to affordability and manufacturing hurdles. After talks with the Government, Poonawalla said he is confident in their plans to get initial vaccines to the vulnerable and frontline workers. The challenge will be in getting it to India's 1.3 billion population, especially in the vast countryside where past inoculation drives have struggled due to patchy health networks.

He said AstraZeneca has a significant edge over a rival candidate from Pfizer Inc. and BioNTech SE, which this week grabbed headlines after indicating it was more than 90 per cent effective in stopping Covid-19 infections. Expensive cold-chain infrastructure is needed to transport and store that vaccine at -70 degrees Celsius. Poonawalla said it was "just impossible" for most of the world to use at scale, compared to those his company will produce that can be stored at fridge temperatures.

"I don't think even 90 per cent of the countries will be able to take it, because you just don't have deep freezers everywhere," he said of the Pfizer shot. "In a pandemic, always remember that simplicity is the key."

Delhi-NCR air very poor; favourable wind from Sun

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

There is no respite for Delhiites from poor air quality as on Friday the national Capital recorded its air quality in the "very poor" category and it was likely to become "severe" on Diwali night, according to Government agencies.

Delhi recorded a 24-hour average air quality index (AQI) of 339.

It was 314 on Thursday. The neighbouring cities of Faridabad (319), Ghaziabad (382), Noida (337), Greater Noida (336) and Gurgaon (324), which fall in the National Capital Region (NCR), also recorded their AQI in the "very poor" category.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) said a fresh western disturbance was likely to increase the wind speed and improve the air quality in Delhi-NCR post-Diwali.

Light rain is likely to occur on Sunday under the influence of a western disturbance. It remains to be seen if it is enough to wash away pollutants, Kuldeep Srivastava, the head of the IMD's regional forecasting centre, said.

"However, Delhi-NCR's air quality is likely to improve post-Diwali due to an increase in the wind speed. On Sunday, the maximum wind speed is expected to be around 12 to 15 kilometres per hour," he said.

VK Soni, the head of the IMD's environment research centre, said calm winds and firecrackers emissions may push the air quality to the "severe" zone on Diwali night.

Wind speed is expected to pick up thereafter and the wind direction will be east-southeasterly. There will be a significant improvement in air quality by November 16, he said.

The Ministry of Earth Sciences' air quality monitor, SAFAR, said the PM 2.5 concentration in Delhi on Diwali is likely to be the "lowest" in the last four years if no firecrackers are burnt.

It said pollution levels in Delhi during the Diwali period are likely to remain in the higher end of the "very poor" category in the absence of emissions due to fireworks.

Stubble burning-induced impact on AQI is expected to increase from "negligible to moderate" in the next two days, said SAFAR, adding the biomass plume transport-level winds have become north-westerly and predicted to continue until Saturday which is not good.

Fire-related intrusion along with stagnant surface winds is acting adversely. Hence, AQI is predicted to remain in the higher end of the "very poor" category to the lower end of the "severe" on Diwali night, it said.

A spike in PM 2.5 in the wee hours of November 15 is likely in case of fire-related emissions, it said.

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) had on Wednesday ordered closure of hot mix plants and stone crushers in Delhi-NCR till November 17 in view of a likely increase in pollution levels during the festive season.

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

Will contain Covid in Capital within 10 days, says Kejriwal

STAFF REPORTER ■ PATNA

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Friday said the Covid-19 situation in the national Capital should come under control in 7-10 days and that his Government is going to take several preventive measures in the coming days. Kejriwal said the pollution is the biggest reason behind the surge in the number of corona cases.

"The corona was under control in Delhi until last week. I want to appeal to the Supreme Court and the Centre, and Punjab, Haryana, UP Governments along with all agencies to act on resolving the problem of pollution. There is a very easy and cost-effective solution available and so now no Government can say there is no alternative to the problem. The report says it just costs ₹30 per acre, which can be given out of a State's own budget," the Delhi CM said.

Kejriwal said pollution is the "biggest" reason behind the spike in coronavirus cases in the city. "Covid-19 cases have been increasing for the last few days. I am also concerned about it. We have been taking all appropriate measures to control it. We are considering taking more steps next week," he said during a Press conference. Citing a report, Kejriwal also said the anti-stubble solution prepared by the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Pusa, decomposed 70 to 95 per cent of crop residue in 24 villages in Delhi.

SHORT CIRCUITS

FATIMA SANA SHAIKH

I am getting work, in spite of people not seen much of my work, which means people have a certain amount of confidence in me. The success of the film is never in our hands but our performance is. If people like it, you will get work. So I am trying hard to deliver my best.

MANUSHI CHHILLAR

It is a super special Diwali for me and my family this year. My family is my biggest anchor and Diwali for me has always been about being grateful for the unconditional love that they shower on me. So, this Diwali became all the more special because I finally got to meet my mother after eight months.

AR RAHMAN

It was a great honour working with such a stalwart. He (Yash Chopra) had this child-like enthusiasm about everything. You expect certain things from such an experienced person, but then he always picks the most innovative idea! He had that extra quality in him to pick new things and yet ground it in tradition.

GURU RANDHAWA

I enjoy the festival of lights. Diwali brings so much of positivity and light in our lives. I remember as a kid, my family and friends in Gurdaspur would light up with candles and lamps. We would wait to step out in the evening to play with our friends. It is one of my fondest memories.

DILJIT DOSANJH

We are feeling lucky that our film *Suraj Pe Mangal Bhari* is the first one to release in theatres after the lockdown. I think it has created history in that sense. If the audience will come to watch, then it will again create history. It's a family film, so I hope people would come to watch it.

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LIGHTS WILL GUIDE YOU HOME

The pandemic turns Diwali celebrations into a low key, homely affair for B-Towners as they plan to avoid card parties

Diwali celebrations this year will be a low-key affair for most Bollywood celebrities owing to the ongoing pandemic. For some, the global health crisis has barred them from reuniting with their families in their hometowns. For others, Diwali will be more of a low-key homely affair as they plan to avoid attending big parties to ensure social distancing.

Aparshakti Khurana is rooting for a green Diwali this year owing to health scare of COVID patients. "As much as we all want this Diwali to be like other Diwalis, we have to remember that we are in the middle of a pandemic. Therefore, we should wear masks and take other precautionary measures. Also, I always encouraged a green Diwali but this year the need is more than ever because there are COVID patients for whom pollution can be dangerous. So, being empathetic about the people around us is how we should celebrate this Diwali," he said.

Ishita Dutta will be celebrating the festival of lights at home with family members. "Generally for Diwali there are a lot of parties in the city where friends and families get together but this year is going to be very different so we are keeping it very low key. We are doing a small pre-Diwali party at home where only family members will be present. We will make sweets at home and decorate the house. Even if we are not going out, we will still dress up at home, light *diyas* and make *rangolis* to keep up with the festive spirit. But we will not burst crackers as I'm totally against it," she said.

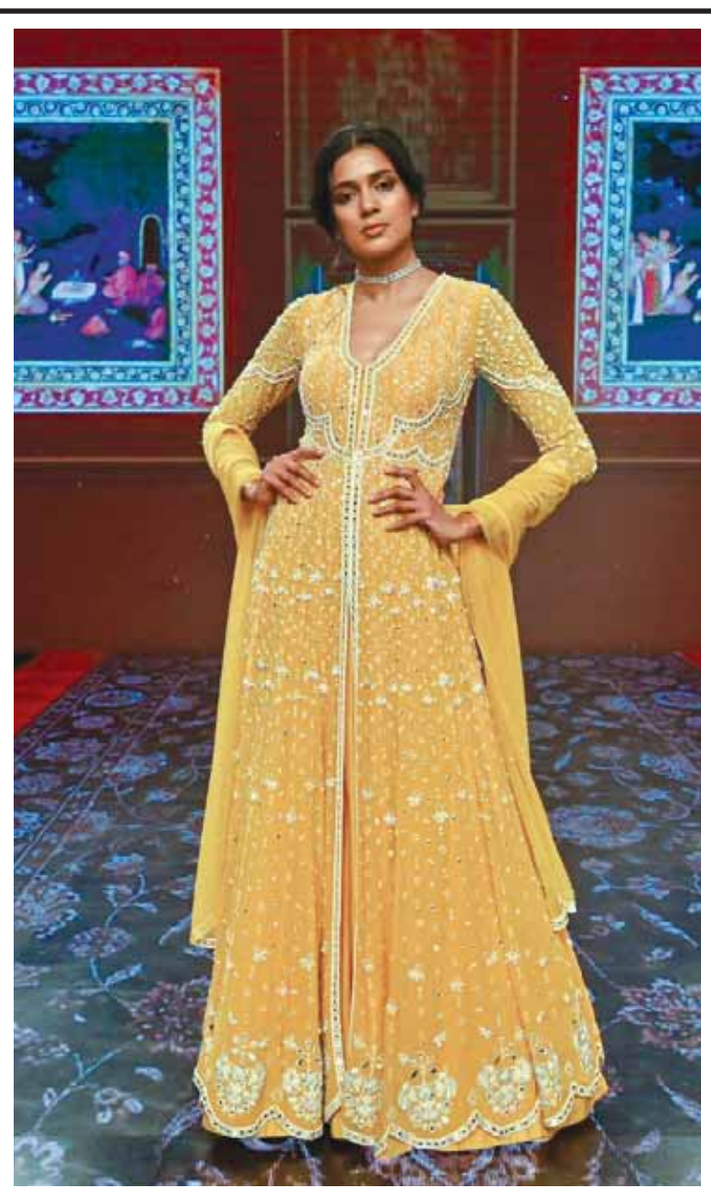
For Manav Kaul, this Diwali brings the pain of not being able to meet his family in his hometown as he is unable to travel. The actor shared, "Due to the pandemic, this Diwali I can't visit and spend time with my mother, who stays in Indore with my brother. I like Diwali with less noise, so hopefully people won't use loud firecrackers. I will be at home and will cook for my friends. That will be my Diwali with lots of light and good music."

Mamta Sharma is missing her mega Diwali shopping and is upset as she won't be able to hug her near and dear ones while wishing them on the festival owing to social distancing. The singer expressed, "I have always loved Diwali! I love *phooljhari*, sweets and shopping. This time I really missed out on the freedom of shopping due to the pandemic. I did a little bit of shopping but did not enjoy it like I do every year. Another sad part is that I won't be able to embrace my loved ones while wishing them Happy Diwali as I will have to follow social distancing."

The singer added, "I really want this pandemic to go away very soon and once that happens, I would want to celebrate the real Diwali once again."

The celebrations, however, remain unaffected for those who generally stay away from ringing in the festival of lights in a big way. Talking about the same, actor Aahana Kumra shared, "My Diwali will be the same this year apart from the fact that I usually go and visit friends. This year I will be home and I have already done all the lighting, *rangoli* and other decoration to prepare my home. I am not somebody who likes to hop around too much. So this year will be not much different for me." —IANS

A power play of colours



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

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

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

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

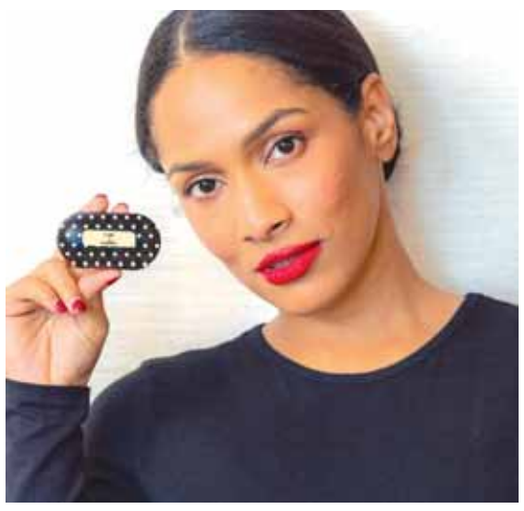
Ridhi Mehra's collections have always moved with the fashion-forward trends season after season. For Lakmé Fashion Week, her collection called *Reflections* moved from modifying to modernising the fashion story. The leitmotif of the line was the ever-popular mirror work that was balanced with innovative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

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

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

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

From tiny cape blouses to regal long-sleeved cholis matched with asymmetric robes, Jayanti's homage to red moved to long-sleeved gowns with scalloped bib necklines, puff-sleeved jackets and innovatively woven matted cholis. The anarkalis and dupattas were edged with ornate silver borders, while the angarkha style kurtas had embroidered bodice as the focal point. A flame-red satin sari was edged with glittering border, but the accompanying choli was a glitzy one-button addition. Embellishments were always the focal point of the garments as they appeared in discreet but glittering forms though at times they were lavishly sprinkled on the garments.



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

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

The black and white section was all about flamboyant styles as swirling long skirts looked perfect either with a bralette or giant balloon sleeved cholis, while a flouncy dupatta added that extra zing to the look. The showstopping pair, actors Radhika Madan looked radiant in a colourful lehenga, deep, round neck choli and dupatta that perfectly balanced Aparshakti Khurana's embroidered *bundi* kurta and narrow pants look.

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

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

India will be strong despite Virat's absence: Lyon

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

Veteran spinner Nathan Lyon believes Virat Kohli's absence in the last three Tests of upcoming series doesn't necessarily make Australia favourites to lift the Border-Gavaskar Trophy as India boasts of a lot of "superstars" in its team.

India captain Kohli will leave after the opening Test in Adelaide as he has been granted paternity leave by the BCCI to be with his actor wife Anushka Sharma for the birth of their first child in early January.

Test specialist Lyon said he is obviously disappointed to get limited opportunity to get a crack at Kohli, who is considered one of the best batsmen in the world.

"It's disappointing for the series. You want to play against the best players in the world. I believe he is the best player in the world along with Steve Smith and Marnus Labuschagne. It's disappointing but they have still got superstars.

"Look at Pujara, Rahane, and they have also got a couple of young guys coming in. It's still going to be a massive challenge for us," Lyon was quoted as saying by Fox Sports.

"Just because Virat's not here doesn't mean we get to hold the trophy up. We've still got a lot of work to do, a lot of homework to do," he added.

India"s tour of Australia comprises three ODIs, as many T20 Internationals and four Tests. The series begins on November 27. The Tests start on December 17 in Adelaide.

Kohli will miss the Boxing Day Test in Melbourne (December 26-30), New Year's Test in Sydney (January 7-11) and the final game at the Gabba (January 15-19).

Langer respects Kohli's decision to take paternity leave

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

Australia head coach Justin Langer has hailed India captain Virat Kohli for taking paternity leave during the tour Down Under but conceded that his absence will definitely affect the visitors during the much-anticipated Test series for the Border-Gavaskar Trophy.

Langer said he respects Kohli for putting family ahead of cricket.

"Virat Kohli is probably the best player I've ever seen in my life for so many reasons, not only batting but his energy and passion for the game, the way he fields," Langer told reporters by video conference on Friday.

"I cannot believe he displays the energy he does in everything he does and I've got so much respect for him. I've also got respect for him in the sense that he's made this decision (to return for the birth)."

"He's a human being like all of us... If I was giving advice to any of my players I would always say never, ever miss the birth of your children because it is one of the great things you'll ever do," the former Australia opener added.

Langer said Kohli's absence will definitely impact India but they cannot afford to lower their guard.

"Of course it will have an impact (his absence), but we also know that India beat us last time (in 2018-19). They're a very, very good team, we cannot get complacent for a second with or without Virat," Langer said.

Langer still has faith in Burns

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

Australia head coach Justin Langer has hinted that he is likely to stick with Joe Burns at the opening position with David Warner for the first Test of the four-match series against India despite young Will Pucovski's incredible form. Burns averaged 32 for Australia last summer and had below-par start to the Marsh Sheffield Shield season with 57 runs at 11.40.

The 22-year-old Pucovski, on the other hand, has produced successive double hundreds, scoring 202 against Western Australia after an unbeaten 255 against South Australia.

"Will Pucovski is doing everything that's humanly possible to play that first Test, and that's something we have to weigh up ...," Langer was quoted as saying by **cricket.Com.Au.**

"...Last time we played Test cricket, we loved the combination of Joe Burns and David Warner. They've got a real synergy, they work well together, so at this point I'd say that'll remain the same."

Burns and Warner has scored 1,365 runs at 50.56 as an opening pair, playing an important role in Australia's ascent to the top of the ICC Test rankings.

"...We should (also) never underestimate the job the guys have done to get us to where we are, and that philosophy and attitude has been a really strong part of the success of Australian cricket for a long time," Langer said. "We went through a period where there was lots of ins and outs, and in my view, we should back the guys in there. That can change, but it's a pretty strong philosophy to stick to."

India will start the four-Test series with the opening Day-Night game in Adelaide on January 17 and Langer believes the opening position will get much clearer after Australia's first three-day tour game.

IPL is ready for expansion: Dravid

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Former India captain Rahul Dravid strongly believes that Indian Premier League (IPL) is "ready for expansion" in terms of number of teams without compromising on the quality as well as quantity of talent available in the country.

There are talks that the 2021 IPL will be featuring nine teams instead of eight and will go up to 10 teams by 2023, which has always been the BCCI's long-term plan.

The views of Dravid, who is now the director of National Cricket Academy (NCA), were echoed by Rajasthan Royals co-owner Manoj Badale, who felt that a nine-team IPL in 2021 is "definitely possible". "I feel IPL is ready for expansion in terms of talent, if you look from talent perspective. There are a lot of talented players who are not getting an opportunity to play."

Dravid said that if there are more teams, all the talented players could be fitted in and there won't be a drop in quality.

"So I believe we are ready as there are lot of new names and faces in terms of talent perspective," Dravid said during the virtual launch of Badale's book 'A New Innings', which he co-authored with former English cricketer Simon Hughes. Badale, as a stakeholder in the IPL, welcomed the idea of expansion and also spoke about various aspects that needs to be factored in. "BCCI needs to take a decision and they will take a call on what would be the exact approach.

"Making a nine-team league in 2021

is definitely possible but as a consequence, you will have to have more afternoon games and maintain quality of the competition," said Badale, a British citizen of Indian origin.

Dravid, on his part, explained why Mumbai Indians have been such a prolific team having won an unprecedented five IPL titles in 13 editions.

"They (MI) have a strong core with a high quality. Their core is built with world class T20 players and balanced it with young exciting talent. They have a very strong scouting structure in place," Dravid said. He said it is because of IPL that someone like Rahul Tewatia from Haryana has been able to showcase his skills to a global audience.

"Earlier, you only depended on your state association to select you for Ranji Trophy. Now, from a state like Haryana which produces so many quality spinners like Yuzvendra Chahal, Amit Mishra and Jayant Yadav, Tewatia would have had limited opportunities. "So it's no longer limited to state associations," said Dravid. He spoke about the heady feeling of playing international cricket without actually playing one, which the IPL provides.

"As coaches, we can help the young players in their journeys but what helps them grow is experience. Look at a Devdutt Padikkal who is batting alongside Virat Kohli or can learn from AB de Villiers."

Another aspect in which the IPL has helped young players is the availability of worthwhile data to improve their game. "Look at someone like T Natarajan. It was because of the the quality of data that he was able to go back and work on his yorker and that one skill has now got him into the Indian team," he said.

The last decade (2011-2020), according to Dravid, has been India's best in terms of white ball cricket and the IPL has contributed with its appropriate tagline 'talent meets opportunity'.

"It has been India's best performing decade in white ball cricket. We won a World Cup (2011), Champions Trophy (2013) and reached semi-finals and finals of World T20. Young players have learnt a lot watching and listening to experts on TV," he said.

PCB to review Misbah's performance after 2021 T20 WC

PTI ■ KARACHI

The Pakistan Cricket Board has decided to review Misbah-ul-Haq's performance only after the completion of next year's World T20 Cup, giving him a full one-year to prove his credentials as a head coach.

"The board has taken a policy decision that it would now sit down and review whether to retain Misbah or bring in a new coach only after the World T20 Cup in India," a well-informed source aware of the developments told PTI.

He said that after Misbah decided to relinquish his role as chief selector, the board now wanted to see how he copes with his responsibility as head coach.

"The feeling was that Misbah was finding it difficult to handle both jobs and now with him having to only worry about the head coach responsibility he might deliver the goods," the source said.

He said similarly Babar Azam, who was also appointed Test captain this week, is likely to be given a long run by the board.

"Look unless Pakistan starts losing badly in all formats before the World T20 in India, there will be no changes in the captaincy or head coach positions."

The source said that the board feels Babar is mentally strong enough to handle the pressures of captaining Pakistan across all three formats.

"Even the Patron in Chief, Prime Minister, Imran Khan is happy with Babar's appointment as Test captain in place of Azhar Ali," the source added.

He said that Babar will most probably have a long run as captain in all three formats as he is only 26 and has a lot of cricket ahead of him.

"Again unless he loses form drastically for a long time, there is no other way Babar will lose the captaincy and he will be leading Pakistan in the World T20 in India."

England beat Ireland 3-0

AP ■ LONDON

Harry Maguire, Jadon Sancho and Dominic Calvert-Lewin scored as England dominated Ireland in a 3-0 victory.

The friendly at an empty Wembley Stadium on Thursday allowed 17-year-old Borussia Dortmund midfielder Jude Bellingham to make his England debut as a second-half substitute.

"We used the ball very well, created a lot of chances - could have been more comfortable if we'd taken some of those chances, but overall very pleased," England manager Gareth Southgate said.