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Atmanirbhar Bharat stimulus widened

Tax relief on home sale, enhanced credit guarantee for small businesses, incentives for job creation, ₹65k cr more subsidy on fertilizer among ₹2.65 lakh crore package; total stimulus rises to ₹30L crore

PNS/PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre on Thursday widened stimulus measures to boost the economy by announcing a "Atmanirbhar Bharat" package that includes tax relief on select home sale deals, enhanced credit guarantee programme for small businesses and incentives for new job creation.

The measures that also include additional fertiliser subsidy and already announced production-linked incentive scheme for manufacturing units totalling ₹2.65 lakh crore, taking the cumulative stimulus package announced since the lockdown to almost ₹30 lakh crore, or 15 per cent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

It also includes additional funding for real estate developers and contractors, a new employment scheme and additional spending on the rural job plan.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has asserted that the "Atmanirbhar Bharat" package continues his Government's efforts to help all sections of society. In a tweet, he said these initiatives will help create jobs, alleviate the stressed sectors, ensure liquidity, boost manufacturing, energise the real estate sector and support farmers.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman cited data, including increase in tax collections



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Minister of State Anurag Thakur during a news conference in New Delhi on Thursday

for goods and services, rise in energy consumption and improvement in bank credit, to state that the economy was seeing "strong recovery" taking root.

The Indian economy has recovered from its worst-ever contraction of 24 per cent in the April-June quarter but will end up shrinking by close to 10 per cent in the fiscal year to March 2021. But she saw hope in the RBI predicting a strong likelihood of growth in the current quarter.

Doubling down on the previously announced mea-

sures, she said Income Tax law will be relaxed to allow primary or first sale of housing units of up to ₹2 crore at a price that can be 20 per cent below the stamp duty circle rate.

Currently, the law restricts differential between circle rate and agreement value at 10 per cent, and "the move will help reduce hardships faced by both home-buyers and the developers and help clear unsold inventory," she said.

Under the new job creation scheme, the Government will provide a subsidy equal to the contribution that an employee

and the employer have to make towards the retirement fund (totaling 24 per cent of the wages) to establishments that hire new employees or re-hire those it fired during Covid-19 pandemic, she said.

The ₹3 lakh crore Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS), under which small businesses can get collateral-free loans, has been extended till March 31, 2021.

The same has also been extended to 26 stressed sectors identified by a high-level committee as also the healthcare

sector. The companies will get a one-year moratorium on loans and four more years to repay the amount, she said.

Sitharaman counted a production-linked incentive programme worth ₹1.46 lakh crore for manufacturing units, already approved by the Government, as part of the 12 support measures unveiled on Thursday.

In the past, ₹51,355 crore of incentives has been provided for mobile manufacturing, drug intermediaries and manufacturing of medical devices and now automobiles, telecom, textile and food products, white goods, specialty steel and electronic products have been included.

An additional outlay of ₹18,000 crore will be made towards the affordable urban housing programme, she said.

To provide higher liquidity to contracts, the Government has decided to lower the earnest money deposit for projects till December 31, 2021.

Also, ₹10,000 crore was provided for rural employment, ₹3,000 crore to Exim Bank for extending lines of credit, and ₹10,200 crore additional budget outlay for defence and infrastructure.

A ₹900 crore grant was made to the Department of Biotechnology for Covid-19 vaccine research, she said, adding this did not include the

cost of procuring and distributing the vaccine which will be established later.

Sitharaman said the Government will provide ₹65,000 crore of additional subsidy on fertiliser to ensure the crop nutrient is available to farmers during the current season.

The measures are the Government's latest efforts to boost the economy, which slipped into an unprecedented recession after gross domestic product probably declined for a second straight quarter in the three months ended September.

The ₹29.87 lakh crore stimulus package, spread over five announcements over the past few months, includes ₹12.71 lakh crore of liquidity boosting measures by the RBI.

India Inc on Thursday welcomed the bouquet of measures and said these would deliver festive cheer and have a multiplier effect on the growth trajectory through support to stressed sectors, thrust to job creation and increased private investments.

"It is heartening to note that despite fiscal constraints, the Government chose to hasten the recovery process by spending an additional Rs 2.65 lakh crore, thus taking the cumulative fiscal stimulus (till date) to Rs 17.2 lakh crore or 9 per cent of GDP," said Uday Kotak, CII president.

Nitish likely to take oath as CM on Mon

PTI ■ PATNA

Nitish Kumar may take oath for a fourth successive term next week but the date has not been finalised yet, a close aide said on Thursday.

However, speculation is rife in political circles that he will be sworn in on Monday, the day "Bhaiyya Dooj" festival will be celebrated, as it is considered an auspicious day.

He will visit the State party headquarters later Thursday to meet the newly elected MLAs and other JD(U) functionaries.

Raj Bhavan sources said they have not received any communication about when the swearing-in ceremony will take place.

Before he is sworn-in as the Chief Minister again, Nitish Kumar has to tender his resignation to the governor.

The newly elected MLAs of the NDA are yet to meet formally and elect Kumar as their leader.

However, with top BJP leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, strongly endorsing Kumar as the Chief Minister, there are no doubts over a fourth straight term for him in the high office.

Chief Electoral Officer H R Srinivas, meanwhile, submitted the list of winning candidates in the Assembly elections to



Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar addresses a press conference at JD(U) office in Patna on Thursday

Governor Phagu Chauhan at Raj Bhavan.

Talking to reporters for the first time after the NDA's victory, Nitish said the date for his swearing-in ceremony will be discussed at an "informal" meeting of all the four NDA constituents on Friday.

He said it is for the alliance spearhead BJP to take a call on whether to retain the LJP in the NDA. "You make suggestions to this effect," Nitish replied laughingly when asked whether he would ask the BJP to drop the LJP from the NDA at the Centre in the wake of its brinkmanship that scuppered the chances of JD(U) candidates in several seats.

"In any case, it is for the BJP to decide. I have nothing to say in the matter," said Nitish.

Showcause to Twitter for not showing Leh as Ladakh part

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has issued showcause notice to Twitter for not showing Leh as part of Ladakh.

The notice dated November 9 asked Twitter to explain within five working days as to why legal action should not be initiated against it for disrespecting India's territorial integrity.

Earlier Twitter faced summons from Parliament panel for showing Leh as part of China and Twitter India representatives apologised. The IT Secretary also wrote to Twitter head Jack Dorsey on this matter.

After the Parliamentary panel headed by Meenakshi Lekhi warned the Twitter representatives of facing seven years in jail, the US-based company submitted a written apology.

Ministry in its notice sent to global vice president of



Twitter has mentioned that showing Leh as part of Jammu & Kashmir is a deliberate attempt by Twitter to undermine the will of sovereign Parliament of India which had declared Ladakh as a Union Territory of India with its headquarters in Leh.

Incidentally, Twitter showed Leh as part of People's Republic of China after which the Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and IT, wrote to

Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey raising objection to that.

In response to that Twitter removed showing Leh as part of People's Republic of China, but it has not corrected the map to show Leh as part of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

It is still showing Leh as part of Jammu & Kashmir, which is against the official position of the Government of India," said the Ministry in a statement.

Covishield's Phase-3 trial enrolment complete

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Pune-based Serum Institute of India (SII) and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) on Thursday announced the completion of enrolment of phase-3 clinical trials for potential Covid-19 vaccine "Covishield" in India.

The world's largest vaccine manufacturer SII and Union Health Ministry's research wing ICMR are currently conducting phase 2/3 clinical trials of Covishield at 15 different centres across the country. The drugmaker said in a statement that as many as 1,600 participants were enrolled on October 31.

"The strategic alliance between SII and the ICMR will advance India's role in the global race to develop Covid-19 vaccines," further said the statement.

The ICMR has funded the clinical trial site fees while Serum Institute has funded other expenses for the vaccine.

The SII said that the trials of the Oxford vaccine have

Covid-19 IN INDIA

TOTAL

CASES: 87,16,158

DEATHS: 1,28,452

RECOVERED:

80,98,870

ACTIVE: 4,86,927



shown promising results, which "so far give confidence that Covishield could be a realistic solution to the deadly pandemic."

Among the vaccines being developed in India, Covishield is in the most advanced stage of human testing. Based on the phase 2/3 trial results, SII with

STATES	TOTAL CASES	DEATHS	RECOVERED
Maharashtra	17,31,833	45,560	15,97,255
Karnataka	8,55,912	11,474	8,14,949
Andhra Pradesh	8,49,705	6,837	8,22,011
Tamil Nadu	7,52,521	11,440	7,13,584
Kerala	5,08,257	1,797	4,28,529
Uttar Pradesh	5,03,159	7,281	4,73,316
Delhi	4,59,975	7,228	4,10,118
West Bengal	4,20,840	7,506	3,81,149
Odisha	3,05,986	1,536	2,93,741
Telangana	2,54,666	1,393	2,35,950
Bihar	2,25,500	1,167	2,17,958
Rajasthan	2,19,327	2,032	1,99,943
Assam	2,09,633	955	2,03,305
Chhattisgarh	2,05,923	2,507	1,83,190
Haryana	1,93,111	1,979	1,72,265
Gujarat	1,84,964	3,785	1,68,958

the help of ICMR will pursue the early availability of this product for India, the company said, adding that it has already manufactured 40 million doses under the at-risk manufacturing and stockpiling license from DCGI.

Apart from Covishield, developed at the Pune labora-

tory with a master seed from Oxford University/AstraZeneca, ICMR and SII have also collaborated for clinical development of Covovax developed by US-based Novavax. The Oxford Covid vaccine is currently being tested in large efficacy trials in the UK, Brazil, South Africa and the US.

CAPSULE

MAHANT NRITYA STILL CRITICAL: HOSPITAL

Lucknow: The condition of Ram Jannabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust president Mahant Nriya Gopal Das, admitted at the Medanta hospital here, continued to be critical on Thursday, a health bulletin issued by the hospital said.

GAMBHIR OPENS GIANT AIR PURIFIER IN DELHI

New Delhi: East Delhi MP Gautam Gambhir inaugurated on Thursday a first-of-its-kind giant air purifier in Gandhi Nagar market. The 12-feet-tall air purifier will cover an area of 1,000 square metres and deliver 2 lakh cubic metre of clean air every day, according to a statement from his office.

JUD SPOKESPERSON GETS 32 YRS IN JAIL

Lahore: A Pakistani anti-terrorism court on Wednesday handed down 32 years imprisonment to the spokesperson of Mumbai attack mastermind Hafiz Saeed's Jammal-ud-Dawah (JuD) terror group in two terror financing cases.

Jab We Met actor Asif hangs self at Dharamshala home

PNS ■ SHIMLA

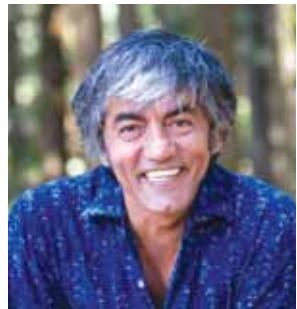
Bollywood actor Asif Basra allegedly committed suicide on Thursday at his palatial rented residence in Dharamshala in Himachal Pradesh.

The 53-year-old actor committed suicide by hanging himself with a leash of his pet dog around 12-12.30 on Thursday, Superintendent of Police Vimukt Ranjan told the mediapersons.

No suicide note has been recovered, he added.

As per the police, just before the alleged suicide, the "Jab We Met" actor had returned from a stroll in the locality along with his dog. The actor was staying in the town for nearly four years.

Basra is known for his roles in films like "Black Friday", "Parzania", "Jab We



Met" and "Kai Po Che", among many others. He played the father of Emraan Hashmi's Shoaib Khan in Milan Luthria's "Once Upon a Time in Mumbai" (2010).

His most recent outing was in Amazon Prime Video's smash-hit series "Paatal Lok".

He was last seen in the web series Hostages, which released earlier this year.

Dismantling structures at Pangong lake part of LAC disengagement

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With the likelihood of withdrawal of tanks and heavy guns from the Line of Actual Control (LAC), India and China may also dismantle new structures in the Pangong Tso (lake) area.

The two sides had built structures like barracks to lodge additional troops rushed to the LAC as part of military build-up. China had also built a jetty at the lake leading to strong protest by India.

The proposed removing of the structures is part of the proposed three-step plan to disengage and de-escalate from the LAC in eastern Ladakh. If the proposals, including pulling back tanks and additional troops from the border, are agreed upon in the ninth round of talks between the Corps Commanders in the next few days, the disengagement may begin in middle of next month.



Elaborating upon the three-stage proposed plan, which was discussed during the eighth round of Corps Commander talks on November 6, sources said here on Thursday the two sides may also agree to have a buffer zone between "Finger 4" and "Finger 8" area at the Pangong lake. Mountain spurs are referred to as Finger.

This comes against the backdrop of the face off there in early May starting after the Chinese troops blocked an Indian Army patrol between

"Finger 4 and 8". While India reiterated it was within its zone, China claimed it was not so. It led to exchange of blows between the two armies.

The two armies may also pull back partially from south bank of the Pangong lake. The Indian Army had occupied crucial high points after the Chinese tried to forcibly enter that zone in August. The Indian troops occupied strategic heights in the Mukhpuri, Rezang La and Magar hill areas around the southern bank of the Pangong lake.

Delhi Govt allowed to reserve 80% ICU beds for Covid care in 33 pvt hospitals

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Thursday allowed the AAP Government to reserve 80 per cent of ICU beds for Covid-19 patients in 33 private hospitals, saying the situation in Delhi is fairly dynamic and the State has to be "much more alive" to the circumstances.

The HC questioned the AAP Government over "doing everything under the Sun to 'unlock' things" and expressed concern over spiralling cases of coronavirus in Delhi.

A Bench of Justices Hima Kohli and Subramonium Prasad allowed Delhi Government's appeal challenging a single judge's September 22 interim order staying its decision to reserve 80 per cent of the ICU beds in private hospitals.

Delhi recorded its biggest single-day jump of 8,593 Covid-19 cases on Wednesday.

Jeevan Seva app to give Delhi's Covid patients free ride

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Government on Thursday launched Jeevan Seva app, a dedicated service for transportation of Covid patients. Satyendar Jain said with the Jeevan Seva app health facilities are now just a click away. Delhiites will get access to an e-vehicle which will provide free pick up and drop services, Jain said.

The patients can download the app through the link which will be sent through SMS and QR code to every positive tested Covid patient in Delhi.

The app, launched in collaboration with EVERA will use electric vehicles as an ambulance to transfer non critical cases to health care facility within Delhi free of cost. Jain said, "We are launch-

ing the Jeevan Seva app today to facilitate Delhi residents in home isolation in case of need. From health checkups, ambulance requirements to admission in hospitals, health amenities are now just a click away. With this app, you will get access to an e-vehicle which will provide for free pick up and drop services. Each vehicle will be properly sanitised after every ride."

Nimish Trivedi, co-founder and CEO, Prakriti e-Mobility Pvt Ltd, said, "The app is the first ever initiative to help Covid patients to reach health-care facilities in EV cabs while taking care of the patients and planet with its zero emission cabs. We are pleased to work with the Delhi Government to launch this great initiative and hope that it will help us in fighting the ongoing pandemic."

77 players get ₹4.39 cr Govt's aid for training

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal felicitated 77 top level performing sports people under the 'Mission Excellence Scheme' on Thursday that provides financial assistance to players for training. Kejriwal said, "This scheme is not just for the people of Delhi, but for the entire country. Because when these sports people win laurels globally, not just Delhi but the whole nation will feel proud and celebrate them."

Launching the ceremony, he said, "Just how the Delhi Government has been delivering on the promises of providing electricity, water, education and health, we are doing the same for sports. Our dream is that India should bring more medals than China in international games. We have made several plans, including building a Delhi Sports University, to fulfil this dream." Kejriwal appealed to the players to work

hard, and to do their best to make the country proud.

Kejriwal and Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia provided financial assistance of Rs 4.39 crore to 77 players from Delhi. At the ceremony held at Delhi Secretariat, Sisodia informed the players about the scheme, and said a 'Committee of Experts' was set up that selected the players which included Karnam Malleswari, Akhil Kumar, Manisha Malhotra, Gagan Narang and Ronjan Sodhi.

Kejriwal while congratulating the players said, "When a player wins a medal in our country, a lot of people stand with that player. But when the player is struggling in his journey to achieve those medals, not just financially but also emotionally, he is often alone. We want to change that." He also discussed the challenges sports aspirants face in India. He said that in India, there is a notion that playing sports

means one is wasting their time, time that could be spent on studying, and excelling in academics. Because of this belief system, the dynamic field of sports does not receive the support it rightly deserves. "Despite this, players like you, overcome your struggle and reach massive heights of success," said Kejriwal while praising the determination of the players.

He also said our country of 1.3 billion has so much talent yet is unable to match other countries in bringing home medals. "There are talented players in every village and every locality, but they do not get the support of any government. The Delhi government will provide that ray of hope for such players and nurture them," he added. He said that just how the Delhi Government has been succeeding in providing clean water, subsidized electricity, and quality education, it is also leading in supporting

sports. "Our dream is that our country should bring more medals than China in international games. There is a complete vision for the development of sports. We are building a sports university in Delhi so that players like you can get world-class training and coaching. School-level players will be assisted under the Early Childhood Scheme who show potential in the field of sports. Similarly, the Mission Excellence Scheme has been created for middle and high level players," he said.

He also said that the Delhi government is doing this to prepare the players and help them develop an edge over their competitors, nationally and internationally. He reassured the players present there, and asked them to come to him if they ever need any support. "If the country and the government is doing this for you, then you too should leave no stone unturned in doing some-

thing for the country," said Kejriwal. Following this, the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister distributed cheques to the players. Sisodia also congratulated the players, and said that when Delhi's players achieve success in sports, the government gets encouraged. "Our Chief Minister is always asking us, what else can we do for the players? So we take your feedback. This way, when we do something new for the players, you get encouraged. This is a cycle which is in the interest of Delhi and the country to keep going upwards." In India, generally, sports people are felicitated and given grants after they've already won the laurels. But who supports the upcoming sports people, the ones who keep toiling to achieve their goals. Our Hon. CM wants to stand with these players because there's no one to stand with them," Sisodia said. Encouraging the young-

sters, Sisodia said, "You all are Delhi's Promising Stars, and Delhi is looking at you. You should play well and bring medals for the country, and we are ready to help you in every way possible." He added that a total of 708 applications were received this year. Out of these, 77 players have been selected by a prestigious expert committee without any interference from the government. He said that due to the Corona crisis, sporting events have suffered a lot which has impacted the players severely. However, he said that it is imperative to move forward in the world of sports, and adapt to the circumstances. "Delhi Sports University is a step forward in that direction."

We also need your suggestions. Tell us what you need from us, and we will do our best to deliver that," Sisodia said. At the ceremony, famous wrestling player Sushil Kumar said that such a scheme is

unique, and a one-of-its-kind in the country. "It surely boosts the morale of the players," said Kumar. The players who received the financial assistance at the ceremony were also overwhelmed at the support, and called it "Kejriwal's Diwali gift". Para athlete, Reena, said that she received a cheque of eight lakh rupees from the Delhi Government. "I will be using this for my training and I will try to become a player of international level. I will try my best to fulfill CM's vision for us." Junior Judo national level player, Harsh Dalal said, "I never thought that a government could provide so much financial support to the players to prepare and improve our skills. If the government continues to provide us this assistance, we will do our best to bring medals for the country."

Similarly, Judo player Garima Tokas lauded the Chief Minister Kejriwal's vision. "During such an unprecedent-

ed time for Corona, such assistance will only increase our dedication towards the game." Mission Excellence Scheme provides financial assistance to top level performing sportspeople for their training and participation in international events. Launched in 2018, the main goal of the scheme is to groom, and support sports people across categories to compete at international level including Olympics, Commonwealth Games, Asian Games, and other competitive sports events nationally.

This year, the number of players selected under the scheme across sporting categories are - athletics (25, including para athletes), badminton, (1), basketball (1), boxing (3), judo (10), karate (4), kayaking and canoeing (1), pencak silat (1), sepak takraw (4), shooting (7), soft tennis (1), swimming (1), tennis (1), wrestling (10), and wushu (7).

Hry CM directs for completion of edu, drinking water work in Mewat

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Thursday directed officers to complete all the work required for education and drinking water in Mewat region on a priority basis. Besides this, he also issued directions to hand over eight Mewat model schools being run under Mewat Development Authority to the Education Department to ensure that education quality in the area can be further improved.

Shortage of teachers in the Mewat district should be resolved on priority basis, he said. Presiding over the 30th meeting of Mewat Development Board here in which Deputy Chief Minister, Dushyant Chautala and Scheduled Caste and Backward



Classes Welfare Minister, Banwari Lal and MLAs of Nuh district were also present in the meeting, the CM said that till the recruitment of regular teachers in Mewat cadre is completed, registration of retired teachers as well as educated youth on Saksham portal should be done and they should be engaged for teaching work.

While directing the officers of the Education and Health Department, Khattar said work which the department can do at their levels should not be included in the agenda of the Mewat Development Board. He directed that along with the

Mewat Development Board's budget the maximum share of State budget received under the Jal Jeevan Mission should be spent in Mewat district. Besides this, the Chief Minister has directed the officers concerned to upgrade educational institutions through mapping so that the Mewat youth can be motivated towards higher education. He further directed that the girls' hostel in Khanpur valley should be re-opened so that the drop-out rate of girls there can be reduced.

Khattar said that in the five Hospitality Management Institutes opened in the state, nominal fees should be charged from the students coming from Mewat district. Besides this, education subsidies should be provided to them. On renewal of driving licenses, the chief minister said the license of any person registered on the SARTH portal should be renewed after complying with the condition of one month.

Regarding the license of heavy vehicles, he said completing three conditions would be made mandatory, which include that the applicant should be literate, should have a license of light vehicle and should have completed training in Haryana Roadways. He said that training for a license can be taken in any district. Chief Minister was informed that 100 sanitary napkins will be provided free of cost to the girl students studying in 332 Government Middle, High, Senior Secondary Schools, KGBVs, Mewat Model Schools and SHKM Government Medical College.

Kejriwal vows to build roads on lines of European cities

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Wednesday directed the officials of the 'Public Works Department' (PWD) to remove all obstacles under the pilot project to redesign the seven identified roads of Delhi along the lines of European cities at the earliest. The Chief Minister said the process of appointing a consultant for the redesigning of roads is in the final stage and the PWD should complete the appointment process soon.

The direction came in a review meeting convened by the Chief Minister with PWD officials on the ongoing road redesigning project in Delhi along the lines of European cities. The project will follow the Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) model. The constitution party will have the responsibility to maintain the road for 15 years. The deadline for redesigning the first seven roads has been extended till March 2021 due to COVID-19. The earlier deadline was December 2020.

The Delhi government is working to redesign the 100 feet wide and 500 km long roads of the national capital on the lines of European cities. Kejriwal has envisaged the project to develop the roads of the national capital similar to any developed country in the world.

Kejriwal approved the project of redesigning some of the roads falling under the jurisdiction of PWD in November 2019. Under the pilot project, the Delhi government has decided to redesign 100 feet

wide and 500 kilometers on the lines of European cities. The chief minister had recently redeveloped the Chandni chowk road as a pilot project, extending the scheme to 100 feet wide and about 500 km long road in Delhi. The development of these roads will be on the lines of built-operate-transfer (BOT) and the construction company will take care of the maintenance for 15 years.

"People face issues because there are bottleneck roads, which create the problem of traffic congestion at various locations in the city. The wide roads in many parts of Delhi differently turn into a narrow road, and then back into a wide road after a few km, which creates a bottleneck situation and heavy traffic at particular locations. The priority will be removing those bottlenecks first, for a smooth flow of traffic and an organized lane system," the government said in a statement.

"The second goal would be to increase the efficiency of the existing space of the roads in the city so that spaces are best utilized as per their abilities. There will be measured and planned spaces for vehicles, non-motorized vehicles, footpaths, and side-lanes. The footpaths will be widely mapped to an average of 10 feet for the convenience of the pedestrians. These footpaths will be redesigned and reconstructed as per a standard height for the convenience of the physically handicapped," it added. The project will help increase greenery; a re-harvesting system will be implemented in the

MAHA COVID-19 RECOVERIES CROSS 16 L MARK



TN RATGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The Covid-19 recoveries crossed 16 lakh mark in Maharashtra on Thursday, even as the infections dropped to 4496 and deaths came down marginally to 122 in the state. As 7809 more people were discharged from various hospitals the number of people discharged from the hospitals after full recovery since the second week of March this year went up to 16,05,064. The recovery rate in the state rose from 92.23 per cent to 92.44 per cent.

A day after Maharashtra logged 4,907 fresh infections and 125 deaths, the infected cases came down to 4496, while the state recorded 122 deaths. With 4496 fresh infections, the total infected cases in the state jumped from 17,31,833 to 17,36,329.

Similarly with 122 new deaths, the Covid-19 toll in the state went up from 45,560 to 45,682.

Of the 122 deaths reported, Palghar accounted for a maximum of 21 deaths, while there were 19 deaths in Mumbai, 17 in Nagpur 15 in Pune, 13 in Thane, 7 in Satara, 4 in Chandrapur, 3 each in Nashik, Sangli, Jalna and Beed, 2 each in Solapur, Nanded, Akola, Yavatmal and Wardha and one death each in Ahmednagar, Latur, Osmanabad and Bhandara.

With 19 deaths, the Covid-19 in Mumbai climbed from 10,506 to 10,525, while the infected cases rose by 858 to trigger a jump in the total infections from 266,748 to 267,606.

Meanwhile, the number of "active cases" in the state came down one lakh mark as the total cases dropped from

88,070 to 84,627. The fatality rate in the state stood at 2.63 per cent.

Currently, 8,11,035 people are in home quarantine while 6,487 people are in institutional quarantine.

Pune district, which continued to be the worst-affected city-district in Maharashtra, saw the total number of cases increase from 3,40,023 to 3,40,607 while the total number of deaths in Pune increased from 7102 to 7117.

Thane district remained in the third spot --after Pune and Mumbai -- after the total number of infections rose from 2,29,097 to 2,29,669, while the pandemic toll climbed from 5336 to 5349.

Meanwhile, out of 96,64,275 samples sent to laboratories, 17,36,329 have tested positive (17.97 per cent) for COVID-19 until Thursday.

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E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Loan Account No. 7135941 (BAKSHISH SINGH BHAMRA)

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the below Borrower/ Co-Borrower that the below described immovable property mortgaged to Tata Capital Financial Services Ltd. (Secured Creditor), Possessor of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Tata Capital Financial Services Ltd. (Secured Creditor), will be sold on 16th day of December, 2020. "As is where is" & "As is what is" & "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of total sum of Rs. 1,16,64,202/- (Rupees One Crore Sixteen Lakhs Sixty-Four Thousand Two Hundred and Two Only) as on 06th November, 2018 from 1) BAKSHISH SINGH BHAMRA, S/o Mahanga Bhamra, 132/6, Near New Building School, Kabir Chowk, Ramnagar, Raipur-492001, Chhatisgarh, Also AT - KH.NO. 98/116, P.C. No. 34, PH. No. 103/34, RIC Raipur, Tatibandh, Raipur - 492001, Chhatisgarh, Also AT - H.No. 14, PH. No. 103/34, RNM Raipur, Tatibandh, Shriram Lotus Valley, Bhagat Singh Ward No. 103, Raipur - 492001, Chhatisgarh, 2) HARPREET KAUR BHAMRA, W/o Bakshish Singh Bhamra, 132/6, Near New Building School, Kabir Chowk, Ramnagar, Raipur-492001, Chhatisgarh, Also AT - KH.NO. 98/116, P.C.34, PH.NO. 103/34, RIC Raipur, Tatibandh, Raipur, 492001, Chhatisgarh, Also AT - H.No. 14, PH.No. 103/34, RNM Raipur, Tatibandh, Shriram Lotus Valley, Bhagat Singh Ward No. 103, Raipur-492001, Chhatisgarh, 3) JBL MOTORS & TRUCK PARKING YARD, Represented through its Proprietor Mr. Bakshish Singh Bhamra, Behind Kaka Dhaba, Ring Road No. 2, Tatibandh, Raipur-492001, Chhatisgarh, Also AT - H. No. 14, PH. No. 103/34, RNM Raipur, Tatibandh, Shriram Lotus Valley. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit is mentioned below.

Whereas the sale of secured asset is to be made to recover the secured debt and whereas there was a due of sum of Rs. 1,16,64,202/- (Rupees One Crore Sixteen Lakhs Sixty-Four Thousand Two Hundred and Two Only) as on 06th November, 2018. Notice is hereby given that, in the absence of any post-termination discontinuance of the sale, the said property shall be sold by E- Auction at 2 P.M. on the said 16th December, 2020. Any Offer in addition to the e-auction bids, for the purchase of the property along with EMD Demand Draft shall be received by the Authorized Officer of the TATA CAPITAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD at 1st Floor, Pujari Chambers, Pachpedi Naka, Tikrapara, Raipur, CG - 492001 or 11th Floor, Sri Jan Techpark, DN-52, Sector-5, Salt Lake, Kolkata - 700091, till 3 P.M. on the said 15th December, 2020. The sale of the property shall be in "As is where is" & "As is what is" & "Whatever there is" condition and the liabilities and claims attaching to the said property, so far as they have been ascertained, are specified in the Schedule.

Description of Secured Asset	Reserve Price (Rs)	Earnest Money (Rs)
PROPERTY No.1 : All That the property premises KH. No. 35/2, 33/5, 33/6/1, 35/1, 35/2, 35/4/1, 35/4/9, 35/12, 33/3/1, 33/3/6, 42/2, 41/9/6, 41/9/8, 41/9/2, 41/6/4 (part) House No. 14, Area 875 Sq. Ft., Situated at 'SRI RAM LOTUS VALLEY' Tatibandh, Bhagat Singh Ward No. 13, P.C. No. 34, R.I.C. Raipur, Chhatisgarh, India. The property is bounded by: EAST: Road, WEST: Boundary Wall, NORTH: Plot No. 13, SOUTH: House No. 15	Rs. 26,14,000/- for the 1st Property, and Rs. 72,00,000/- for the 2nd Property, which totals up to amount of Rs. 98,14,000/- (Rupees Ninety-Eight Lakhs Fourteen Thousand Only)	Rs. 2,61,400/- for the 1st Property, and Rs. 7,20,000/- for the 2nd Property which totals up to Rs. 9,81,400/- (Rupees Nine Lakhs Eighty-One Thousand Only)
PROPERTY No.2 : ALL THAT the Open Land Premises P.H.No. 34, KH.NO. 98/116 (part) Area 0.953 Hect., Situated at 'Kousa - Talibandh, Vekasand, Dharshiva, RNM, Raipur - 1, Tehsil-District: Raipur (C.G.) and bounded by: EAST : 20' feet Wide Road, WEST : Land of Shri Umat Chandrakar, NORTH : Land of Shri Nandlal Chandrakar, SOUTH: Plot of Purchaser.		

The description of the property that will be put up for sale is in the Schedule. The sale will also be stopped if, amount due as aforesaid, interest and costs (including the cost of the sale) are tendered to the 'Authorized Officer' or proof is given to his satisfaction that the amount of such secured debt, interest and costs has been paid. At the sale, the public generally is invited to submit their tender personally. No officer or other person, having any duty in connection with this sale shall, however, directly or indirectly bid, for, acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the property sold. If the Borrower pays the amount due to the TATA CAPITAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD in full before the date of sale, the sale is liable to be stopped. The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 and to the following further conditions:
The E-auction will take place through portal https://disposalhub.com on 16th December, 2020 between 2.00 PM to 3.00 PM with unlimited extension of 10 minutes each.
1. The particulars specified in the Schedule herein below have been stated to be the best of information of the undersigned, but the undersigned shall not be answerable for any error, mis-statement or omission in this proclamation. In the event of any dispute arising as to the amount bid, or as to the bidder, the lot shall at once again be put up to auction. 2. The property shall not be sold below the Reserve Price. 3. Bid Increment Amount will be: Rs. 1,00,000/-. 4. All the Bids submitted for the purchase of the property shall be accompanied by Earnest Money as mentioned above by way of a Demand Draft favoring the 'TATA CAPITAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD.' payable at Kolkata. The Demand Drafts will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. 5. The highest bidder shall be declared to be the purchaser or any lot provided all that he is legally qualified to bid and provided further that the amount bid by him is not less than the reserve price. It shall be in the discretion of the 'Authorized Officer' to decline acceptance of the highest bid when the price offered appears so clearly inadequate as to make it inadvisable to do so. 6. For reasons recorded, it shall be in the discretion of the 'Authorized Officer' to adjourn / discontinue the sale. 7. Inspection of the property may be done on or before 14th December, 2020 between 11 AM to 5.00 PM. 8. The person declared to be the purchaser shall, immediately after such declaration, deposit twenty-five per cent of the amount of purchase money to the 'Authorized Officer' and, in default of such deposit, the property shall forthwith be put up again and resold. 9. In case the initial deposit is made as above said, the balance amount of the purchase money payable shall be paid by the purchaser to the 'Authorized Officer' on or before the 30th day from the date of confirmation of the sale of the property, exclusive of each day, or if the 30th day be a Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office day after the 30th day. In default of payment within the period mentioned above, the property shall be resold, after the issue of a fresh proclamation of sale and all amounts deposited till then shall be stand forfeited by the TATA CAPITAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may be subsequently sold. The property shall be resold at the discretion of the 'Authorized Officer'. 10. Details of any encumbrances, known by any of the TATA CAPITAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD, to which the property is liable: Nil. Claims, if any, which have been put forward to the property and any other known particulars bearing on its nature and value: Nil. Nothing other than the above. 11. For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction prospective bidders may contact the Service Provider, M/s NexGen Solutions Private Limited, Name: Client Service Delivery (CSD) of our Sales Partner through E-mail Id: csd@disposalhub.com, Tel. No.: +91 124 4 233 933, Mobile No. +91 98100 29926. 12. Note: The intending bidders may contact the Authorized Officer, Mr. Sudipta Mitra, Email id: Sudipta.mitra@TataCapital.com and Mobile No. 7415000138. 13. For detailed terms and conditions of the Sale, please refer to the link provided in secured creditor's website i.e. https://www.tatacapital.com/cfsi.html. Sd/- Sudipta Mitra Place: Raipur Date- 13.11.2020 Authorized Officer, Tata Capital Financial Services Ltd.

Technology Development Board
(Department of Science & Technology)
Government of India

Invite applications for NATIONAL AWARDS
FOR SUCCESSFUL COMMERCIALIZATION OF INDIGENOUS TECHNOLOGY

The National Awards will be presented on the Technology Day on 11th May 2021

Cash Award of Rs.25 lakh

To an industrial concern which has successfully developed & commercialized an indigenous technology on or after April 2016. In case, the technology developer / provider and technology commercializer are two different organizations, each one would be eligible for award of Rs. 25 lakh and a trophy.

No. of Awards: One*

Cash Award of Rs.15 lakh

To MSMEs which has successfully commercialized a product based on Indigenous technology on or after April 2016.

No. of Awards: Three*

Cash Award of Rs.15 lakh

To technology start-ups with promising new technology with potential for commercialization.

No. of Awards: One*

* Committee may change the number of Awards to be given or may defer if the entries are not found suitable. Separate application should be made for each indigenous technology commercialized / promising new technology with potential for commercialization developed by start-ups. Enterprises desirous of competing for the awards should refer to TDB Website (<http://www.tdb.gov.in>) and register via 'National Award Registration' link. After registration applicant should fill and submit the form online. Details of the award, terms and conditions are available at the website: <http://www.tdb.gov.in>

*Awardees of last two (2) years need not apply

Application should be submitted via online mode only on or before **31st December, 2020 (05.00 PM)**

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Ayodhya gears up for Diwali

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As Ayodhya gears up for the Deepotsav celebration, the first one after the commencement of Ram Temple construction, the focus will be on the government's efforts to attempt a Guinness Book record when 5.51 lakh diyas will be lit on the banks of the river Sarayu.

"In Ayodhya, which has become the centre of attraction and curiosity around the world in the recent past, the Yogi Adityanath government is also going to convey the message of India's cultural glory to the entire world," senior government official Mukesh Meshram said. This will be a three-day celebration which started on November 11 and will continue till November 13. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will attend the programme in the evening and take part in the lamp lighting celebration.

The cultural rainbow of the entire country will be witnessed this time at the Deepotsav celebrations in Ayodhya on Friday as artists from many states, including Gujarat, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Uttarakhnad and the Braj and Bundelkhand regions of UP exhibit their skills. The focus of the event will be on

promoting the Mission Shakti campaign.

With lakhs of diyas (lamps) illuminating the bank of the river Sarayu, these artists will further glorify the festive celebrations of the holy city. The folk artists of Bundelkhand will platform to showcase their rich heritage as the Culture department has specially included the Diwari Toli of Bundelkhand in the Deepotsav this year.

The dance groups of the Bundelkhand youths will also make the celebrations special in their own traditional style. Along with the other artists, the team of Ramesh Pal of Banda district, whose group has performed Diwari Toli in many countries, has been invited to perform at the celebrations. "With this, the intent of the government is to give a stage to the artists of Bundelkhand and a further boost to the economy and culture of the region," the official said.

The official said that all the Covid protocols would be strictly adhered to and all roads leading to the Sarayu river and Ram Jannabhoomi would be barricaded. "Nobody other than the invitees will be allowed at the Deepotsav venue," the official said.

Fake Army recruitment racket busted in Shahjahanpur

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Acting on the inputs given by the Military Intelligence (MI), the Shahjahanpur police busted a fake Army recruitment racket in which men in khaki were also involved.

The officials investigating the racket, which facilitated recruitment of people in the Army on the basis of fake documents, are also looking into the possible involvement of Pakistan's notorious Inter Services Intelligence (ISI) or some other subversive forces. Confirming the development, Superintendent of Police of Shahjahanpur, S Anand, said that a recruitment racket was running for over a year and around 300 people were facilitated jobs in the Army on the basis of fake documents.

"The gang operating the racket also facilitated police verification of successful candidates. We came to know about a gang working in the Banda area. It took hefty amounts from candidates outside Shahjahanpur and facilitated their recruitment in the Army with fake documents. After they got the jobs, they also got their police verification done with the help of two constables," Anand said.

'Nav Bharat Udyan' for 75th I-Day

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

To commemorate 75 years of Independence being celebrated in 2022, the Central Government has decided to build an 'iconic structure' called the 'Nav Bharat Udyan', or New India Garden, next to the Yamuna river bank spread over 22 acres in the national Capital. The 'iconic structure' will be dedicated to the nation by August 15, 2022, which provides execution time of about one year for the project. The Central Public Works Department (CPWD), falling under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs called a design competition for the new structure.

The Centre has decided to double the length of the Central Vista from 2.9 km to 6.3 km, beyond the Rashtrapati Bhawan to the Mother Teresa Crescent in the west and from the India Gate to the banks of the river Yamuna in the east.

According to the ministry, an iconic structure is being planned to be built in Nav

Bharat Udyan (New India Garden) in the national capital, symbolizing emerging New India with equitable growth opportunities, rooted in values of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikaas, Sabka Vishwas' and representing the aspiration of clean India, free from poverty, corruption, terrorism, communalism and casteism.

The CPWD's proposal says the 'iconic structure' should be constructed with materials and technology which would last for ages, like: Ashoka's edicts, Iron Pillar in Qutub Minar complex, etc. It should be robust and withstand the vagaries of nature and remain as such for millennia to represent the current age, it added.

Under the Master Plan, the Central Vista Axis will be extended from the present 2.9 km to 6.3 km from ridge to river. On the eastern side, it will culminate at the western bank of River Yamuna. This will restore the original design envisioned for Central Vista; the CPWD's proposal said.

Spread over 20.22 acres, New India Garden will be open to the public and is being designed to have an iconic structure and infotainment facilities such as Sphere of Unity, Milestones Walkway, Journey of India, Tech Dome, Amphitheatre, public amenities etc. to showcase India's rich historical and cultural heritage, scientific achievements, and will symbolize unity in diversity and aspirations of the New India.

The structure should be iconic in design and represent the national capital. For example, the India Gate erected by the British in the Central Vista in the early 20th century prominently signifies Delhi. The proposed iconic structure being built in independent India should now become a new symbol of the national capital; CPWD's proposal said.

The central axis of the Vista starts from the Rashtrapati Bhawan, moves on the central line between North and South Blocks and Rajpath and culminates at India Gate. The iconic structure should be aligned exactly on this central axis, as per the design competition's rules. It will be located on the western bank of river Yamuna. Hence, the foundation is to be sited in sandy soil with a high water table.

The ministry says the registration will close on December 11. The presentations before the jury (if required) will be during the 2nd fortnight of December, 2020 and the winners will be announced in the last week of Dec, 2020.

Officials said that structure can be a tower/sculpture or any other built form but not a building to be occupied. Maximum permissible height at the proposed site as per colour coded zonal map prepared by Airports Authority of India is 134 metres from the present ground level.

Other factors like soil stability, wind velocity, seismic forces and vulnerability to flooding etc. need to be duly considered as per the provisions of National Building Code of India, 2016 while designing the structure.

10 States/UTs report 78% of Covid infections in 24 hrs

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Seventy-eight per cent of the new 47,905 coronavirus infections reported in the past 24 hours on Thursday are from 10 States and Union Territories with Delhi topping the list, registering the highest single-day cases at 8,593 followed by Kerala and Maharashtra.

Much to the worry of the Government, four northeastern States — Tripura, Manipur, Meghalaya and Mizoram — are reporting increase in cases, prompting the Union Health Minister Dr Harshvardhan to ask them to increase testing on high risk groups and vulnerable population to check the spread of Covid-19.

For the successive fifth day, new Covid-19 cases reported in a span of 24 hours did not cross the 50,000 mark, while the trend of daily new recoveries outnumbering daily new infections continued for the 40th day. As many as 52,718 new recoveries were registered in a day as against 47,905 infections during the same period.

Ten states and union territories reported 78 per cent of the new cases registered in a span of 24 hours. This trend has continued to compress the active Covid-19 caseload which is currently 4.98 lakh and comprises only 5.63 per cent of India's total coronavirus cases.

The recovery rate has also been boosted with the trend of recoveries exceeding new cases and currently stands at 92.89 per cent with 80,66,501 people having recuperated from the disease so far.

Anti-oxidative herbal drugs beneficial in treating Covid-19 diabetic patients, say researchers

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

At a time when India is promoting Ayush including ayurveda decoction such as kadha or ayush kwath as immunity boosters to keep the Covid-19 at bay, researchers from Tehran have suggested use of anti-oxidative herbal drugs as an adjuvant therapy to currently prescribed conventional treatments in Covid-19 infected diabetic patients.

Following an analysis of various studies, they said in an article published in the National Centre for Biotechnology Information (NCBI), anti-oxidative herbal medicines with evidence-based beneficial impacts in the treatment of diabetes mellitus can be suggested as an adjuvant therapy to its conventional treatments in patients infected with Covid-19.

Agreeing with their observation, Dr AKS Rawat, former senior scientist with CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI) said, "Many herbs like Gioly and Gudmar have antioxidant properties and checks free radicals apart from blood sugar lowering properties that make them useful for people with or at high risk of type 2 diabetes."

He cited example of anti-diabetic herbal formulation, BGR-34 which was scientifically developed under his guidance among other scientists at the NBRI in collaboration with Central Institute for Medicinal and Aromatic Plant (CIMAP), both Lucknow-based, using extracts of herbs like Daruharidra, Giloy, Vijaysar, Gudmar, Majeeth and Methika.

"At least 500 herbs were analysed after which we selected best six herbs having diabetes management properties to develop BGR-34."

In fact, an independent clinical trials conducted at Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi last year too showed the BGR-34 has therapeutic efficacy for treating newly diagnosed type 2 diabetes. The drug is commercially manufactured by Aimpl Pharmaceuticals.

As the world observe November 14 as Diabetes Day, Dr Rawat also said that compounds in herbal ingredients like gioly used in BGR-34 also corrects immunity while compounds in Dharuharidra helps in insulin release in Type II diabetic patients.

Based on the 2019 International Diabetes Federation (IDF) report, the world prevalence of diabetes was 463 million, and is expected to reach 578 million in 2030, and 700 million in 2045. According to doctors, patients with co-morbidities like diabetes are more vulnerable to Covid-19 because of their compromised immunity.

It is estimated that nearly 20-50 per cent of patients infected with Covid-19 have diabetes, much higher than the worldwide incidence rate of diabetes.

Notice Inviting e-Tender

No.SSA/ESTT/STC/BAGS/374/2020/3074 Date :10.11.2020

Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission (Samagra Shiksha), Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam invites tender through e-Tendering process from manufacturer of Bag for supply of School Bag for Special Training Centre.

To participate in the tender process through e-procurement document, bidder should have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) and have to register in the portal <https://assamtenders.gov.in> by themselves.

The Bidder who have downloaded the tender schedules containing the tender details, terms and conditions, from the website shall submit their tender on-line on the website <https://assamtenders.gov.in>, with proof of payment of non refundable tender processing fee of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees five thousand) only in the form of demand draft/Bankers Cheque in favour of Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam, from any nationalized/Scheduled Bank and payable at Guwahati. The tender should be submitted on-line as per date and time of submission as per prescribed schedule.

Sd/-Executive Director, SSA, Assam
Kahilipara, Guwahati-19

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Boosting connectivity with ASEAN countries top priority of India: Modi

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said enhancing all kinds of connectivity, including in social, digital and financial spheres, with the 10-nation ASEAN grouping is a major priority for India.

He made the remarks at a virtual summit between India and the ASEAN.

"We believe a cohesive and responsive ASEAN is needed for security and growth for all in the region," Modi said.

He also said that there are many similarities between India's "Indo Pacific Oceans Initiative" and ASEAN's "Outlook on Indo Pacific".

"Enhancing every type of connectivity between India and ASEAN — physical, economic, social, digital, financial, maritime — is a major priority for us. In the last few years, we have come close to all these areas," he said.

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) is considered one of the most influential groupings in the region, and India and several other countries including the US, China, Japan and Australia are its dialogue partners.

The summit is taking place amid China's aggressive behaviour in the disputed South China Sea as well as in eastern Ladakh. A number of ASEAN countries have territorial disputes with China in the South China Sea.

The 10 member countries of ASEAN are Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Brunei, Vietnam, Laos, Myanmar and Cambodia.

The ties between India and ASEAN have been on an upswing in the last few years with focus being on ramping up cooperation in the areas of trade and investment as well as security and defence.

ED attaches ₹1.3 cr assets of sr manager of Vijaya Bank

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has attached assets worth ₹1.3 crore of a senior manager of Vijaya Bank in a money laundering case relating to siphoning of funds of Karnataka State Handicraft Development Corporation Ltd.

The attached immovable assets are in the form of land and building which are in the name of BY Srinivas, former Senior Manager, Vijaya Bank, Bengaluru and movable assets in the form of balance lying in bank accounts in the name of HS Nagalingaswamy, BY Srinivas, Ashwin Tours & Travels and PNP Enterprises.

Investigation under the provisions of the PMLA was initiated on the basis of an FIR registered at Ashoknagar Police Station, Bengaluru City against GC Kishor Kumar, General Manager, KSHDCL and others for siphoning off the funds of KSHDCL, a State Government of Karnataka undertaking.

Investigation under PMLA revealed that HS Nagalingaswamy and his associates generated proceeds of crime to the extent of Rs 16.67 crore.

AG OK's contempt proceedings against comic artist Kamra

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Attorney General K K Venugopal Thursday granted consent for initiation of contempt proceedings against stand-up comic artist Kunal Kamra for his tweets which allegedly criticised the Supreme Court.

"The tweets which I am extracting below are not only in bad taste but clearly cross the line between humour and contempt of the court," said Venugopal in his letter to one of the applicants who had sought consent of the top law officer for initiation of contempt proceedings against Kamra.

"I therefore grant consent to proceed by way of initiating contempt proceedings against Kunal Kamra," Venugopal said in his letter.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

OPEN TENDER NOTICE (E-Tender)

For and on behalf of President of India, the Divisional Railway Manager (Mechanical), Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E-tender for following work from experienced and capable tenderers.

1. Tender No.	197-S/193/Hiring-Truck/NDLS & NZM/19/MC-IV
2. Name of work	Hiring of Trucks (Carrying capacity-4.5 T) at Coach Care Centre, New Delhi and Hazrat Nizamuddin for transportation of Railway material for two years.
3. Advertised Tender Value	Rs. 31,44,629.28/- (Excluding GST & ECC)
4. Earnest Money in favour of Sr.DFM/NR, New Delhi	Rs. 62,900/- (Note: It should be in the form of net banking or gateway only. FDR not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS)
5. Date & time of submission of tender bid	Up to 14.12.2020 at 12:00 hrs.
6. Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen	www.ireps.gov.in

197-S/193/Hiring-Truck/NDLS & NZM/19/MC-IV Dated: 12.11.2020 2511/2020

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Bihar poll: CEC rubbishes Opp charge of irregularities during counting of votes

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Against the backdrop of allegations by the Opposition of irregularities in the counting of votes in the Bihar Assembly polls, Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Sunil Arora on Thursday said while the Election Commission does not react to comments made by political parties, the ultimate decision lies with people.

He also said the Bihar chief electoral officer has already responded to everything. The EC had to hold four press conferences on counting day on November 10 to respond to various aspects of the process, Arora pointed out.

"We do not respond to comments made by political entities. It is their decision, what they said, why they said. The ultimate decision lies with people," he told reporters.

Congress expresses disappointment over Bihar poll results

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress on Thursday said the party was disappointed with the Bihar Assembly election results and Congress Working Committee (CWC) will take note of it and deliberate the issue.

Asked about the Bihar assembly results at the AICC Press, Chidambaram said, "we are definitely disappointed with the Bihar results but the vote difference between NDA and Grand alliance was just 3 per cent and the CWC will discuss and take a view on it."

The party high command including former party chief Rahul Gandhi who campaigned extensively in the State is yet to react on the dismal performance of the party. The party also could not perform in other State bypolls including Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka and others.

At the same time, another senior Congress leader Jairam Ramesh asserted that the mandate is against Nitish Kumar and accepted that the Congress could have done much better. The former union minister said that despite 15 years of Nitish as chief minister Bihar remains one of the poorest states.

With the worst ever performance despite raking up the core issues like unemployment and price rise, the grand old party whose campaign was led by Rahul Gandhi.

Top minds to brainstorm on global sustainability from November 16

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

This week would also feature the finale of Daring Debates, a well-established debate platform for the youth to engage in policy ideation, by involving participants from Africa, Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and the USA.

Speaking of this partnership, Surina Narula the founder of Difficult Dialogues, said, "I am delighted to announce that Difficult Dialogues this year is joining hands with the tve Global Sustainability Film Awards to highlight and discuss a subject that is more relevant in 2020 than ever before - Global Sustainability."

The upcoming edition of Difficult Dialogues would discuss a wide range of topics under the overarching theme of Global Sustainability by bringing together stakeholders from various backgrounds including sustainability experts, business leaders, change agents, campaigners, filmmakers and students from all across the world.

Since the current problem regarding sustainability is as much a communications one as a scientific one, Difficult Dialogues is partnering with the tve Global Sustainability Film Awards to produce an inspiring, week-long online event that will include dialogues, debates and films to strengthen its impact and reach.

The specially designed panel discussions along with the presentation of the film awards would take place as part of the Awards Week from November 16 to 20, comprising 90-120 minutes of environment and sustainability content each day.

The Director, SCERT, Tripura, Abhoyanagar, Agartala invites e-tender against press NIT No F. 26(4-48)SCERT/PUB/2020(Vol-I)/1141 dated 07.11.2020.

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				2020	2020
1.	Replacement of badly damaged/settled deep sewer line in front of H.No.68, K-1 block C.R. Park under South-III (AC-50)	2923237/- 58500/-	2020_DJB_196389 2 10.11.2020	27.11.2020 upto 3:00 PM	

Further details in this regard can be seen at <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

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(CIN : U70102DL2007PLC157384)

Extract of Unaudited Financial Results for the half year ended 30 September 2020

Particulars	(Rupees in Lakhs)		
	6 months ended 30 September 2020	6 months ended 30 September 2019	Previous year ended 31 March 2020
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
Total Income from Operations	2,820.45	72,325.89	1,41,625.54
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(2,947.36)	17,418.27	2,791.15
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(2,947.36)	17,418.27	2,791.15
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax, (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(2,843.04)	10,050.12	490.74
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(2,843.04)	10,048.11	485.96
Paid up Equity Share Capital	22.74	22.74	22.74
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	1,37,372.92	1,49,778.11	1,40,215.94
Net Worth	1,37,395.66	1,49,800.85	1,40,238.68
Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	1,35,187.89	-	1,31,638.33
Debt Equity Ratio *	0.96	-	0.94
Earnings per Share (EPS) (Face value Per Share Rs. 10 each) *(EPS for the half year are not annualised)			
- Basic (Amount in Rs.)	(1,250.02)	4,418.80	215.77
- Diluted (Amount in Rs.)	(1,250.02)	3,643.09	215.77
Debture Redemption Reserve	2,500.00	-	2,500.00
Debt Service Coverage Ratio	(0.22)	-	0.95
Interest Service Coverage Ratio	(1.08)	-	1.08

Note to financial results:

- The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on 12 November 2020.
- The above is an extract of the detailed format of Half / 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://indiabullsrealstate.com/bil/>) and on the website of BSE (<https://www.bseindia.com>) and NSE (<https://www.nseindia.com>).

Registered Office : M-62&63, First Floor, Connaught Place, New Delhi- 110 001. For and on behalf of The Board Of Directors
Place : Gurugram Vishal Damani Director
Date : 12 November 2020

Notice Inviting e-Tender

No. SSA/Pre Primary/FM/41/2020/3080 Date :10.11.2020

Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam invites tender through e-Tendering process from reputed manufacturer of manufacturer of Eva Sheet for supply of Floor Mat.

To participate in the tender process through e-procurement document, bidder should have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) and have to register in the portal <https://assamtenders.gov.in> by themselves.

The Bidder who have downloaded the tender schedules containing the tender details, terms and conditions, from the website shall submit their tender on-line on the website <https://assamtenders.gov.in>, with proof of payment of non refundable tender processing fee of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees five thousand) only in the form of demand draft/Bankers Cheque drawn in favour of Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam, from any nationalized/Scheduled Bank and payable at Guwahati. The tender should be submitted on-line as per date and time of submission as per prescribed schedule.

Sd/-Executive Director, SSA, Assam
Kahilipara, Guwahati-19

Janasanyog No. CF/2674/20

Ideology should not hurt India: PM Modi unveils Vivekanand statue at JNU

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday unveiled a statue of Swami Vivekananda on the JNU campus and asserted that people may have ideological differences but ideology should be seen supporting and not opposing the nation in matters of national interest.

Giving priority to one's ideology over national interest has harmed the democratic system of the country a lot, the PM said in his address to students during unveiling the statue through video conferencing.

Jawaharlal Nehru University has long been considered a citadel of the Left, with student unions affiliated to it calling the shots on the campus.

The BJP and Hindutva groups, including the RSS's student wing, the ABVP, have often claimed that those with "anti-national" sentiments have found support from the Left-affiliated bodies.

Modi said good reforms were earlier considered bad politics but now it is good politics because his government's intentions and commitment are pure, and it has prepared a

"protection shield" for the poor and other vulnerable sections before carrying out reforms.

"People have endorsed our reform measures with their votes, he said in an obvious reference to the Bihar poll results where BJP led NDA retained power.

The Prime Minister said the statue on the campus will inspire everyone and instill courage and compassion that Swami Vivekananda wanted to see in everyone.

"Swami Vivekananda wanted that education in the country should be such that it provides self-confidence to individuals and makes them atmanirbhar in every way. The new National Education Policy is on the same line and has inclusion at its core," he added in the address through video conferencing.

Union Minister of Education Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' and Vice-Chancellor, JNU, Prof. M Jagadeh Kumar also participated in the event.

Addressing the JNU students and the youth of the country, the Prime Minister expressed his views on harms of prioritizing ideology over national interest. He said this is one thing that has done great harm to the democratic system of our country.

"Because my ideology says this, so in matters of national interest, I will think in the same framework. I will work on the same parameter, this is wrong," said Modi. It is natural to be proud of one's ideology still, on the subjects of national interest, our ideology should be seen standing with the nation not against it, he stressed.

The PM told the students that in the history of the country, whenever a difficult time arose before the country, people of every ideology came together in the national interest. People of every ideology stood united under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi in the freedom struggle. They fought for the country together. The country saw the same solidarity during the Emergency. Former Congress leaders and activists were also present in the movement against the Emergency. There were RSS volunteers and Jana Sangh people. Socialists and communists too came together.

Prime Minister Modi stressed that in this solidarity,

DILIP GHOSH CONVOY STONED BJP, not TMC, indulges in maut ka khel: Trinamool

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

A day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi said "Maut ka khel (game of murder)" can never fetch votes an irked Trinamool Congress reacted saying it was the BJP and not the Trinamool Congress which was unleashing violence in Bengal to win the next year's Assembly elections.

Senior leader and TMC spokesperson Sougato Roy on Thursday said that his party had been a victim of political violence since its inception. "First it was the CPI(M) and now it is the BJP which is perpetrating political violence in Bengal and targeting the Trinamool," Roy said adding it was the BJP "and not the TMC which is unleashing violence in the state."

Incidentally Roy's remarks came almost in tandem with an attack on State BJP president Dilip Ghosh's convoy at Jaigaon in Alipurduar district of North Bengal where his vehicle and those of other party leaders were stoned by alleged supporters of Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (Bimal Gurung) which had recently left the NDA and joined hands with the Trinamool Congress.

Swearing by Mahatma Gandhi the TMC MP said that his party did not believe in violence. "It believes in peace. We would request the Prime Minister to give his advice to the Bengal BJP unit to maintain political decorum."

Modi had earlier said that "Maut ka khel" (game of murder) cannot fetch votes to a political party, even as he said without naming any outfit that, "the people who aren't able to challenge us in democratic way, have taken the path of killing our workers. In some parts of the country, they think they can realise their goals by killing BJP workers. But killing game cannot get votes."

Bengal BJP which won 19 out of 42 parliamentary seats displacing the Left as the main opposition force in the State is eyeing two-third majority in the next year's Assembly in Bengal.

On Union Home Minister Amit Shah setting a target of 200 out of 294 Assembly seats for the BJP in 2021 State polls, Roy said, "He (Shah) has no inkling of what he is saying. BJP will never be able to for-

government in Bengal. This is Bengal, things are not going to be easy for them here."

Meanwhile, the BJP youth wing staged protests all across the State on Thursday evening after Ghosh was black-flagged and his vehicle was attacked with bricks in North Bengal's Alipurduar district, sources said.

Ghosh was returning from his routine 'chai pe charcha (discussion over tea cup)' programme. Vehicle of local BJP MLA Wilson Chhapramari was also damaged in the attack, sources said even as Ghosh later said, "The TMC and their friends are getting desperate as they can sense defeat in the upcoming assembly polls. However such tactics won't work. People are with us."

Such attacks by the ruling party and its allies proved that law and order had collapsed in the State, he said while State Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar too condemned the attack saying "leaders of no political party should be attacked" and that "it is the duty of the State administration to ensure safety and security of all the political parties."

New Delhi/Kolkata: Buoyed by its good showing in the 2020 Bihar Assembly elections in which it won five seats, the AIMIM is now planning to throw its hat in the electoral ring in the West Bengal Assembly elections slated in the first half of 2021, which could spell trouble for non-BJP parties in the eastern state. Telangana-based All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen or AIMIM, led by Asaduddin Owaisi, put up an impressive show in Bihar by bagging more than 1.24 per cent votes while contesting 24 seats.

The AIMIM not only won five seats in Bihar, but also played the political spoilsport in an equal number of Assembly constituencies, which could have tilted the balance in a tight situation like in the new Bihar Assembly. This prompted Congress West Bengal unit President Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury to say that "the Grand Alliance in Bihar lost because of AIMIM". The AIMIM's entry in West Bengal will make the Trinamool Congress, the Congress and the Left jittery as a resurgent Owaisi, after winning seats in Seemanchal area of Bihar.

Fifth Scorpene submarine 'Vagir' launched at Mumbai's Mazagon docks

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI



Submarine Vagir being launched by Minister of State for Defence Shripad Naik at the Mazagon Docks Limited in south Mumbai on Thursday

In a development that will not only boost the Indian Navy's capabilities but will also bring about a transformational shift in submarine operations, the fifth Scorpene submarine of Project-75 "Vagir" was launched at the Mazagon Dock here on Thursday.

With the launch of "Vagir" at the hands of Mrs Vijaya Shripad Naik through video conferencing in the presence of Minister of State for Defence Shripad Naik as the chief guest, India has cemented its position as a Submarine Building Nation.

The development is in sync with the current impetus of the Government towards 'Make in India' and 'Aatma Nirbhar Bharat'. The first two submarines of the Project-75 have been commissioned into the Navy and the third and fourth submarines are progressing their Sea Trials.

After its launch on Thursday, Vagir will commence with the setting to work of various equipment and the Harbour Acceptance Trials. The crew will subsequently sail the submarine for the Sea Acceptance Trials after which the submarine will be delivered to the Navy.

Chief of Staff, Western Naval Command - Vice Admiral RB Pandit, Chairman & Managing Director of MDL Vice Admiral Narayan Prasad and other Directors of MDL

were among those present at the launching ceremony. Chief of Materials, Indian Navy, and CWP&A (Controller of Warship Production and Acquisition) Vice Admiral SR Sarma and Additional Secretary, Defence Industries Production Sanjay Jaju joined the function through video conferencing from New Delhi.

Launched at the Kanhoji Angre Wet Basin of Mazagon Dock Limited (MDL) the submarine is named 'Vagir'.

The new incarnation "Vagir" is infused with new life, by Mazagon Dock, is once again a very powerful predator of the deep, guarding the vast maritime interests of our nation.

The state-of-the-art technology utilized in the rebuilt Scorpene has ensured superior stealth features (such as advanced acoustic absorption techniques, low radiated noise levels, hydro-dynamically opti-

mised shape etc.) and the ability to launch an attack on the enemy using precision guided weapons. The attack can be launched with both torpedoes and tube launched anti-ship missiles, whilst underwater or on surface.

The stealth of this potent platform is enhanced by the special attention provided to her characteristic underwater signatures. These stealth features make her invulnerable, unmatched by most submarines.

Scorpene submarines can undertake multifarious types of missions i.e Anti-Surface warfare, Anti-Submarine warfare, Intelligence gathering, Mine Laying, Area Surveillance etc. The Submarine is designed to operate in all theatres of operation, showcasing interoperability with other components of a Naval Task Force. It is a potent platform, marking a transformational shift in submarine operations.

BOLLYWOOD-DRUG MAFIA NEXUS CASE

NCB grills actor Arjun Rampal's live-in friend for second day

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

South African model and Bollywood actor Arjun Rampal's live-in partner Gabriella Demetriades was grilled by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) sleuths for six long hours for the second consecutive day on Thursday, in connection with the in the much-discussed Bollywood-drug mafia nexus case.

Thirty-three-year-old Gabriella, whose brother Agisilios Demetriades was arrested in a drugs-related case last month, had earlier been questioned for six hours on Wednesday.

Gabriella's second round of questioning came a day ahead of the questioning of actor Arjun Rampal, who has been summoned by the NCB to its headquarters on Friday.

The development came on the heels of searches carried out by the NJCB officials at Rampal's Banda residence for seven hours on Monday.

During Monday's raid, the NCB officials seized 11 electronic gadgets including a laptop, mobile phones and tablets from there. They also seized some documents from Rampal's residence.

The NCB officials had also raided two other places at Khar and Andheri. They had also detained a driver working for Rampal and took him to their office for questioning. The driver was let off later in the evening.

The raid on Rampal's residence, the subsequent questioning of Gabriella and summons issued to Arjun Rampal should be seen in the context of the arrest of Gabriella's brother Agisilios Demetriades made by the NCB from Lonavala near Pune on October 19. Agisilios 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.

Informed NCB sources said that Agisilios was in touch with Omega Godwin, a Nigerian national who had earlier been arrested for supply of cocaine in Mumbai. During his custodial interrogation,

Pak violates ceasefire for 3rd day in J&K's Poonch district

Jammu: For the third consecutive day on Thursday Pakistan resorted to unprovoked ceasefire violation in three sectors of the Line of Control (LoC) in J&K's Poonch district.

Colonel Devender Anand, defence ministry spokesman said at about 9 a.m. Pakistan initiated unprovoked ceasefire violation by firing with small arms and shelling mortars along the LoC in Shahpur, Kirni and Qasba sectors of Poonch district.

The spokesman said Indian army retaliated befittingly.

Pakistan has violated ceasefire on Thursday for the third consecutive day in these three sectors of the LoC.

Since the beginning of this year Pakistan has been violating with impunity the bilateral ceasefire agreement signed by the two countries in 1999.

In over 3,200 such ceasefire violations by Pakistan since January, 24 civilians were killed and over 100 injured.

DMK condemns varsity's decision to remove Arundhati Roy's book

Chennai: The DMK on Thursday condemned the decision of the Tirunelveli based Manonmaniam Sundaranar University to withdraw Arundhati Roy's book 'Walking With The Comrades' from its syllabus. The University withdrew the book on a complaint by the BJP's student wing Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) that the book supports violence and Maoists.

In a statement issued here, DMK's Deputy General Secretary A.Raja said it is for the Vice Chancellor, professors and education experts to decide as to what should be included as the syllabus. He said the book was there for three years and has been removed after a complaint by the ABVP.

He said, "In post graduate courses, students are given a chance to read history and literature, and the students will take what is needed and leave out what is not needed".

Raja said in order to make education saffron coloured, the University has removed the book which is condemnable. IANS

PAGD releases list of seats allocated to allies for DDC polls

Srinagar: The People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) on Thursday released a list of seats allocated among the allies for the first phase of polling for District Development Councils (DDCs) in Jammu and Kashmir, to be held in eight phases beginning November 28.

Out of a list of 22 candidates for 17 constituencies released by the Kashmir-based conglomerate of mainstream parties, the National Conference will fight 16 segments, the Peoples Democratic Party four and the Jammu and Kashmir People's Conference two.

On Sunday, the PAGD announced that it had unanimously decided to fight the DDC elections unitedly.

The PAGD was floated on October 7 for the reversal of constitutional changes made to Jammu and Kashmir by the

Webinar on 'Origin of X-rays, Celebrating the Past, Envisioning the Future' held in AMU

Aligarh: Experts shed light on how the field of radiology has moved ahead since the invention of X-rays and the astounding advancements along the way, as imaging technologies evolved with the times in the national online webinar on 'Origin of X-rays, Celebrating the Past, Envisioning the Future' organised by the Department of Oral Pathology/Oral Medicine and Radiology, Dr Z A Dental College (ZADC), Aligarh Muslim University (AMU).

Delineating evidence based scientific bridge between simple X-ray and advance Oral and Maxillofacial Imaging, the Guest Speaker, Prof Rajendragouda Patel (Head of the Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology, Kothawal Dental College and Research Centre, Moradabad) delivered an informative and sequential description of the times when X-rays were started to the most recent advances in radiology.

Prof Rakesh Bhargava (Dean, Faculty of Medicine) spoke on the importance of radiology in health care and diagnosis. PNS

Lakshmi Lotus, Vishnu Lotus on high demand in Diwali

Aligarh: Lakshmi Lotus and Vishnu Lotus plants from the mountains of Uttarakhand are in high demand in UP and other parts of the country. They are selling well in nurseries before Deepawali.

According to nursery trader Umesh Gangwar, these plants are in high demand during the winter season. Their sales also increases during Deepawali. It is believed that the plantation of Lakshmi Lotus in the house-courtyard is auspicious. Nursery director Surjeet said that their seeds are brought from Uttarakhand and sowed in pots. The plant is also brought.

Nursery owner Surjeet told that Lakshmi Lotus and Vishnu Lotus plants are prepared and sold for up to Rs 900. Here, nurseries are also selling these plants (Aquaria Lotus) through Amazon and other such e-commerce platforms, where it is available for up to Rs 500, while the pair is getting up to Rs 1000. Some nurseries are also offering Vishnu lotus plant free along with Lakshmi Lotus. PNS

AMU staff, students take pledge on Vigilance Awareness Week

Aligarh: The teaching, non-teaching staff and students of Department of Education, Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) took the Integrity Pledge for the prevention of, and the fight against corruption during the Vigilance Awareness Week observations.

According to Professor Nasrin (Chairperson), the online slogan writing and poster making competitions on the themes, 'Anti Corruption' and 'Vigilant India' respectively were also held at the Department of Education. Students from across various university departments participated in the competitions.

"The ideas presented by students in the slogan writing and poster making competitions were creative and motivating.

Himshikha Singh, Asma Aijaz, Aiman Kulsom, Sana Khanam, Mohammad Haider Raza, Maseera Rubaidey, Sohaidul Islam, Ufra Shahid, Iram Yaseen, Zulfiqar Khan and Salma Parveen took part in these programmes." PNS

Yogi Govt to promote Sanskrit on larger scale

Lucknow: The Yogi Adityanath Government in Uttar Pradesh is planning to promote the Sanskrit language in a big way.

The government is working on the modernization of the Sanskrit language schools and their upgradation.

According to Acharya Dr. Vachaspati Mishra, President of Uttar Pradesh Sanskrit Sansthan, the upgradation of Sanskrit schools is one of the priorities of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

He said that the state government has started issuing press releases in Sanskrit language also in order to make the language popular. The government spokesman said that students studying in Sanskrit schools of Uttar Pradesh will now get computer education also and for this, computers are being installed in all such schools in the state.

Last year, computers were installed by the Uttar Pradesh Sanskrit Sansthan in Sanskrit schools in 72 districts. The remaining schools in the state will be computerized by the Uttar Pradesh Sanskrit Sansthan this year. IANS

CBI interrogates families of Hathras victim, accused

Aligarh/Hathras: The CBI team is constantly investigating the Hathras case. The CBI team visited the village of the deceased and interrogated the family members of the girl and the accused. They collected information from the villagers also on several facts related to the incident. The team is now frequently visiting the village of the victim to investigate the case.

The CBI speeds up their interrogation and is closely investigating every aspect related to the incident. From the crime spot of the incident in the village to the house of the victim and the accused, the team has visited several times to interrogate them. The CBI team again visited the village in two groups. One team visited the deceased house and questioned her family members for several hours while the other team questioned the family members of the accused. The team also collected information from the villagers about the facts. The CBI has so far ques-

AIMIM to spell trouble for non-BJP parties in Bengal polls

tioned many people including the relatives of the girl and the accused. The villagers are now keeping eye on the CBI's investigation and are eager to know the outcomes of CBI's investigation report.

On the other hand, the family of the accused are getting letters from the various organization for legal help. The father of accused Sandeep said that he did not ask for any help and these letters are harassing them. They do not need any help. PNS

Big brother watching

As OTT platforms and digital media come under the purview of the I&B Ministry, regulation should be an enabler, not a disabler



Choice is that precious, unclaimed space in the human mind that allows us to decide our response to stimulus and helps us understand the value of freedom. It is the only agency we have to decide our own good and that defines and grows our sense of responsibility. When it is runaway and affects others destructively, mediation is required for the sake of balance. As former US President Ronald Reagan once said, "The Government exists to protect us from each other. Where the Government has gone beyond its limits is in deciding to protect us from ourselves." And the Narendra Modi Government's move to step into an area of personal freedom, namely the digital and OTT platforms — which are paid services for customised consumption, and, therefore, not overarching in their reach as other mass media — has raised hackles. The Government has issued an order seeking to regulate online news portals and content providers such as Netflix by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I&B). News on social media platforms, such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, will also be subject to the Ministry's scrutiny as will audio-visual content. This refereeing is being seen as tantamount to censorship considering that both print and TV media, too, are not subjected to a direct watch by the Ministry but by regulatory bodies, the Press Council of India for print media and the News Broadcasters Standards Association (NBSA) for television media. Besides, there are enough existing laws and self-check mechanisms by the industry to ensure that no content crosses the line in such sensitive matters as child pornography or terrorism. The crackdown on "fake news" and incendiary material is also fairly stringent now. What is astounding about the move is that the Ministry itself had in principle agreed to consider the proposal of a self-regulatory model by the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI), a representative body of the OTT platforms. The Online Curated Content Providers or OCCPs had further proposed a Digital Curated Content Complaints Council as part of a two-tier structure. So the new move seems rather Orwellian. And no matter how much the Government may claim to be a well-meaning supervisor, we cannot discount an internecine attempt to police the democracy on the Internet, curb free speech, dilute the plurality of viewpoints, track criticism of Government policies and worse, in the culture space, prevent stories that speak of the multiplicity of a real India and not of the homogenous makeover that the "one country" propaganda demands. So this is about a war of perception. When it comes to print, it is far more trustworthy and thorough than the screaming matches that are disguised as "news" on TV channels, more partisan than fair. Is it because the self-regulation of the TV industry has failed that the Government decided to take the self-control proposals by online news publishers and video streaming services with a pinch of salt? Or is it because it is scared of the social media having gotten too deeply embedded in all aspects of our life and, therefore, becoming an influencer in itself? Facebook and Twitter are behemoths that are being used by both industry and political parties to harness numbers and disseminate their ideas. Would the Government ensure that it is not disproportionately represented?

Regulation should be an enabler, not a disabler. It should ensure that shows and even news published on online platforms meet an acceptable standard and aren't besmirched by fake and outrageous claims. Online news sites or websites disguised as online news purveyors often proclaim snake oil cures for all sorts of ailments, including COVID-19. Such misinformation can be deadly. Besides we have seen how rumour-mongering by such news providers can lead to actual physical harm. But that does not mean that discussions uncomfortable to the powers that be or content that is sexual in nature can be censored. That does not mean squeezing websites because they are anti-establishment or clipping shows that expose the hidden dystopia the Government doesn't want you to question. Its truth cannot be the only truth. As for entertainment-oriented OTT platforms, that thrive on a creative bandwidth of ideas, agitate us out of our comfort zones with thought-provoking shows and help us release our angst through satiric comedy, the Government move is a dampener. For now, it has more power to force streaming services to act on complaints even from the most wayward fringe. That could kill innovation and even make licensing mandatory. The Government must realise that people are not looking for *Doordarshan* on a service they pay for and, therefore, have a right to demand their kind of content. In fact, the Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY) had clarified that there was no need for regulation under the Cinematograph Act for prior licensing of content. It had also told the Delhi High Court that the IT Act and Indian Penal Code were sufficient to deal with complaints against streaming platforms. In fact, Section 69A of the IT Act allows the immediate take-down of controversial content and is quite punitive in nature. The I&B Ministry only has oversight powers and no statutory authority. That said, with broadcasters increasingly moving online as are traditional newspapers and magazines, and there being an overlap with the Telecom and IT Ministries, maybe it is time to consider a single unified Ministry that looks over all these issues. But that should just encourage resolution, not regulation.

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Superspreader spots

A Stanford University study identifies restaurants, gyms and hotels as risky and suggests targeted containment protocols



With the pandemic in its aggressive second phase, all countries are caught in a dilemma, forced to choose between the need to keep their gasping economies open through the winter months or save lives by going under lockdown yet again. So a new study that says that the reopening of restaurants, gyms and hotels carries the highest danger of spreading the virus is not something that the world even wants to deal with right now. But this is what researchers at Stanford University and Northwestern University, using mobile phone data from 98 million people, have discovered. They modelled the risks of infection at different locations between March and May in cities across the US to map the movement of people. The study looked at where they went, how long they stayed, how many others were present and then combined that information with data on the number of cases. That helped them map the virus spread and create infection models. These predicted that if restaurants in Chicago were reopened at full capacity, they would generate almost 6,00,000 new cases, three times as many as establishments in other categories. The researchers also found that about 10 per cent of the locations examined accounted for 85 per cent of predicted infections. Though Governments across the world have to deal with this unsavoury truth, there is a silver lining too. Given the fact that there is very little epidemiological data on how Corona protocols curb the spread of the virus, by collating this type of precise data, they can find vulnerable areas and take more localised preventive steps.

What the study has, in fact, shown is that hard lockdowns aren't necessary to curb the infection. As the study showed, capping occupancy at 20 per cent in locations in the Chicago metro area cut down predicted new infections by more than 80 per cent. And because the occupancy caps primarily impacted visitors during peak hours, the restaurants only lost 42 per cent of patrons overall, as against losing all of their business during a lockdown. Other countries, too, can create their own virus dashboards and roll out targeted policies to tackle the contagion. They can harness technology, such as mobile phones and fitness trackers, to scout potential virus hotspots. But much will depend on how people continue to observe Corona-appropriate behaviour. As Health Minister Harsh Vardhan aptly said, consider the mask and other protocols as a vaccine till we get one. The faster we imbibe this, the faster can the whole world get back to work.

opinion 06

A seat at the high table

India should now push for a permanent seat at the UN Security Council. As the largest democracy and contributor to peace-keeping forces, it deserves more



PRAFULL GORADIA

A pejorative wisecrack on the United Nations is that it has become the "useless non-existent organisation." For example, in 1999, the then UN Secretary-General, Kofi Annan, suddenly flew to Delhi to "mediate" in the Kargil War only to be politely told by the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Government to mind his own business and be gone. It is reported that this international body employs some 1,00,000 employees. If the average cost of each is taken to be \$50,000, it means an expenditure of five thousand million dollars annually. The organisation's other expenses are separate.

The late American columnist, Charles Krauthammer, had dubbed the UN a "corrupt impostor, underserving of any American support". Titled *A Table for Tyrants*, the former Czech President Vaclav Havel wrote an article in *The New York Times* saying that he felt scandalised when he saw the UN Human Rights Council filled with members like Sudan, Zimbabwe, China and Saudi Arabia, which had no human rights.

Yet, India continues to be an elephantine contributor to the UN peacekeeping contingents and has sent nearly 2,00,000 peacekeepers to 44 missions over the years. This is more than the national armed forces of most countries. Indian forces working for the UN have suffered more casualties than any other country's armed forces. Our policy-makers argue that this is being done not for any strategic gains but in the service of "global ideals" — like strengthening the world body and international peace and security. On the other hand, the UN did not even condemn China's unprovoked aggression against India in October 1962, leave alone do anything about it. The irony is that the dictatorial and communist China enjoys a permanent seat in the Security Council while India, the world's largest democracy, does not.

The UN also did not support India in its Bangladesh War waged solely to bring relief to East Bengalis, who were at the receiving end of Pakistan's genocidal crackdown. The UN passed a resolution making the State of Jammu and Kashmir an internationally disputed territory despite evidence that it was Pakistan that invaded Indian territory in October 1947. The dispute,



which has seen four wars and continuing *jihadi* infiltration and terror attacks, has been geopolitically laid to rest by India's unilateral abrogation of the controversial Article 370, and not because of the UN.

The world body has failed miserably in bringing a terrorist-endorsing country like Pakistan to heel or prevent its nuclear proliferation. It is India that has had to deal with Pakistan on its own. Apart from the importance of this international organisation, India's boundless naiveté in the Nehruvian era cannot be denied.

The only service the UN arguably performed was to provide a platform for radical communist elements and a whole generation of dictators and autocrats to portray themselves as leaders and statesmen. Most notable in this regard was India's Krishna Menon, whose vitriolic anti-Western rhetoric and fire-spitting speeches in the UN earned him the dubious sobriquet of a "spitting camel" — he was so dubbed by the Americans who hated Menon's patronising lecturing — but also more seriously earned India a lot of Western ill will.

The failures of the UN make an unusually long catalogue beginning with 1948. That year, the Soviet Union blocked Berlin. The only action that prevented the city's surrender was the American airlift of all conceivable supplies in the spirit of *Ich bin ein Berliner* (I am a Berliner), the famous words of President Kennedy in 1961. In the Korean War (1950-53), the communist North had gone all out to take over the entire peninsula. Again, the UN could do nothing. It watched Vietnam being bombed

more intensively than seen anywhere, anytime since or before World War II. In 1956, the Anglo-French invasion of Egypt over the Suez Canal issue yet again proved the UN's incompetence. As it did again the same year when the Soviet Union invaded Hungary. In 1959, the world witnessed the annexation of Tibet by China. In 1968, the international body looked askance at the Prague spring when Soviet tanks rolled into Czechoslovakia.

The idea of an international concert of nations began in the post-Napoleonic period with the primary objective of avoiding war. At the start of World War I, the call for an international organisation to prevent future wars began to gain considerable public support, particularly in Britain and the US. Goldsworthy Lowes Dickinson, a British political scientist, coined the term "League of Nations" in 1914 and drafted a scheme for its organisation. Together with Lord Bryce, he played a leading role in establishing a group of international pacifists known as the Bryce Group, later the League of Nations Union.

The forerunner of the League of Nations, the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) was formed by peace activists William Randal Cremer and Frederic Passy in 1889 and is currently still in existence as a body with a focus on the various elected legislative bodies of the world. The IPU was founded with an international scope, with a third of the members of world parliaments serving as its members by 1914. It aimed to encourage Governments to solve disputes by peaceful means.

The concept of a peaceful community of nations had been proposed as far back as 1795. Immanuel Kant, German metaphysician and philosopher, whose comprehensive and systematic work on the theory of knowledge, ethics and aesthetics greatly influenced philosophy, outlined the idea of a league of nations to control conflict and promote peace between States in his work *Perpetual Peace: A Philosophical Sketch*. He argued for the establishment of a peaceful world community, not in a sense of a global Government, but in the hope that each State would declare itself a free State that respects its citizens and welcomes foreign visitors as fellow rational beings, thus promoting a peaceful society worldwide.

International cooperation to promote collective security originated in the Concert of Europe, which developed after the Napoleonic wars in the 19th century, in an attempt to maintain the status quo between the European States and avoid war. This period also saw the development of international law, with the first Geneva Convention establishing laws dealing with humanitarian relief during wartime. Then the international Hague Convention of 1899 and 1907 laid down governing rules of war and the peaceful settlement of international disputes.

As historians William H Harbaugh and Ronald E Powaski point out, Theodore Roosevelt was the first American President to call for an international league. While accepting his Nobel Peace Prize, Roosevelt said: "It would be a masterstroke if those great powers honestly bent on peace

would form a League of Peace." Such an idea should logically have emerged from Europe, whose long history is a record of almost unending wars. At the end of the Great War, the League of Nations came up in the hope of ending the era of war and healing the West with an age of peace. Yet again, this idea emerged from American President Woodrow Wilson.

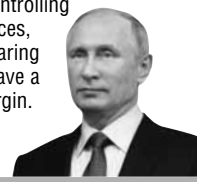
However, the credibility of the League of Nations was weakened by the fact that the US never joined it and the Soviet Union joined rather late and was soon expelled after invading Finland. Germany withdrew from the League, as did Japan, Italy, Spain and others. The onset of World War II showed that the League had failed its primary purpose, which was to prevent any future world war. The League lasted for 26 years and the UN replaced it after the end of World War II, inheriting several agencies and organisations spawned by the League.

True, the League of Nations did not last long. Yet, credit must go to it for having spawned the International Court of Justice and the International Labour Organisation and other bodies. It is doubtful that the UN would leave behind anything memorable except for its performance of profligacy. It is high time India told the big powers to give it a permanent seat in the Security Council with veto power. If the Council does, well and good, or else, New Delhi should not be as committed to an organisation that costs it time, money and honour.

(The writer is a well-known columnist and an author. Views expressed are personal)

SOUNDBITE

The creation of an absolutely secure facility for controlling strategic nuclear forces, among others, is nearing completion. It will have a very high safety margin.



Russian President — Vladimir Putin

If our (AAP) party comes to power in Bengaluru, our first and foremost priority is to set up such Mohalla Clinics across the city.



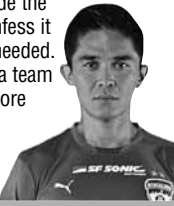
Delhi Deputy CM — Marish Sisodia

The recent results of elections in 11 States have sent out a clear message that the 135 crore people of India are standing like a rock with PM Narendra Modi.



Union Home Minister — Amit Shah

This is our third week inside the bio-bubble and I must confess it isn't easy but, of course, needed. We are trying our best as a team to be as fit as possible before the tournament starts.



Footballer — Sunil Chhetri

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Congress in a tight spot

Sir — The BJP's much-improved tally has enabled the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) to retain power in Bihar even after Rashtriya Janata Dal leader Tejashwi Yadav gave it a tough fight. The BJP's scorecard increased from 53 seats in the 2015 Assembly election to 74 seats in the 2020 Assembly election. However, it should not bask in the glory of an increased tally. Laxity in performance exacts its price in the next election and the party cannot bank upon the charisma of Prime Minister Narendra Modi only. Amid all this, the Congress party is facing an existential crisis. The party had 27 seats in the 2015 Assembly election and now has been reduced to 19.

Another reason for the BJP to celebrate is because of its performance in the byelections across 11 States, including Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Manipur, Karnataka and Telangana. Here, too, the BJP was successful in wresting seats from the Congress. The latter now finds itself in a desperate position. It is even prepared to allow any regional party to run the Government with its support and

Expectations from Biden

How Joe Biden's administration reshapes the US' role in world affairs will be something that will be followed with interest across the globe. The President-elect's pledge to restore the US on the world stage signals a major shift in its foreign policy. It will need a lot of imagination, tact and diplomacy to regain the world leadership that has slipped away under the Donald Trump administration.

If Biden's renegotiation and re-engagement with other Governments are to succeed, he has to first convince them that the US has no intention to dominate the world or play the global policeman. Reshaping foreign relations should not be motivated merely by furthering the US' self-interest, it has to be based on partnership and promotion of multilateralism in a multi-polar world. Biden should commit to the emergence of an equitable world order and seek global cooperation for tackling global problems.

His decision to rejoin the WHO will strengthen the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. Also, rejoining



the 2015 Iran nuclear deal, signed by Barack Obama, will reduce the scope of a conflict in the Middle East and advance the cause of world peace. It is hoped that the Biden administration will not let down the Palestinians in their struggle for a homeland on the territory which is rightfully theirs.

G David Milton
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associated with reduced mental development of infants and children. Thus there is an urgent need to control the level of suspended particulate matter and bring it down to the WHO's prescribed limits.

Abhishek Ramaswamy
Mumbai

Virat's decision

Sir — The sports calendar is full of cricket tournaments around the year and at various places. While it is the most popular sport in India by far and is played almost everywhere, cricket enthusiasts need to respect the balance players have to maintain between their professional and personal lives. And understand that Indian captain Virat Kohli is within his rights to seek some personal family time in between the Australia tour as he is expecting his first child. We should respect his decision and let Rohit Sharma prove his mettle as the Test captain in the remaining three Test matches of the series.

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FIRST COLUMN

A new political reality

The fresh binaries in the US and Bihar may achieve similar charters if they decide to continue with a similar cosmic resolve



KUMARDEEP BANERJEE

The world has woken up to a new era of binaries, where seemingly distant stars have moved closer, occupying pole positions of significant strength. I am not pointing to any cosmic event but to the verdicts of the US and Bihar elections, where new dimensions of 21st century political reality have started to emerge. Let us see what it means for businesses, with regard to key policy manoeuvres. Cybersecurity, in an era of work from anywhere, should be the first stop for the new administration in the White House. It is expected that the Joe Biden administration will move towards a multilateral approach on tackling complex cybersecurity challenges. A link of commonality with the past may be to take an aggressive stance towards China's hyper technology-aided economic ambitions with a tech-colonisation background. The only divergence may be to move away from the company-by-company approach to a wider, sustainable, multilateral, partnership-based one to arrest China's disproportionate share in ICT supply chains.

That is where the Bihar election verdict becomes relevant. It had many firsts, including the absence of veterans of Bihar politics from the centrestage, at least till the last phases. This threw up a simple yet complex verdict, where many preconceived notions about the State and its citizens were trashed and the paradigm shifted. A bunch of young *netas* appealing for votes, for the first time, brought the issue of jobs to the forefront, for a State widely known for its caste-led voting patterns. That leaves the fourth-term incumbent Chief Minister with the clear-cut task of providing jobs to Bihar's youth, just emerging from the trauma of a forced reverse migration.

One of the easiest ways of creating thousands of jobs in a relatively short span of time is by persuading one of the bigger companies in the ICT domain to set up a manufacturing base. This requires a "cast in stone" assurance of freedom from future tyrannies of any "jungle raj" and a guarantee of return on investments sunk into the region. The Centre's push towards domestic manufacturing for ICT products via performance-linked incentives should get its well-deserved play in Bihar, like it is finding resonance in Uttar Pradesh. A diversified (globally and within the country) supply chain network addresses key concerns of sovereign cybersecurity and increases the self-sufficiency of a country in an era of technology.

The next big area is of immigration, where half the world, given a chance, wants to move to the US. The Biden administration is likely to abandon some of the stringent policies of the Donald Trump regime, including travel bans on certain categories of people based on their religious and regional identities or access to modern healthcare facilities. The more in demand non-immigrant visas could see some relaxations as could country caps for PhD graduates in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The regime may again make it lucrative for trained-in-US, PhD degree holders fast-track their permanent citizenship in the US.

Similarly, everyone knows the story of migrations from Bihar to the rest of the country, particularly to unfriendly, big cities. As witnessed recently, when a mass-scale misfortune threatens, they are often seen heading back to their towns and villages. This constant cycle of migrations creates a social churning and to some extent stigmatisation of Bihar as a region, which can be arrested by creating great livelihood opportunities. From day one, the Nitish Kumar regime has to deliver economic and holistic well-being. Creation of long-term economic opportunities, healthcare and educational facilities for the citizens could prevent migration out of Bihar and result in the creation of a new and sustainable loyal voter base.

One of the key issues dominating Bihar election campaigns was the status of infrastructure in the State. This echoed widely in the aftermath of the recurring floods. The Central Government has widely been credited with creating world-class infrastructure in a relatively short span of time within the country. Now with the BJP as the dominant partner in the new Bihar Government, no *kuccha* road, bridge or piped water connection should be left unattended, so that the glorious days of the State can be revived.

Similarly, the new regime in the US has talked a great deal about infrastructure investments being the centrepiece as well as dominant sub-theme of activities such as workforce development, climate change, digital connectivity, on-shoring and so on. Earlier, it had promised a \$2 trillion infrastructure spend across multiple areas. What has caught the world's attention is the President-elect's promise of allocating sizeable investments towards building clean energy future-ready infrastructure. The world awaits a switch to a cleaner, healthier tomorrow and is looking for directions from the oldest democracy. It is often observed that binary star systems eventually create large magnetic fields, ultimately leaving the ecosystem energy-rich and charged. The new binaries in the US and Bihar may achieve similar charters if they decide to continue with similar cosmic resolve.

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WE HAVE TO STOP BEING A COUNTRY OF FAGS.... WE HAVE TO FACE UP TO IT (CORONAVIRUS) AND FIGHT. I HATE THIS FAGGOT STUFF.
—BRAZILIAN PRESIDENT JAIR BOLSONARO

POINT COUNTERPOINT



BETWEEN 'GUNPOWDER' AND 'FAGS,' WE HAVE MORE THAN 1,60,000 DEAD IN BRAZIL. OUR SOLIDARITY IS WITH THE KIN OF COVID VICTIMS.
—SPEAKER OF THE LOWER HOUSE OF CONGRESS RODRIGO MAIA

Divided States of America

Regardless of conflicting approaches, we must acknowledge that in all societies, political behaviour cannot be reduced to catch phrases such as racial/social divide



JYOTIRMAYA TRIPATHY

Like they do so often these days, pollsters and pundits got it wrong about a so-called massive victory for Joe Biden propelled by public anger against Trump's presidency that had split the US wide open. They had harped on the social and racial divide that Trump had engineered and had put all their cards on the table around this core issue, hoping that this divide would secure a comfortable win for Biden and heal the present divided States of America. What we got instead was an election that went down to the wire which Biden managed to scrape through. Even as Trump was breathing down his opponent's neck, the pollsters had a tough time convincing the people, and themselves, where they went wrong and why they failed to sense the public mood.

If Biden won some key States like Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin, it was a sigh of relief rather than a vindication of poll pundits. To give the devil his due, Biden in his victory speech, said, "I pledge to be a President who does not see red or blue States, but United States. For all those of you who voted for President Trump, I understand the disappointment tonight... But now, let's give each other a chance... It's time to put away the harsh rhetoric, lower the temperature, see each other again, listen to each other again. And to make progress, we have to stop treating our opponents as our enemies. They are not our enemies. They are Americans." It is difficult to find fault with such clarity of thought that offers an insight into the way he is planning to run the show.

Though statesmanlike, Biden's speech must be seen in terms of realpolitik. On the face of it, he is making an effort to move away from a binary framework which many believe was mainstreamed by Trump. It is another story that Biden may not be radically different from Trump in terms of economic policies or international relations and in spite of his sage-like calmness *vis-à-vis* Trump's abrasive demeanour, his policies may not reflect that outward garb. The declaration of intent by Biden that his first job is to unify the country has been celebrated as a watershed development and a moment of awakening of the great nation that is waking up to its Puritan ideals of being a city on the hill. But the reality is that the US will pursue a politics that favours its own interest rather than India's or China's. Even if we assume that Biden will indeed usher in world peace that has not been seen before, its reality can only be imagined in a time yet to be.

Biden's speech was apparently a clarion call to "make America great again." What was lost in the cacophony of media analysis is that race ties are much more than the Black-White divide. Since the time of the founding fathers, the idea of frontier has dominated the US' imagination and the worst victims have been the native Americans who went on moving westward while vacating space for the Europeans. The history of slavery is as much a history of dispossession and violence as has been the history of the frontier. And unlike the visibility and general awareness of African-American history, it just does not exist outside books and certainly not in the popular debates, maybe because of the numerical weakness of native Americans. Similarly, the presence of Mexicans in the southern borders and later the influx of Hispanic migrants and Asians in the aftermath of the World War do not count as racial issues. Hamid Dabashi, an Iranian-American professor from Columbia, was clear that in spite of the intellectuals' fascination for Biden, he is not going to vote for him. He was convinced that Biden is as much a symbol of misogyny as is Trump, one who also supported the Iraq invasion. He differed from other leading intellectuals like Cornel West and Noam Chomsky, who preferred Biden. This is because

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"demonic" Trump is unredeemable whereas Biden can be pressurised to do good. This lesser-evil syndrome in English media is a lame excuse rather than a position of conviction. Converting a political choice into a moral one is dangerous to say the least because it sees things in black and white, creates saints out of challengers and demons out of the incumbent. Now the question remains if the media simply represented what they saw taking place or created a razor-sharp divide. If one believes in the constitutive power of language and images, then the media, too, created the divide, gave wind to it so that it could frame the debates along predictable lines. Unfortunately, most of the media reduced race relations to Black-White problems and limited the enormity of their complexity to the period of Trump's presidency. What we got in the process is not a substantive engagement with the foundation of the US as a nation with multiple layers of conflict and collaboration, but sound-bites and clichés that concentrated around Black-White relations, more or less the way Indian problems are framed around the Hindu-Muslim conflict. This vastness got squeezed into the period of 2016-2020 and cathected onto a symbol that is Trump. By reducing him to the be all and end all of everything that ails the US, most of the media peddled in sloganeering rather than explaining anything. What we got was a caricatured version of social reality where we have heroes and villains. In the process, the media absolved itself and society at large from taking any responsibility for simplifying things and immunised all possible future perpetrators with the understanding that all race-related problems will disappear with Trump's defeat. What is disturbing is the ease with which experts saw him as the root cause and refused to see the problem in the very American consciousness and its exceptionalism that pervades Biden's psyche as much. Some commentators believe that

"Trumpism" will continue to live on even after his loss. Their understanding is that "if a demagogue has the skill and the cheek to build a dominant majority's latent insecurities into a victim complex, he can build an impregnable base." They go on to compare Trump's US with Narendra Modi's India, something which betrays ignorance of unique historical experiences of these two nations. What they ignore is their own position as knowledge producers create and perpetrate the language of exclusion. In the act of interpreting reality, many thought leaders end up producing it and cling on to that as if reality is a fiction of journalistic language. US TV anchor Van Jones broke down on live TV while covering Biden's victory. Another called Trump an "obese turtle on his back realising his time is over." Yes, Trump was a sore loser but such language perpetuates the divide and conditions intellectual debates around them. Now let us face the reality of race politics and the impact of the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement and to what extent the social divide actually played out during the election. It may surprise many that Trump actually improved his popularity among Black voters compared to 2016. Even though it stands at a meagre eight per cent, it is still two per cent higher than what he polled earlier. Even as this is nothing compared to what Biden got, it will continue to rile the Democrats and pundits alike as to why eight per cent Blacks voted for Trump in spite of BLM reaching its crescendo just before the election. What we know so far is that the Black support was due to Trump's performance *vis-à-vis* the economy and improved employment among African-Americans. Another reality is that Democrats themselves believed that Black youth are predators. Trump made significant gains among Latino voters in important States like Texas and Florida. In Democratic strongholds, like Rio Grande Valley region, he got close

to 50 per cent Latino votes. The BLM movement consolidated the Latinos around Trump as they predominantly identify themselves as White; also Mexican-American voters are usually conservative. Another aspect that we should not lose sight of is the fact that many Latinos fled from their countries to escape the so-called Marxist utopia run by Left-wing dictators. Among Cuban voters in Florida, Trump had more than 30 per cent lead. These nuances are rarely discussed in a mainstream media. So far as issues are concerned, Pew Research said that Biden and Trump coalitions fundamentally differ over racial inequality following the killing of George Floyd, with more than 75 per cent Biden supporters agreeing that racial inequality would be a determining factor for their voting behaviour compared to 24 per cent of Trump's. In spite of Trump polarising and vitiating the climate to an extent, we should not forget that US voters are entrenched in their political beliefs and only outliers can be persuaded to vote otherwise. This becomes even more pronounced in a bi-party system in the US. This election was not as polarising as is made out to be. To put it in perspective, Trump won 58 per cent of the White vote in 2016 and 57 per cent this year. Derek Thompson in *The Atlantic* argued that this election may be a case of depolarisation and that demography is no longer going to be a path to majority for Democrats. He believed that it is polarisation of place rather than race, as urban areas are getting pro-Democrat whereas rural areas are turning Republican. Regardless of conflicting approaches, for the sake of intellectual honesty, we must acknowledge that in all societies, political behaviour cannot be reduced to catch phrases such as racial/social divide. That would be intellectually naïve and analytically problematic. (The writer is Professor, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences, IIT Madras)

Time for the BJP-JJP combine to introspect

The defeat of the ruling combine in Baroda seems to clearly suggest that farmers are not yet convinced about the farm laws being in their favour



AMITABH SHUKLA

The result of the bypoll for the Baroda Assembly seat in Haryana may not have any significance for the stability of the BJP-JJP (Jannayak Janta Party) coalition Government in the State, nor will it affect its strength in the Assembly. But it is expected to have a far-reaching impact on the politics of the State in the medium to long-term. Despite a spirited campaign by top leaders, BJP candidate and Olympic medalist Yogeshwar Dutt was routed by over 10,000 votes by the Congress nominee Indu Raj Narwal in a constituency dominated by Jats. Political precedence and electoral behaviour of the past suggest that

candidates from the ruling party or coalition usually have an edge in the bypolls and they win two times out of three. Even in the bypolls in different States this time round, the ruling parties or coalitions in Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka and Odisha had it easy and they won handsomely. But the Baroda bypoll proved to be different as the combined might of the BJP-JJP could not consolidate enough to get victory for Dutt, the Olympian who was defeated in the 2019 Assembly polls as well. Interestingly, the margin of defeat increased in his second electoral outing. He was routed by around 4,800 votes in 2019 by Congress candidate Shri Krishan Hooda. This time, the margin has doubled to over 10,600 votes. What could be a matter of concern for the ruling dispensation in Haryana is the fact that in 2019, the JJP and BJP fought against each other; this time around they fought in an alliance but still lost by a bigger margin. The bypolls were held in the back-

ground of the farmers' agitation in Punjab and Haryana against the three farm Acts. The Congress has been hammering the point that the laws are against the interests of the farmers and the regime of Minimum Support Price (MSP) has been threatened by them. The BJP, on the other hand, has been repeatedly stressing that these Acts are for the benefit of the farming community and are set to increase rural prosperity by giving more money into the hands of the tillers. Baroda is largely a rural constituency with the dominant Jats in a position to determine political outcomes. The defeat of the ruling BJP-JJP combine in Baroda seems to clearly suggest that farmers are not yet convinced that the farm laws are in their favour. They have rejected the arguments of the BJP-JJP leadership, forcing the alliance partners to have a rethink on the way forward. Of course, there is no election in Haryana in the near future. The earliest one could be in May 2024 when general elections are scheduled and the BJP-JJP combine could perhaps get



enough time to make a course correction. Alliance or not, the BJP will have to woo the farming community back into its fold. Particularly the Jats if it wants to be close to its spectacular performance in the next Lok Sabha polls. On the defensive now, BJP strategists are insisting that Baroda had always remained a Congress stronghold and the result should be seen in that context. They are also arguing that the BJP got more votes than last time and "all is well" in the alliance and this was one "stray and local" political incident, which cannot have any impact on the politics of the State.

Clearly, the outcome has put the ruling coalition on the defensive and many in the JJP know that it was entirely owing to the mistrust over the farm laws that the alliance could not make any headway. The Baroda seat fell vacant in April following the death of sitting MLA Hooda, who had won it three times in a row in the 2009, 2014 and 2019 Assembly polls. It is adjacent to the Garhi Sampla-Kiloi constituency, represented by Congress strongman and two-term Chief Minister of the State, Bhupinder Singh Hooda. Another question which would emerge at this point is the winning potential of the BJP-JJP combine and whether they will stick together in the next elections. The alliance was formed after the BJP won 40 of the 90 Assembly seats in the 2019 polls and needed a post-election partner to give a stable Government in the State. Though the two parties formed the partnership, many in the JJP have been openly voicing concerns and have repeatedly raised the issue of the three Central

farm laws. Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala, who belongs to the JJP, has faced protests in several parts of the State for backing these laws. Being a grassroots politician, he is aware that there are strong apprehensions and resentment among the land-holding castes about the impact of the Acts. The Baroda result has undoubtedly made it clear that the JJP has not and may not be able to transfer its votes to the BJP. In fact, many on the ground believe that whatever votes the BJP got was entirely from its vote bank. They say the JJP was defensive throughout the campaign and could not garner any support for the BJP candidate. This was the only electoral test which the BJP-JJP alliance faced jointly after the 2019 tie-up and it failed miserably. It is more or less a marriage of convenience. For the BJP, it is a route to a stable Government and for the JJP it is a shot at being in power before going solo again in the next general elections. BJP poll managers have more or less realised now

that it would be futile to fight future elections jointly with the JJP. The message of the Baroda bypoll is also clear for the Indian National Lok Dal (INLD), the parent party of the JJP, led by Om Prakash Chautala and his elder son Abhay Chautala. The people of Baroda and the State have made it clear that the JJP is the torchbearer of the legacy of former Deputy Prime Minister Chaudhary Devi Lal. The INLD will have to become a really serious Opposition with an accompanying strategy to replace the JJP. If there is one person who has a place on the victory podium besides the winning candidate Narwal, it is the Leader of Opposition in the State, Bhupinder Singh Hooda. He not only managed to retain his family pocket borough but also harvested the anti-farm law feelings in his electoral advantage. At present, he has no challenger in the State Congress and this unchallenged reign is likely to continue till the next elections. (The writer is Senior Resident Editor, The Pioneer, Chandigarh)

Trump wins Alaska, now has 217 electoral votes

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump has won the closely-fought presidential election in the state of Alaska, winning three electoral college votes and taking his tally to 217.

The Republican Party has also retained the Senate seat from Alaska, giving it 50 seats in the 100-member United States Senate.

When the election was called in Alaska, Trump had received 56.9 per cent of the total votes counted and President-elect Joe Biden from the Democratic Party with 39.1 per cent.

With this, Trump's tally of



electoral college votes has increased to 217, as per the count maintained by The New York Times.

Biden has already been declared winner of the

November 3 presidential election with 279 of the 538 electoral college votes. Trump has refused to concede and has filed lawsuits in multiple states, challenging election results.

The election results in Alaska also gave the Republican Party an edge over the Democrats in the Senate. Republican senator Dan Sullivan won his Senate re-election bid. This gives the Republicans 50 Senate seats, while the Democrats have 48. The two Senate seats are going in for elections on January 5.

"President Trump and Senate Republicans win Alaska, overwhelmingly and by a massive 20 point spread!" Ivanka Trump, daughter of Trump and a presidential advisor, said in a tweet.

Democrats, GOP take different approaches on Georgia Senate blitz

AP ■ ATLANTA

Jon Ossoff took the stage in Columbus and looked out over a parking lot filled with cars, with supporters blaring their horns in approval as he declared that "change has come to Georgia."

Hours earlier, Republican Sen. Kelly Loeffler stepped to a microphone in suburban Atlanta and addressed hundreds of eager supporters packed into the Cobb County GOP headquarters.

The freshman senator and her Florida colleague, Sen. Marco Rubio, stirred the crowd with their insistence that the change offered by Ossoff and his fellow Democratic Senate hopeful Raphael Warnock means "radical elements" would control Washington.

Those opening salvos of Georgia's twin Senate runoff campaign — Ossoff looking to unseat Republican Sen. David Perdue and Warnock facing off with Loeffler — showcase starkly different approaches the two parties are taking to the unusual circumstances that make this newfound two-party battleground the epicenter of a national battle for control of the Senate.

Both sides are playing to core supporters, the most reliable voters among the 5 million who split their ballots roughly evenly between the two parties in the first round.

But for Democrats, it's seemingly a more piecemeal, voter-by-voter approach, while Republicans are pushing a broad branding message through mass media.

Pak court jails spokesperson of JuD for 32 years in terror financing cases

Lahore: A Pakistani anti-terrorism court has handed down 32 years of imprisonment to Yahya Mujahid, spokesperson of Mumbai attack mastermind Hafiz Saeed's Jammat-ud-Dawah (JuD) terror group, in two terror financing cases.

The Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) here on Wednesday also convicted two other JuD leaders, including the brother-in-law of Saeed, in terror financing cases.

"ATC Judge Ijaz Ahmad Buttar handed down 32 years imprisonment to JuD spokesperson Yahya Mujahid in two FIRs. Prof Zafar Iqbal and Prof Hafiz Abdul Rehman Makki (brother-in-law of Saeed) were awarded 16 and one-year jail terms in two cases," a court official told PTI.

He said that the two other JuD leaders — Abdul Salam bin Muhammad and Luqman Shah

-- were indicted in more terror financing cases.

The court directed the prosecution to present its witnesses on November 16.

The suspects were presented in the court in high security and media was not allowed to enter the court premises during the case proceedings.

Last week, the ATC Lahore convicted JuD's Hafiz Abdul Rehman Makki, Zafar Iqbal and Muhammad Ashraf in two more cases of terror financing registered by the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) of Punjab police.

Zafar Iqbal and Muhammad Ashraf have been given a collective imprisonment of 16 years each under different sections of the Anti-Terrorism Act. Makki has been sentenced to one-year imprisonment in a case with a fine of ₹1,70,000.

In September last year, the ATC Lahore handed down over 16 years imprisonment to Prof Zafar Iqbal and Hafiz Abdul Salam bin Muhammad and one-and-a-half-year sentence to Makki in a terror financing case.

In February last year, Saeed had been sentenced to jail for 11 years on terror finance charges by an ATC in Lahore.

The ATC sentenced Saeed and his close aide Zafar Iqbal to five-and-a-half years each in two cases. A total of 11 years sentence will run concurrently. Saeed is serving his term in Lahore's Kot Lakhpat jail. He was arrested in July last year.

The CTD of Punjab police had registered 23 FIRs against Saeed and his accomplices on the charges of terror financing in different cities of the province. **PTI**

Biden names Ron Klain as White House Chief of Staff

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

US President-elect Joe Biden has tapped veteran political operative Ron Klain as Chief of Staff, elevating his "invaluable" longtime aide to one of the most powerful positions in the White House.

The White House Chief of Staff manages the president's daily schedule. He is often described as the president's gatekeeper.

In addition to supporting the president-elect, Klain, 59, will work to build a diverse, experienced and talented team to help Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris meet the urgent challenges facing the country,

the Biden transition office said in a media release on Wednesday.

"Ron has been invaluable to me over the many years that we have worked together, including as we rescued the American economy from one of the worst downturns in our history in 2009 and later overcame a daunting public health emergency in 2014," said Biden.

"His deep, varied experience and capacity to work with people all across the political spectrum is precisely what I need in a White House chief of staff as we confront this moment of crisis and bring our country together again," Biden said.

In calls with leaders of Australia, Japan and S Korea, Biden emphasises on a secure, prosperous Indo-Pacific region

Washington: US President-elect Joe Biden in phone calls with the leaders of Australia, Japan and South Korea emphasised on maintaining a secure and prosperous Indo-Pacific region.

According to readouts of the calls issued by his transition team, Biden on Wednesday spoke over phone with Prime Minister Scott Morrison of Australia, Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga of Japan and President Moon Jae-in of South Korea.

These were congratulatory calls by the three leaders after Biden's historic win in the November 3 elections.

In his call with Morrison, Biden underscored that the United States and Australia share both values and history, and noted that the two countries have fought side-by-side in every conflict since the World War I.

Biden said that he looks forward to working closely with Morrison on many common challenges, including containing the COVID-19 pandemic and guarding against future global health threats; confronting climate change; laying the groundwork for the global economic recovery; strengthening democracy, and maintaining a secure and prosperous Indo-Pacific region. **PTI**

Disquiet within 10 Downing Street as UK PM's top aide resigns

PTI ■ LONDON

There are widespread reports of a power struggle at the heart of the UK government as one of Prime Minister Boris Johnson's closest aides has announced his resignation as the Director of Communications.

Lee Cain, 39, announced he would step down as Johnson's top media aide on Wednesday night after ministers and advisers, including Johnson's fiancée Carrie Symonds, are said to have protested over his planned promotion to Chief of Staff.

Cain is also a close aide of fellow Brexiteer and Downing Street Chief Strategy Adviser Dominic Cummings, another one of Johnson's most influen-

tial and high-profile top team members.

"After careful consideration I have this evening resigned as No. 10 Director of Communications and will leave the post at the end of the year," reads Cain's resignation letter.

"I would like to thank the prime minister for his loyalty and leadership. I have no doubt that under his premiership the country will deliver on the promises made in the 2019 election campaign and build back better from the coronavirus pandemic," he said.

In response, the UK Prime Minister thanked Cain for his "extraordinary service" to him, both in No. 10 and previously when he was Foreign Secretary.

Islamic State group claims attack at Saudi WWI ceremony

Beirut: The Islamic State group claimed responsibility on Thursday for the explosion the previous day at a cemetery in Saudi Arabia where American and European officials were commemorating the end of World War I. The blast wounded three people.

IS said in a post on its online Telegram channel on Thursday that its fighters were able to plant the explosive device at the Non-Muslims Cemetery in the kingdom's coastal city of Jiddah.

In a statement posted on one of its Telegram channels, IS said a group of its militants were able to plant the explosive device at the in the city of Jiddah. It provided no evidence but said the device went off when diplomats from "the Crusader countries" had gathered there.

One U.K. National suffered minor wounds, according to the British government. Greece's Foreign Ministry said a Greek policeman serving in the country's consulate in Jiddah was wounded. A Saudi security officer was also lightly wounded, Saudi state media quoted a local official as saying.

Some 20 people of different nationalities were attending the ceremony.

Wednesday marked the 102nd anniversary of the armistice ending World War I, a day that was also commemorated in several European countries.

The bombing followed a stabbing attack last month that lightly wounded a guard at the French Consulate, also in port city of Jiddah. **AP**

Notice Inviting e-Tender
No. SSA/Esstt/Pre-Primary/Furniture/406/2020/3075 Date: 10.11.2020
Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam invites tender through e-Tendering process from reputed manufacturer of plastic moulded furniture for supply of Low Height Shelves.

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The Bidder who have downloaded the tender schedules containing the tender details, terms and conditions, from the website shall submit their tender on-line on the website <https://assamtenders.gov.in>, with proof of payment of non refundable tender processing fee of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees five thousand) only in the form of demand draft/Bankers Cheque drawn in favour of Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam, from any nationalized/Scheduled Bank and payable at Guwahati. The tender should be submitted on-line as per date and time of submission as per prescribed schedule.

Sd/-Executive Director, SSA, Assam, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19

Janasanyog No. CF/2674/20

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a lady namely **Nikita Yadav, D/o Rajesh Yadav R/o H.No. 188, Rajpura Gurmandi Delhi** has been missing since 23.10.2020 from the area of PS Model Town, Delhi. In this regard, **DD No. 38-A dated 23.10.2020 has been registered at P.S. Model Town, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing lady but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing lady is as under:

Name: Nikita Yadav, **Gender:** Female, **Age:** 21 years, **Height:** 5'5", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Normal, **Wearing:** Yellow colour suit, yellow colour salwar and slippers on her feet.

If anyone has any information regarding this missing lady, kindly inform SHO/Model Town, Delhi.

E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax : 011-24368639

SHO P.S. Model Town, Delhi. Ph. No. 011-27459202, 27120032
DP/482/NW/2020



Nikita Yadav

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General Public is hereby informed that one girl namely: **Kajal, D/o: Suresh Kumar, R/o: A-106, Karan Vihar, Part-5, Delhi, Age: 21 Years, Height: 5', Complexion: Shallow, Face: Long, Built: Medium, Wearing: Black Colour Suit** has been missing/kidnapped since 28.10.2020 from her house. In this regard **DD No. 64A, Dated 29.10.2020**, has been lodged at **P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi.**

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

Web-site : <http://cbi.nic.in>
E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368639

SHO P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi Ph.: 011-27581223
DP/512/RD/2020

SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON

General public is hereby informed that one person namely **Basant S/o Phool Singh R/o House No. 122, Shiv Mandir, Gali No. 10, Dheer Pur, Delhi.** Age: 70 yrs, Height: 5'3", complexion Fair, face round, thin build. ID Mark: **White old Marks on both legs.** Wearing green check shirt with grey pant and brown sandals in feet is missing since 30.10.2020 with Scooter No. DL8S3814 above said address.

In this regard a **DD No. 30-A dated: 01.11.2020** has been lodged at **PS Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the person, but no clue has come to light so far.

Any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-230111334
Ph.: 011-23014046
011-23015218

S.H.O., P.S. Mukharjee Nagar, Delhi Ph.: 011-27654668, 25280979
DP/489/NW/20

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General Public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Priti D/o Jai Nath R/o C-1338, Jahangir Puri, Delhi,** has been missing/kidnapped since 07.11.2020 at 11 AM. In this regard a **DD No. 46A Dated 08.11.2020** has been lodged at **PS, Jahangir Puri, Delhi.** The description of missing/kidnapped girl is as under:

Name: Priti, **Father's Name :** Jai Nath, **Age :** 18 year **Height :** 5'2", **Face :** Round, **Complexion :** White, **Built :** Thin, **Wearing :** Blue printed Top and Blue Jeans.

If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned at following phone numbers. **SHO P.S., Jahangir Puri, Delhi Ph. : 011-27636000 27631600**

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DP/490/NW/2020

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EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 2020

S. No.	Particulars	Amount Rs. In Lacs		
		Quarter Ended	Half Year Ended	Quarter Ended
		30.09.2020 (Unaudited)	30.09.2020 (Unaudited)	30.09.2019 (Unaudited)
1.	Total Income from Operations	1313.90	2274	2190.66
2.	Net Profit for the period (before tax & exceptional items)	20.81	-230	298.39
3.	Net Profit for the period before Tax (after exceptional items)	20.81	-230	298.39
4.	Net Profit for the period after Tax (after exceptional items)	20.81	-230	298.39
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	20.81	-230	298.39
6.	Paid-up Equity Share Capital Face Value of Rs. 10/- per share	5787.29	5787.29	5787.29
7.	Earnings Per Share			
	i Basic in Rs.	0.04	-0.40	0.52
	ii Diluted in Rs.	0.04	-0.40	0.49

Notes:
1. Operating expenses include raw-material consumed, packing, labour, power & fuel.
2. G & SA. (General, Sales & Admin Exp. of India & USA) Administrative, selling & distribution expenses & repair.
3. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly 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 Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange BSE Limited (www.bseindia.com) and the Company Website (www.himalayainternational.com).

By Order of the Board of Directors For HIMALAYA FOOD INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
Sd/-
Man Mohan Malik
Managing Director

DATED:- 11.11.2020
PLACE:- Paonta Sahib

NORTHERN RAILWAY
Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)

N.I.T. No.:	12/20-21
Name of work with its location	(a) Replacing the window fixed glass by the provision of uPVC sliding window Rail Bhawan in the section of SSE/WRB under ADEN E III NDLS.
Approx. Cost of work	(a) 10999727.08
Earnest Money	(It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway only. Note: FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no 2015/CE-I/CT/5/1 dated : 31.08.2016) (a) 205000.00
Completion period of work	(a) 06 Months
Date and Time for Submission of tender and opening of tender	Upto 1500 hrs on 08.12.2020 opening of tender at 1500 hrs.
Website particular notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc.	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

128-W/269/OET/20-21/W/ENIT/12 Dated : 12.11.2020 2525/2020
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NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice

Dy. CST/CE/CW/Northern Railway, DRM office, 2nd floor, New Delhi for and on behalf of the President of India invites open tender under **Single Packet system** from experienced & established contractors having sufficient experience in similar nature of work and satisfying minimum eligibility criteria on the prescribed form for the following work:

Name of work	* S&T work for alteration of PI at Kathua and Madhopur Punjab stations and associated telecom work at adjoining stations in c/w doubling across Ravi Bridge section over Firzpur Division of Northern Railway*.
Approx. cost of the work	Rs. 66.35 Lakh
Earnest Money	Rs. 132700/- (Rupees One Lakh Thirty Two Thousand Seven Hundred only)
Completion period	06 (Six) months
Date, Time & Place for submission and opening of tender	Tender will be available on www.ireps.gov.in website from 14.11.2020 to 11.30 hrs on 07.12.2020 and will be opened on 07.12.2020 after 11.30 hrs. Tender can be uploaded from 23.11.2020 to 11.30 hrs on 07.12.2020 and will be opened on 07.12.2020 after 11.30 hrs.
Address from where tender form can be purchased	E-Tender document cost - Nil. The detailed e-tender notice and document will be available on Northern Railway web site i.e. on www.ireps.gov.in from 14.11.2020 to 11.30 hrs on 07.12.2020, bidders are advised to electronically register themselves on the above website for which, they would require to, obtain class III digital certificate (if already not obtained) issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document.

No: 178-Sig/CW/32/96 Pt-I Dated: 12.11.2020 2523/2020
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Statement of Standalone Financial Results for the Quarter and Half Year Ended 30 September 2020

Sl. No.	Particulars	Three months ended			Half Year ended			Standalone Previous Year Ended 31-03-2020
		30-09-2020	30-09-2019	30-09-2020	30-09-2019	Year Ended		
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Audited)	
1	Total Income from Operations (Net)	1,663.32	3,167.95	3,280.60	7,026.53	13,723.19		
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	173.80	168.79	260.90	347.85	404.21		
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	173.80	168.79	260.90	347.85	404.34		
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	130.35	152.83	195.67	279.75	323.44		
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	130.35	152.83	195.67	279.75	323.44		
6	Paid Up Equity Share Capital	1,273.95	1,248.95	1,273.95	1,248.95	1,273.95		
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	-	-	-	-	2,337.90		
8	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (before and after extraordinary items)							
	1. Basic:	1.02	1.22	1.54	2.24	2.59		
	2. Diluted:	1.02	1.22	1.54	2.24	2.59		

Note: The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Bombay Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results are available on the websites of the Bombay Stock Exchange i.e. www.bseindia.in and on the web site of the Company i.e. www.ashnoortex.com

By Order of the Board of Directors For Ashnoor Textile Mills Limited
Sd/-
Suneel Gupta
Managing Director
DIN - 00052084

Place : Gurugram
Date : 11-11-2020

Notice Inviting e-Tender
No. SSA/Esstt/Pre-Primary/Furniture/405/2020/3073 Date : 10.11.2020
Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam invites tender through e-Tendering process from reputed manufacturer of plastic moulded furniture for supply of Low Height Plastic Table and Chair.

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Sd/-Executive Director, SSA, Assam, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19

Janasanyog No. CF/2674/20

Govt working on steps to control price rise

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday said perishable goods are putting upward pressure on inflation and the government is working on both short and medium-term measures for controlling price rise.

The wholesale price index (WPI) based inflation rose to a seven-month high of 1.32 per cent in September, while retail inflation was at eight-month high of 7.34 per cent on spiralling prices of food items, especially vegetables.

Speaking to reporters, Sitharaman said floods in certain districts have led to uptick in prices of perishable goods, and the government is taking steps for their better preserva-



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tion, long shelf life and providing weather proof storage, particularly for crops like onion and potato.

"Strictly, the perishable goods are the one which went up...And its more because some districts got flooded...The government is working on both short-term and medium-term steps. Import where necessary for short duration and for

medium-term, enough investment is being attracted to and incentives being provided to create agri infrastructure," she said.

The Reserve Bank in a report on the state of economy on Wednesday had also flagged unrelenting pressure of inflation as a downside risk confronting the prospects of economic recovery.

"The foremost is the unrelenting pressure of inflation, with no signs of waning in spite of supply management measures...There is a grave risk of generalisation of price pressures, unanchoring of inflation expectations feeding into a loss of credibility in policy interventions and the eventual corrosion of the nascent growth impulses that are making their appearance," RBI said.

FM announces ₹900 cr grant for Covid-19 vaccine research

New Delhi: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday announced a ₹900 crore grant to the Department of Biotechnology for Covid-19 vaccine research. "We are providing ₹900 crore for research and development of Covid-19 vaccine. This is being provided for covid suraksha mission, purely for R&D but this money goes to Department of Biotechnology for research purposes," she said.

Sitharaman said the grant does not cover the actual cost of vaccine and distribution expenses, which will be made separately as and when the vaccine is available. "The actu-

Industrial production grows 0.2% in Sept; enters positive territory after 6 months

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Industrial production entered positive territory after a gap of six months, mainly due to higher output in mining and power sectors, official data showed on Thursday. The industrial output grew by 0.2 per cent in September, according to the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) data. The manufacturing sector - which constitutes 77.63 per cent of the index - recorded a marginal contraction of 0.6 per cent in September. The output of mining and power segments grew at 1.4 per cent and 4.9 per cent, respectively.

The IIP had contracted by 4.6 per cent in September 2019. The industrial production had witnessed a 5.2 per cent

growth in February this year. Thereafter it recorded a contraction of 18.7 per cent in March, (-) 57.3 per cent in April, (-) 33.4 in May, (-) 16.6 in June and (-) 10.8 in July this year. Meanwhile, the contraction in IIP for August has been revised to (-) 7.4 per cent from the (-) 8 per cent provisional data released last month. The government had imposed a lockdown to contain the spread of COVID-19 infections on March 25 this year.

With the gradual relaxation of restrictions, there has been a relative improvement in the economic activities by varying degrees as well as in data reporting, the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation said in a state-

Retail inflation inches up to 7.61 pc in Oct

New Delhi: Driven by rising food prices, retail inflation inched up to 7.61 per cent in October, remaining above the comfort level of the Reserve Bank. According to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) data released by the government on Thursday, inflation stood at 7.27 per cent in September 2020. It was 4.62 per cent in October 2019. The rise in general inflation was mainly on account of elevated food prices. **PTI**

Markets snap 8-session winning run despite new stimulus steps

Mumbai: The Sensex and Nifty snapped their eight-session rising streak on Thursday as the new set of stimulus measures announced by the finance minister failed to stem profit-booking in banking, IT and energy stocks. Lacklustre global cues and a weakening rupee further weighed on sentiment, traders said. After dropping 466.12 points during the day, the 30-share BSE Sensex ended 236.48 points or 0.54% lower at 43,357.19. Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty slipped 58.35 points or 0.46% to 12,690.80. SBI was the top loser

in the Sensex pack, shedding 3.16%, followed by Kotak Bank, IndusInd Bank, NTPC, ICICI Bank, Axis Bank, HDFC Bank and ONGC. On the other hand, HUL, ITC, L&T, Bajaj Finserv, Tech Mahindra and Bajaj Finance ended with gains of up to 2.89%. FM Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday announced tax relief on select home sale deals, enhanced credit guarantee programme for small businesses and provide incentives for new job creation as the Govt widened stimulus measures to boost the economy. **PTI**

Rupee slide continues for 4th day

Mumbai: Extending its losing streak to the fourth straight session, the Indian rupee dived 28 paise to end at 74.64 against the US dollar on Thursday on sustained demand for the greenback from importers and banks coupled with foreign fund outflows. **PTI**

POWERGRID posts ₹3,117 cr profit after tax of for Q2FY21

Total Income rises by 8% to ₹9,890 crore

Gurgaon: Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID), a 'Maharatna' Company under Ministry of Power, GoI and the 'Central Transmission Utility (CTU)' of the country, has posted a PAT of ₹3,094 crore and Total Income of ₹9,831 crore on consolidated basis for Q2FY21. On standalone basis, the Company posted PAT and Total Income of ₹3,117 crore and ₹9,890 crore respectively for Q2FY21, registering an increase of about 23% & 8% respectively with respect to the corresponding period of FY20.

₹85.3 cr revenue generated from the sale of 226 properties

Jaipur: On Dhanteras, Rajasthan Housing Board Housing Commissioner Pawan Aroda said that the residential properties in the Auction Festival E-Bid Submission scheme, being operated by the Rajasthan Housing Board, have generated a revenue of ₹85.3 crore from the sale of 226 properties. He said that on this Dhanteras, there was a revenue of Rs 85 crore 33 lakhs from the sale of 226 properties.

PFC net profit jumps 72% to ₹4,290 cr in Sep qtr

New Delhi: State-run Power Finance Corporation (PFC) on Thursday reported a 72 per cent jump in its consolidated net profit at ₹4,290 crore in the July-September quarter on account of higher revenues. Its net profit was ₹2,497 crore in the quarter ended September 30, 2019. Total income of the company rose to ₹18,171.41 crore in the said quarter from ₹15,537.55 crore in the same period a year ago.

SCOPE welcomes Atmanirbhar Bharat 3.0

SCOPE (Standing Conference of Public Enterprises), apex body of Public Sector Enterprises welcomes the slew of measures announced by the Govt as part of Atmanirbhar Bharat 3.0 to retrace the economic growth of the country, which is already showing positive signs. Mr Atul Sobti, Director General, SCOPE said that while the country continues to effectively combat the pandemic, the stimulus announced shall provide further boost to employment, infrastructure, construction, manufacturing, exports and also promote positive business sentiments.

Notice Inviting e-Tender
No. SSA/Esstt/Sikhon Puthi/371/2020/3077 Date : 10.11.2020
Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission (Samagra Shiksha), Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam invites tender through e-Tendering process from reputed offset printing presses having Web Offset Machine/ Sheet Offset Machine for printing and supply of Sikhon Puthi- LP and UP.

To participate in this tender process through e-procurement document, bidder should have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of class-II (minimum) and have to register in the portal <https://assamtenders.gov.in> by themselves.

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Sd/-Executive Director, SSA, Assam
Kahilipara, Guwahati-19

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE No. 19/2020 Dated 09/11/2020
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tender through IREPS only for supply of following items: Tender closing Time: 14:00 Hrs.

Sl.	Tender No.	Description in brief	Qty.	Tender Due on
1	17201135	Purchase of spares (OH Kits) for Microprocessor Controlled Air Brake System (10 items)	1066 Nos.	07.12.2020
2	17201040	Purchase of Cylinder low pressure includes plugs.	78 Nos.	14.12.2020
3	30201800	Bogie frame arrangement for Non-AC coaches.	24 Nos.	15.12.2020

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Principal Chief Materials Manager
Hubballi

Notice Inviting e-Tender
No. SSA/MDMS/Steel Container/19/2020/3079 Date: 10.11.2020
Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission cum State Nodal Officer-MDM, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam invites tender through e-Tendering process from manufacturer of Steel Utensils for supply of Stainless Steel Container for Mid Day Meal.

To participate in this tender process through e-procurement document, bidder should have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of class-II (minimum) and have to register in the portal <https://assamtenders.gov.in> by themselves.

The Bidder who have downloaded the tender schedules containing the tender details, terms and conditions, from the website shall submit their tender on-line on the website <https://assamtenders.gov.in>, with proof of payment of non refundable tender fee of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees five thousand) only in the form of demand draft/Bankers Cheque drawn in favour of Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam, from any nationalized/scheduled Bank and payable at Guwahati. The tender should be submitted on-line as per date and time of submission as per prescribed schedule.

Sd/-Executive Director
SSA, Assam

Notice Inviting e-Tender
SSA/Esstt/Aids & Appliance/702/2014/Pt/3078 Date :10.11.2020
Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission (Samagra Shiksha), Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam invites tender through e-Tendering process from reputed supplier for supply of Assistive Device Equipment.

To participate in this tender process through e-procurement document, bidder should have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of class-II (minimum) and have to register in the portal <https://assamtenders.gov.in> by themselves.

The Bidder who have downloaded the tender schedules containing the tender details, terms and conditions, from the website shall submit their tender on-line on the website <https://assamtenders.gov.in>, with proof of payment of non refundable tender fee of Rs. 1000/- (Rupees one thousand) only in the form of demand draft/Bankers Cheque drawn in favour of Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam and payable at Guwahati. The tender should be submitted on-line as per date and time of submission as per prescribed schedule.

Sd/-Executive Director, SSA, Assam
Kahilipara, Guwahati-19

NORTHERN RAILWAY
Corrigendum/Addendum-I
Due to technical reasons, extend the date of opening in respect of the NIT no. 558-Sig-16/M/Tender/1353 which is scheduled to be opened on 25.11.2020 for the work of "Provision of Auto Signalling between HN2M and OKA Station of Delhi Division." following changes are made:

S.No.	As per NIT drawn	To be read as
1	Date of Opening : 25.11.2020	Date of Opening : 04.12.2020

All other terms and condition will remain unchanged.
Tender No. 558-Sig/16/M/Tender/1353 Date : 12.11.2020 2522/2020
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Extract of the Standalone Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and half year ended 30th September, 2020

S/Particulars	Quarter Ended		Quarter Ended		Six Months Ended		Six Months Ended		(Rs. in Lacs)
	30.09.2020	30.06.2020	30.09.2019	30.09.2020	30.09.2019	31.03.2020	31.03.2020		
1 Total Income from operations (net)	8.85	19.65	20.97	28.50	7.17	(27.51)			
2 Net Profit/(Loss) from Ordinary Activities after tax	(4.79)	0.38	(12.32)	(4.41)	(49.09)	(147.16)			
3 Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Extraordinary items)	(4.79)	0.38	(12.32)	(4.41)	(49.09)	(147.16)			
4 Total comprehensive Income for the period (comprising profit/(loss) for the period after tax and other comprehensive income after tax	(4.79)	0.38	(12.32)	(4.41)	(49.09)	(147.16)			
5 Equity Share Capital	1000.03	1000.03	1000.03	1000.03	1000.03	1000.03			
6 Earning per share (before extraordinary items) (of Rs. 10/- each)	(0.048)	0.004	(0.123)	(0.044)	(0.491)	(1.471)			
Basic Diluted	(0.048)	0.004	(0.123)	(0.044)	(0.491)	(1.471)			
7 Earning per share (after extraordinary items) (of Rs. 10/- each)	(0.048)	0.004	(0.123)	(0.044)	(0.491)	(1.471)			
Basic Diluted	(0.048)	0.004	(0.123)	(0.044)	(0.491)	(1.471)			

Note :
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 Stock Exchange websites. (www.bseindia.com) and company website www.mymoneyviews.com

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors
Sd/- Sanjay Seth
Whole Time Director
DIN : 00350518

Commerce Ministry seeks stakeholder suggestions for next foreign trade policy

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Commerce Ministry on Thursday sought suggestions from stakeholders, including industry and trade associations, for the formulation of next foreign trade policy (FTP). The FTP provides guidelines for enhancing exports to push economic growth and create jobs. The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), in a trade notice, said a Google form has been created to collate, analyse and process the suggestions/inputs. Stakeholders are requested to send their comments only through this form rather than e-mail or paper based submissions within 15 days from November 12, it added.

India loses 21% of brand value to \$2 tn due to pandemic: Report

Mumbai: Despite losing 20.8 per cent of its value to the disruptions caused by the pandemic, the country could hang to be the seventh most-valuable nation with a brand value of USD 2 trillion, according to a report.

The US continues to lead the brand value league with USD 23.73 trillion after losing 14.5 per cent of its followed by China, which lost its value by 3.7 per cent to USD 18.76 trillion, brand valuation and strategy consultancy Brand Finance said in the report on Thursday.

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Dharmenda Singh Rajawat	Dharmenda Singh Rajawat	AP0106120161387	AP0397143741	MCX/AP/111141	-	K-1/18/1177, Sangam Viharpushpa Bhawan S.O, South Delhi, Delhi -110062, Delhi

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Place : Delhi
Date : 13.11.2020

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EXTRACT OF STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED UN-AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

(Amount in Lacs)

Sl. No.	Particulars	QUARTER ENDED						HALF YEAR ENDED				YEAR ENDED	
		STANDALONE		CONSOLIDATED		STANDALONE		CONSOLIDATED		STANDALONE	CONSOLIDATED	STANDALONE	CONSOLIDATED
		Sep 30, 2020	Sep 30, 2019	June 30, 2020	Sep 30, 2020	Sep 30, 2019	June 30, 2020	Sep 30, 2020	Sep 30, 2019	Sep 30, 2020	Sep 30, 2019	Mar 31, 2020	Mar 31, 2020
1	Total Income from operations (Net)	46.87	101.21	109.15	46.87	101.21	103.15	156.02	223.98	150.02	223.98	513.35	489.35
2	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period (before tax and exceptional items)	991.11	1,355.92	(180.06)	(233.90)	1,410.90	(199.04)	811.05	1,107.56	(432.94)	1,185.89	849.42	(742.54)
3	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional items)	991.11	1,355.92	(180.06)	(494.10)	1,410.90	(199.04)	811.05	1,107.56	(639.14)	1,185.89	849.42	(742.54)
4	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period after tax (after exceptional items)	991.11	1,355.92	(180.06)	(67.14)	1,410.90	(667.14)	811.05	1,107.56	(734.28)	1,185.89	564.55	(233.20)
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (after tax)	1,447.11	1,482.45	6.20	842.88	1,650.40	(315.83)	1,453.31	1,168.60	527.05	1,352.52	328.92	(634.79)
6	Equity Share Capital (Face value of share is Rs. 10/- each)	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,504.05
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserves as shown in the Balance Sheet of previous year)	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A
8	Earnings per share (EPS) (of Rs. 10/- each) (Not Annualised)												
	(a) Basic and Diluted EPS (before exceptional Items) (in Rs.)	3.96	5.41	(0.72)	0.77	5.63	(2.66)	3.24	4.42	(1.89)	4.74	2.25	(0.93)
	(b) Basic and Diluted EPS (after exceptional Items) (in Rs.)	3.96	5.41	(0.72)	(0.27)	5.63	(2.66)	3.24	4.42	(2.93)	4.74	2.25	(0.93)

NOTES:

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- The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their respective meeting held on November 12th, 2020. The Statutory Auditors of the Company have carried out a limited review of the aforesaid results.
- Previous quarter/ year end figures have been rearranged and / or regrouped, wherever necessary, to make them comparable with those of the current quarter/ year end.

Place : New Delhi
Date : 12th November, 2020

By order of the Board
Sd/-
Piya Modi
Whole Time Director

Trend Glazer

'Mental health demands attention'

Actor **AMITABH BACHCHAN** feels that it is important to confront the mental health crisis, adding that the issue should be given undivided attention.

"Today, the way I see it is a question of a lifeline. A lifeline can be anyone who simply cares about mental illness. Even though the truth has a way of hitting right across your face, it's important to confront it," Bachchan said.

"A crisis, as insidious and devastating as mental health one demands our undivided attention. It's more upto the fortunate ones to make ourselves available to those who seek help," he added.



PROSPER WITH SAFETY

So what if it's low key this year? Diwali always calls for celebrations. Keeping wellness and health in mind, TEAM VIVA suggests some thoughtful ideas to gift your loved ones



A GIFT THAT SUSTAINS

The newest addition to the 1983 Swatch collection is a SISTEM51 in bio-sourced materials, which can make for a very thoughtful gift. A black, classic watch with decorated dial that one can appreciate, it comes with a message, which is a real call to action — "Time is what you make of it. The model only has 51 moving parts anchored to a single, central screw. Unlike the original Swatch, which featured a battery-powered quartz movement and a 34 mm case size, the SISTEM51 is a fully automatic watch, 41mm in size with an exceptional 90-hour power reserve.

The collection emphasises on Swatch's new bio-source material technologies — with cases made out of a material extracted from the seeds of the castor plant, the first time such a material has been used in a mechanical watch, priced at ₹12,045.

Another option that gives sustainability a chance is a gift hamper from The Earthen Urban. Founded in 2020, amid the pandemic by an environmentally-conscious woman entrepreneur, the hamper products are ethically sourced, up-cycled, cruelty-free, handmade by local artisans and undoubtedly, biodegradable. Well, an interesting fact about it? To give back to the fauna, a segment of its returns from the

sales go to feed the stray dogs across New Delhi and look at reaching far and wide in days to come.

There are three hampers each with different kinds and sizes of scented soy wax candles in coconut bowl, plantable calendars, bamboo brushes, breathable cotton masks and a customised Diwali greeting on a seed paper. The quantity of the products range as per the price, which are ₹599, ₹999 and ₹1699, respectively.

HEALTH FIRST

This Diwali, gift yourself and your loved ones good health and wellness with Fast&Up's "immunity special" products. It offers a range of hampers with different immunity boosting antioxidant multivitamins. One of them also include the N-Acetyl Cysteine (NAC) to help boost the lung immunity and fight air pollution by enhancing one's lung's ability to become stronger to fight the Coronavirus. The other hampers include the detox capsules with Active Greens and Vitamin C, Curcumin and comes in various flavours like mango, orange and Ghana chocolate.

FOR THE PERFECT PARTY

The Jameson Blockbuster Pack by Pernod Ricard is all your friends need for a great start to the festival. The pack contains the essentials for an ultimate house party — two bottles of Jameson, the triple distilled, twice as smooth, Irish whiskey with a well-rounded flavour; a Jenga set; and a deck of playing cards to set a perfect house party.

Well, a yet another thoughtful consideration is the 'I Wolf You' crate by

Occasionally Silly. The hamper includes Jacob's Creek Red Wine, Cabernet Shiraz; a pair of rose gold wine glasses; 4700 BC gourmet popcorns; a Mazel Tov scented candle; ceramic oil diffuser; two ocean fragrance oils; and two tea light candles. The hamper comes in a wooden tray handcrafted by local artisans. With the product code as OSIWY, the hamper is priced at ₹4,099.

BASKET OF GOODNESS

The Diwali hamper by The Imperial brings tons of treats and gifts from chocolates to gourmet favourites for your loved ones. The hamper offers a wide range of carefully selected eats, handpicked to create lasting pleasures and to bring back cheer in the lives of your family and friends. It includes banana bread, plum cake, chocolates, Mustard and raspberry gourmet, cheese straws, olive jar, granola bars, Whole wheat Pasta, mix nut bottle and capers and more to make your Diwali simply delightful and memorable. The hampers are available at 1911 Restaurant and are priced at ₹6,000 plus taxes.

RIGHT FOR A REVAMP

This Diwali, renovate, decorate, and revamp not just your home but also your and your friends' kitchens with Le Creuset's range of cookware and kitchen tools. It brings you products that help you celebrate life and brighten up your kitchen with their vibrant hues, just like Diwali. The collection offers enamelled cast iron cookware, multi-ply stainless steel, toughened non-stick, and bakeware, along with a range of wine accessories. The prices for the products range from ₹750 to ₹42,000.

'Asif (Basra) was a fantastic actor. The news of his demise is very shocking and disturbing. It is indeed a loss. While making *Jab We Met*, I wanted an intelligent and a special actor. I wanted to show two qualities — lechery and humour — at the same time through that role. Couldn't get to work with him after that movie. I will miss him in films.' —Imtiaz Ali

As is evident from the bustling markets of the city, people have taken the festivities amid the pandemic a bit too seriously to be even following the necessary precautions. Social distancing has certainly gone for a toss in Delhi's markets. While last minute shopping could be hassling, why not go for online gifting and hampers for your loved ones? It will not only offer you a plethora of options but also prove to be safe in the current contagiously dangerous environment. Here are a few select options you can choose from to gift your loved ones this Diwali.



Back in the late 1990s when Hyundai Motor came to India, they were an unknown brand. But all thanks to the smiling face of actor Shah Rukh Khan and some well-packaged products which were affordable, Hyundai acquired a reputation of being a 'Value For Money' carmaker. Having driven the first-generation Santro extensively and having an Accent in the family, you knew that Hyundai's were not the most dynamic of vehicles, but they gave a great combination of features at a cheerful price. Their cars proceeded to get slightly better but for a long-time, Hyundai was considered, above all else, to be a 'Value For Money' carmaker.

Things have changed in the recent past, modern Hyundai's are fantastic vehicles to drive from a purely dynamic point of view. Once upon a time, Hyundai cars used to wallow around a corner, there used to be a palpable sense that there was a lag between the time you gave a steering input and when the wheels actually turned. If you drive a modern Hyundai released in the past three-four years, you can throw them into a corner and the car will handle it with aplomb, they're fabulously fun to drive.

That brings us to the new third-generation i20, now Hyundai considers this the fourth generation of premium hatchback, with the Getz being the first generation. The Getz was not a huge sales success and when the i20 was launched, this was the time when everything was 'i'-inspired, thanks to Steve Jobs and Apple. Hyundai India executives did not expect wonders. But the first i20 and its successor, the Elite i20 have been stunning sales successes. Surprisingly, so has the 'premium' hatchback segment which also includes the Maruti-Suzuki Baleno and the Honda Jazz. It continues to do well despite the onslaught of small SUVs such as the Maruti-Suzuki Brezza, Honda WR-V, Hyundai's own Venue and the Kia Sonet. The overall trendline has been of a move away from smaller hatchbacks, yet premium hatchbacks despite being constrained by the four-meter rule have done well, Hyundai has sold over one million i20s since 2008 and currently move over 6,000 units a

Return of the prodigal

The third generation Hyundai i20 may not appeal to everybody in an SUV-obsessed world but it proves that when it comes to fun, nothing compares to a hatchback with a bit of power



month.

The new i20 is spectacularly amazing to drive. I will admit I took the 'fun' variant, the 120PS Turbo-GDI with the seven-speed dual-clutch gearbox, and while other cars in the Hyundai Motor Group family — the Hyundai Venue and the Kia Sonet have the same engine and transmission combination, on the i20 everything felt better. And that is the defining aspect of a hatchback over the SUV. I have always said, to each their own. Some people prefer sitting way up off the ground, others such as myself genuinely prefer sitting lower down in a car. I agree that in India, and actually across the world, there has been a gradual shift away from hatchbacks and sedans towards SUVs, but for sheer driving thrill on the roads, nothing beats a hatchback with a powerful engine.

Hyundai also equips the i20 with their latest 1.2 litre Kappa engine, which delivers 83PS on the manual and 88PS on the automatic IVT variant, this is the 'affordable' commuter. For those who need a daily car, it is the version to look at. Hyundai also gives hatchback buyers the option of a BS6 diesel, the U2 CRDi with 100PS and while diesels are a dirty word in Delhi and the rest of the NCR, by all indications thanks to the Venue and Sonet small diesel motors are still rocking the sales

HYUNDAI i20 (3RD GENERATION)

VERSION TESTED: T-GDi 7DCT Asta (0)
PRICE AS TESTED: ₹11.18 lakh (ex-showroom India)
ENGINE TESTED: 3-cylinder 998cc Turbo GDI Petrol 120PS
TRANSMISSION TESTED: Seven-Speed Dual-Clutch Transmission
RATING: 9/10 (Pricey but worth it)

charts in the West and South of the country.

Given how well cars like the i10 Nios and Verna do on the road, the i20 was going to be fabulous. It ticks other major boxes as well, it is comfortable and spacious particularly for a hatchback. There is also a decent amount of boot space, I find Hyundai's fitment of their 'Oxyboost' air purifier with a readout to be a major positive particularly in the horrible, horrible air quality conditions in the capital. There is the large 10.26-inch screen and the seven-speaker BOSE audio system that are both now standard on top-end variants from Hyundai and Kia. But even the middle-specifications are fairly well loaded albeit with a smaller screen. There are multiple charging points,

rear air-con vents and you can even specify a two-tone interior with touches of the 'fiery red' exterior paint job.

Now to the big issues around this i20 — the looks and price. Hyundai India claims that in their market research that almost 40 per cent of buyers looked at exterior looks as the prime buying criterion in this segment. I believe a part of that is because on the normal 1.2 litre naturally-aspirated engines across such hatchbacks, there are only slight differences in fuel economy and power output. The new i20 is certainly quite striking and it epitomises Hyundai's new 'Sensuous Sportiness' styling language. While it really won't be to everyone's taste, I personally find the styling a bit 'busy'. I will not be surprised if people really like the sharp edges and angles across the new car.

That is one aspect, Hyundai has also been a bit defensive on the price of the new i20. With a decent amount of kit, which would be the 'Sportz' specification and upwards, you would be spending close to 10 lakh on-road unless you picked up the manual transmission of the naturally aspirated Kappa engine. This is not a cheap car to buy. While Hyundai correctly says that you get a lot of cars for the money and it is also true that buyers are preferring fully-loaded models nowadays. The i20 gives you much more than its rivals, some buyers might be put off by the price. But five years ago, when Hyundai launched the first Creta, many of us, both buyers and writers questioned the price. We all know how the Creta did. Maybe Hyundai has changed the concept of 'Value For Money', because they're saying on this i20 that VFM does not mean 'cheap and cheerful' anymore, it means that you are getting a technologically advanced car for much less than what you'd pay in a luxury car with the same features.



Highway star

The Mercedes-Benz GLS 450 might combine a petrol engine with a big SUV, but it works rather well

For quite a few years, the very concept of a large Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV) with a petrol engine might have seemed like anathema, unless and until you bought the madcap variants like the AMGs and Ms of the world. Why would anyone buy a large SUV with a "normal" petrol engine? Okay so in these cases, normal engines usually mean three-litre V6 turbo-charged engines, but you get the point. Then, of course, came that momentous Supreme Court ruling that in a single stroke wiped five years off the life of diesel-engined SUVs in the National Capital Region (NCR). While you can still fully depreciate a car in less than 10 years, it still hurts many owners to dispose of their big diesel SUVs after eight-nine years for a song. There are immaculately maintained 2010 and 2011 registered luxury diesel SUVs in the NCR that are available for next to nothing, if you check the online classifieds.

While we can, and should have a debate on whether diesel vehicles conforming to the BS6 emission regulations should be allowed the regular 15-year registration period, the '10-year rule' has led to most manufacturers launching petrol-

MERCEDES-BENZ GLS 450

PRICE: ₹99.9 lakh (ex-showroom, India)
ENGINE: 3-litre inline-six cylinder, 362hp
TRANSMISSION: 9-speed dual-clutch
RATING: 8.5/10 (Big and burly but not a drunkard)

engined variants of all their SUVs and some manufacturers such as Maruti-Suzuki and Skoda-Volkswagen Group in India getting out of the diesel market altogether. However, the prevalence of petrol SUVs has puzzled some, after all, don't petrol-engined SUVs return a far poorer fuel economy than a diesel-engined SUV?

Recently, I took the Mercedes-Benz GLS 450 out on a highway run to Jaipur and back. If the traffic on the highway is any indication, the economy is certainly back on track. Trucks still drive in the wrong lane and block the entire roads, being a trucker is a hard life, but for crying out loud, learn to drive properly folks and follow lane discipline. Driving on all but a few highways in India is a constant task of weaving through

the traffic and while you are almost always in motion, you are constantly accelerating and braking. And with new cars coming with speed alarms, even at 80 kilometers per hour (less than the highway speed limit), which on most luxury cars sound over the music, you can't even drive at the prescribed limit. I had a child in my car so I did not push the limit at all.

This car has a three-litre turbo-charged inline-six motor with a battery that provides a power boost (Mercedes calls it EQ Boost) and start-stop help and makes the car a mild hybrid. Total power output is just over 360 horsepower and despite weighing over three tons with passengers and luggage and still gets a move on. But on the highway and a little bit of city driving the GLS450 returned a quite remarkable 9.5 kilometers per litre. Frankly, I do not feel that the diesel variant the GLS 400d would have done much better in the circumstances. And when you consider that the diesel and petrol variant cost the same ex-showroom, although on-road prices will be impacted by diesel vehicle taxation in some states like Delhi, the petrol variant makes a lot of sense particularly when you consider aspects like resale value.

As for driving the car, I have never been a huge fan of cars of the GLS' size, but with button operated second and third-row recline, the GLS is easy to configure and can swallow a decent amount of luggage even with the third-row up and a positively massive amount of luggage when you have the third-row down. The SUV has a brilliant Burmeister sound system and on the front-row there are 'Active Seat Kinetics' which pulsate and believe me help a lot to mitigate fatigue, because a few hours on an Indian highway is like a full day of driving in Europe or the US.

While a GLS may be a bit big for me personally, the advent of lean-burning petrol engines in SUVs coupled with mild or strong hybrid systems will make a compelling case for them. And while it is too soon to declare the 'Death of Diesel', petrol-engined SUVs are no longer fighting an uphill battle.

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Statement of unaudited financial results for the period ended 30th September, 2020

Particulars	INR in millions		
	6 months ended 30 September 2020	6 months ended 30 September 2019	Year ended 31 March 2020
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
Total Income from Operations	3,302	3,277	6,128
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(1,538)	(619)	(2,106)
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	(1,538)	(619)	(2,106)
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	(1,777)	(523)	(2,619)
Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after Tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	(2,304)	(267)	(3,473)
Paid up Equity Share Capital	3,799	3,799	3,799
Compulsorily Convertible Preference Shares (Refer note 7)	24,885	21,639	23,200
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	64,554	70,526	67,412
Net worth	93,238	95,964	94,411
Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	72,518	64,314	78,248
Debt Equity Ratio	0.78	0.67	0.83
Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)			
1. Basic :	(3.67)	(1.20)	(5.70)
2. Diluted :	(3.67)	(1.20)	(5.70)
Debt Service Coverage Ratio	6.95	1.672	7.62
Debt Service Coverage Ratio	2.00	1.28	1.29
Interest Service Coverage Ratio	2.03	1.84	1.75

Disclosures pursuant to Regulations 52(4) and 52(7) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

- Credit Rating : CAREA+
- Change in credit rating : No
- Asset Coverage Ratio September 30, 2020 : 226% (March 31, 2020:218%)
- Debt Equity ratio : mentioned above
- Debt Service Coverage Ratio : mentioned above
- Interest Service Coverage Ratio : mentioned above
- Previous due date for the payment of interest/ repayment of principal of listed non convertible debt securities and whether the same has been paid or not as on September 30, 2020
- Previous due date for the payment of interest: August 26, 2020 and the same was paid on due date
- Previous due date for the payment of principal : None
- Next due date for the payment of interest/repayment of principal of listed non convertible debt securities as on September 30, 2020
- Next due date for the payment of interest : November 26, 2020
- Next due date for the payment of principal : February 26, 2021
- Outstanding redeemable preference shares (Quantity and Value) : Not Applicable
- Net Worth* : September 30, 2020 : INR 93,238 / March 31, 2020 : INR 94,411
- Net profit/(loss) after tax : mentioned above
- Earning per share : mentioned above
- Debenture redemption reserve : INR 695 / March 31, 2020 : INR762
- There are no material deviation in the use of proceeds of issue of Non Convertible Debentures from the objects stated in the offer document (Regulations 52(7))

- Notes :**
- Ratios have been computed as follows :
Earning per share (Basic & Diluted) = Profit/(Loss) after Tax / Weighted average number of Equity Shares.
Debt Equity Ratio = Total Debt** / Total Equity
Interest Service Coverage Ratio = Cash profit after tax# plus total interest expense^ / Total interest expense^
Debt Service Coverage Ratio = Cash profit after tax# plus total interest expense^ / Total interest expense^ + principal repayment
Asset Coverage Ratio = (Total assets less current liabilities) / Total Debt**
 - Net Worth/Total Equity represents issued subscribed and paid up capital plus preference share capital and reserves and surplus. Reserve and surplus includes share premium, debenture redemption reserve, share based payment reserve, hedging reserve and retained earnings. Preference share capital includes CCPS as explained in note 7.
 - Total Debt represents long-term borrowings, short-term borrowings and current maturities of long-term debt but excluding loan from related parties, non-amortize fees and CCPS as explained in note 7 considered as subordinate debt.
 - Profit/(Loss) after tax plus depreciation
 - Interest expense excluding interest on subordinate debt.
 - The statement has been prepared in accordance with recognition and measurement principles laid down in accordance with the Indian Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" ("Ind AS 34") as prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") read with Rule 3 of the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards)
 - The company is in the business of development and operation of solar and wind power. There is only one segment (business and/or geographical) in accordance with the requirements of IND AS - 108 "Operating Segments".
 - CARE Rating have assigned long term rating for the outstanding non-convertible debentures of the Company to "CAREA+" with stable outlook.
 - The shareholders of the Company approved the conversion of Company from Public Limited to Private Limited and conversion application was filed in June 2019. The Company has been converted into Private Limited Company on 08 November 2019 and it is not mandatorily required for the Company to constitute an Audit Committee. However for better corporate governance practices the Company reconstituted Audit Committee on 12 March 2020.
 - Further, the above unaudited financial results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors in their meeting held on 11 November, 2020.
 - The above unaudited financial results have been approved by the Board of Directors in their meeting held on 11 November, 2020.
 - On 27 June 2019, the Company issued 49,184,611 Series A Compulsorily Convertible Preference Shares "CCPS". Series A CCPS carry a non-cumulative right to receive dividend @ 0.0001%. The Series A CCPS shall be converted into variable number of Equity Shares as per the terms of agreement and therefore classified as Long term financial liability. Interest expense based on base discount mentioned in agreement has been charged as finance cost for the half year ended 30 September 2020 amounting to INR 1,685 (September 30, 2019 : INR 736).
 - Due to outbreak of COVID-19 in India and globally, the Company has continued its assessment of likely adverse impact on economic environment in general and financial risks on account of COVID-19. Considering that the Company is in the business of generation of electricity which is an essential service as emphasized by the Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Power, Government of India and which is granted "Must Run" status by Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), the management believes that the impact of outbreak on the business and financial position of the company is not significant. Further, MNRE directed that the payment to Renewable Energy power generator shall be done on regular basis as being done prior to lock down and the company has generally received regular collection from its customer(s). The management does not see any risks in the company's ability to continue as going concern and has been able to service all debts obligations during the half year without opting for moratorium as directed by Reserve Bank of India for interest and principal instalments falling due to banks. The Company is closely monitoring developments, its operations, liquidity and capital resources and is actively working to minimize the impact of the unprecedented situation.
 - The Code on Social Security 2020 (Code), which received the Presidential Assent on September 28, 2020, subsumes nine laws relating to social security, retirement and employee benefits, including the Employees Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 and the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972. The effective date of the Code is yet to be notified and related rules are yet to be framed. The impact of the changes, if any, will be assessed and recognised post notification of the relevant provision.
 - Previous year/period figures have been regrouped where necessary.
 - The above 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 website of the Stock Exchange (www.nseindia.com) and on the Company's website (https://renewpower.in/investor-relations/).

Place : Gurugram For and on behalf of ReNew Power Private Limited
Date : 11 November, 2020 (formerly known as ReNew Power Limited)
(Sd./) Sumant Sinha, Chairman & Managing Director, DIN : 00972012

COSCO (INDIA) LIMITED

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EXTRACT OF STANDALONE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

Sl. No.	Particulars	Year Ended					
		Quarter Ended		Half Year Ended		Year Ended	
		30.09.2020	30.06.2020	30.09.2019	30.09.2020	30.09.2019	31.03.2020
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited	
1	Total Income from operations	3,340.45	2,723.63	3,658.83	6,064.08	6,986.12	13,435.82
2	Net Profit for the period before Tax	94.39	57.97	105.65	152.36	154.18	221.78
3	Net Profit for the period after tax	64.16	37.02	28.26	101.18	103.35	180.72
4	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	64.16	37.02	28.26	101.18	103.35	179.81
5	Equity Share Capital	416.10	416.10	416.10	416.10	416.10	416.10
6	Other Equity	-	-	-	-	-	3,504.85
7	Earnings Per Share (of ₹ 10 each)						
(a)	Basic (₹)	1.54	0.89	0.68	2.43	2.48	4.34
(b)	Diluted (₹)	1.54	0.89	0.68	2.43	2.48	4.34

- Notes :**
- The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchange under SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/Annual Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange Websites (www.bseindia.com) and on the Company's website www.cosco.in.
 - The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the respective meeting held on November 12, 2020.

By Order of the Board for Cosco (India) Limited
Devinder Kumar Jain
Managing Director and CEO
Place : Delhi
Date : 12.11.2020
DIN : 00191539

Isn't this the most exciting time of the year, binging on delicious food and enjoying the fun festive feel? However, sometimes one goes overboard with the sweet quotient which should be kept in control. Listing five substitutes to yummy Diwali sweets.

CARROT DELIGHT
If innovating in the kitchen is

FESTIVE BUT HEALTHY

Keeping the wellness quotient in mind, here are a few tasty substitutes to Diwali sweets

something you enjoy, then try making this baked carrot sweet this Diwali. Mix orange juice, grated carrots, con-

densed milk along with sugar, ghee and bake it after you have cooked it well in the pan.



can prepare this by bringing together sugar and almond meal. You can cut them into a shape you desire and decorate it with nuts.

PINEAPPLE HALWA

A lot of you might have a soft corner for fruits. For all you fruit lovers, pineapple halwa can be the sweet dish for this season. It is easy to prepare with a simple amalgamation of grated pineapple, a pinch of cardamom along with khoya prepared from low fat milk. This is low fat, low in cholesterol and has ounces of vitamins and minerals.

There can be numerous ways to please your taste buds this Diwali and ensuring good health at the same time too. Try these scrumptious sweet dishes this festive season. —ANS

GOODNESS OF DATES

From diabetes to high blood pressure and heart patients, dates can be beneficial for one and all. They make for an excellent sugar substitute and can be great for times you are craving dessert or sugary food. Rooted deep down in Middle-Eastern culture it enjoys an unparalleled legacy. There can be no better way to show your loved ones that you truly care than gifting them delicious dates.

corn seeds mixture and milk powder. You may add your choice of dry fruits to enrich the preparation with bags of flavour and nutrition.

ALMOND BARRI

Almonds are known to reduce the risk of heart attacks, are low in cholesterol and are an excellent source of Vitamin E. Use this dry fruit to make a yummy barfi this Diwali. You

CORN KHEER

Eating nutritious food that tastes delicious should be the ideal way to celebrate Diwali this year. Prepare this kheer using skimmed milk, sugar,

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SHORT TERM RETENDER NOTICE FOR "SELECTION OF CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION & QUALITY CONTROL (CSQC) CONSULTANT FOR I&D AND STP PROJECT AT MANER, BAKHTIYARPUR, KAHALGAON & BARHAIYA TOWN"
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) - NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

RFP NO. - BGCMS/2020/CSQC/10-500DATE: - 12.11.2020

1. State Programme Management Group (SPMG) under Urban Development & Housing Department (UD&HD), Bihar, is the State Mission body for facilitating, implementation and monitoring of the Namami Gange programs in Bihar. In order to carry out the said assignment, SPMG Bihar intends to engage Consulting Agency for CSQC work for infrastructure projects under Namami Gange Programme.

Joint Secretary, UD&HD on behalf of Secretary, Urban Development & Housing Department, Govt. of Bihar, invites Bids under Single Stage two envelope system - Technical and Financial Bid, and QCBS method of selection, from reputed and experienced agencies for CSQC work detailed in the table below. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding and is open to all eligible bidders. Bids will be received only through e-procurement mode www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in.

Name of the Work	Bid Security	Bid processing fee	Cost of bidding document	Period
(I) Selection of the Construction Supervision & Quality Control (CSQC) Consultant (the "CSQC"/ "Consultant") for I&D and STP schemes for Maner, Bakhtiyarpur, Kahalgaon & Barhiya town.	Rs. 2,00,000/-	Rs. 1,180/-	Rs. 10,000/-	Construction Period of the project.

Applicants may download the bidding documents from the e-procurement portal www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in

- Date of download of Bid document: 14/11/2020
- Last date and time of receipt (upload) of bids: 02/12/2020 up to 05:00 pm.
- Last date and time for receipt of hard copies: 03/12/2020 up to 03:00 pm.
- Time and date of opening Technical bids: 03/12/2020 at 04:00 pm.
- Time and date of opening of Financial bids: (To be communicated later)

Joint Secretary SPMG (UD&HD, Bihar)
PR- 08345 (Urban Dev.) 2020-21
नोबल कोरेना क संखे मे विरुद्ध जानकारी एवं सहायोग हेतु Toll Free No.: 104 सर संपर्क कर सकते है।
याद सभगी - संकडी किमी तरह क जानकारी अरुदा सुहाय हेतु दूरभाष संख्या 0612-2217636 पर संपर्क किया जा सकता है।

PASUPATI ACRYLON LIMITED
CIN : L50102UP1982PLC015532
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Website: www.pasupatiacrylon.com

STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS (REVIEWED) FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2020 (Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended					
		30.09.2020	30.06.2020	30.09.2019	30.09.2020	30.09.2019	31.03.2020
		Un-Audited	Un-Audited	Un-Audited	Un-Audited	Audited	
1	Total Income from operations	106.17	62.19	151.55	168.36	345.47	670.08
2	Net Profit for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(1.70)	(5.06)	(7.28)	(6.76)	14.92	20.39
3	Net Profit for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(1.70)	(5.06)	(7.28)	(6.76)	14.92	20.39
4	Net Profit for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(1.79)	(3.14)	(4.80)	(4.93)	9.63	13.05
5	Total comprehensive income for the period (Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax))	(1.82)	(3.17)	(4.81)	(4.99)	9.61	13.25
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face Value Rs.10/-)	89.14	89.14	89.14	89.14	89.14	89.14
7	Other Equity (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	-	-	-	-	-	100.81
8	Earnings Per Share (Rs.10 each)						
Basic:	(0.20)	(0.35)	(0.54)	(0.55)	1.08	1.46	
Diluted:	(0.20)	(0.35)	(0.54)	(0.55)	1.08	1.46	

Note: The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results are available on the Company's Website (www.pasupatiacrylon.com) and BSE Limited (www.bseindia.com).

Date: 12th November, 2020
Place: New Delhi
for Pasupati Acrylon Ltd. Sd/- Vinesh Jain Managing Director

JINDAL LEASEFIN LIMITED
CIN: L74899DL1994PLC059252
Regd. Office: 110, Babar Road, New Delhi 110001

EXTRACT OF STATEMENT OF STANDALONE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30.09.2020 (Rs. in Lacs)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended					
		30.09.2020	30.06.2020	30.09.2019	30.09.2020	30.09.2019	31.03.2020
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited	
1	Total Income from Operations	-	-	-	-	-	-0.08
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or extraordinary items#)	-3.01	-5.26	-5.03	-8.28	-11.29	-19.92
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or extraordinary items#)	11.42	-4.87	8.21	6.54	97.55	145.34
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or extraordinary items#)	9.32	-6.67	6.5	2.64	77.26	130.34
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	18.65	5.57	49.48	24.22	6.17	38.59
6	Equity Share capital	300.89	300.89	300.89	300.89	300.89	300.89
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	442.23	423.57	384.87	442.23	384.87	418.01
8	Earning per Share (face Value of Rs. 10/- each)(not annualised)						
1. Basic	0.31	-0.22	0.22	0.09	2.57	4.33	
2. Diluted	0.31	-0.22	0.22	0.09	2.57	4.33	

- NOTE :**
- 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 Stock Exchange website www.bseindia.com. The same is also available on the Company's website www.jltd.co.in.
 - The above results duly reviewed by the Audit Committee, were approved by the Board of Directors in their meeting held on 12.11.2020.

For Jindal Leasefin Limited Sd/- (SURENDER KUMAR JINDAL) Managing Director
Place : New Delhi
Date : 12.11.2020

WESTERN RAILWAY

CONSTRUCTION OF 12 UNITS TYPE-II QUARTERS & OTHER WORKS

Divisional Railway Manager (WA), Western Railway, 6th Floor, Engg. Deptt., Mumbai Central, Mumbai - 400 008, invites E-tender as per details given as follows.

S. No.	Executive	Tender Notice No.	Work and Location	Approx. Cost of Work (₹)	EMD (₹)
1	Sr. DEN(N) BCT	BCT/20-21/265 dtd. 10/11/2020	Vrnr-Surat Section :- Gholvad- Construction of 12 Units Type-II Quarters in lieu of Quarter No. 60/E	2,25,72,093.31	2,62,900/-
2	Sr. DEN(N) BCT	BCT/20-21/266 dtd. 10/11/2020	Vrnr-Joravasan Section :- Laying of Geo-Grid & Geo-Textile with Deep Screening of Track by BCM & other associated works in connection with increasing speed up to 160 kmph under ADEN-DRD	7,20,03,504.93	5,10,000/-
3	Sr. DEN(N) BCT	BCT/20-21/267 dtd. 10/11/2020	Vrnr-Joravasan Section :- Laying of Geo-Grid & Geo-Textile with Deep Screening of Track by BCM & other associated works in connection with increasing speed up to 160 kmph under ADEN-BL	7,20,03,504.93	5,10,000/-
4	DEN(C) BCT	BCT/20-21/268 dtd. 10/11/2020	Vrnr-Joravasan Section :- Laying of Geo-Grid & Geo-Textile with Deep Screening of Track by BCM & other associated works in connection with increasing speed up to 160 kmph under ADEN-ST	6,17,17,289.94	4,58,600/-

Date & Time of Submission and Opening of Tenders : Sr. No. 1 to 4 up to 15.00 hrs. on 08/12/2020 and will be opened at 15.30 hrs. on the same day. Regarding detailed nature of containing cost of tender document (non-refundable), EMD, eligibility criteria, similar nature of work, detailed tender conditions, please visit www.reps.gov.in Manual offers will not be considered. 0431

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, 3rd Floor, Plot No-23, Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi- 110005

The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
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PUCOVSKI GETS CALL UP FOR INDIA TESTS

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

The prodigiously talented pair of Will Pucovski and Cameron Green were among five uncapped players picked Thursday in a 17-member Australian Test squad for the big-ticket four-match series against India, starting December 17.

The other uncapped Test players in the Tim Paine-led side are fast bowler Sean Abbott leading to his tragic death — leg-spinner Mitchell Swepson and all-rounder Michael Neser.

All the players who are yet to wear the Baggy Green have been called on the back of extraordinary performances in the domestic circuit in recent times, Cricket Australia said.

Cricket Australia's national selector Trevor Hohns said the Shield performances augur well for the country's cricketing future.

"Two of those many standout players were of course Cameron Green and Will Pucovski," Hohns said in a statement.

Each of these players, though, has represented Australia in other formats.

Up against a strong Indian line-up and seeking to regain the Border-Gavaskar Trophy they lost for the first time in 2018-19, the fresh faces in the Australian Test squad will join the seasoned stars who dominated their most recent Test series — against Pakistan and

'In Kohli's absence, Aus will easily win Test series'



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Former England skipper Michael Vaughan feels Australia will "quite easily" win the upcoming Border-Gavaskar Trophy against India as talismanic batsman Virat Kohli will not be there for the final three matches of the four-Test series.

"No Virat Kohli for three Tests in Australia...The right decision

going to be at the birth of his first child...but it means Australia will win the series quite easily IMO .. #JustSaying," Vaughan said in a tweet.

Kohli will, however, feature in three ODIs and as many T20Is which will be played before the first Test — a pink-ball fixture — of which the Indian skipper will be a part of.

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New Zealand at home.

The performance took the team to the top of the world rankings before the COVID-19 pandemic hit.

The limited overs leg, which will comprise three ODIs and as many T20Is, will be held prior to the Test series, starting November 27.

World's number one pacer Pat Cummins was named Paine's deputy in the Test team.

The selectors also named a 19-member Australia A squad, which includes nine members from the Test team, for four matches against India.

In recent times, past Australian greats have called for Pucovski's selection in the team following his fine run in domestic cricket — the 22-year-old struck successive double centuries in his two Shield appearances.

His inclusion sets up a competition with fellow opener Joe Burns, who is feeling the heat after a disastrous start to the first-class summer.

In all likelihood, Pucovski will partner the seasoned David Warner at the top.

"Their undeniable form demanded selection and we are very pleased to have these young men in the squad for

what will be a tremendous Test Series against an extremely formidable opponent," Hohns said. "Cameron has already won selection in the white-ball squad and continues that in joining the Test squad. He is a wonderful

young talent who has great potential to become an all-rounder of substance over time. His batting alone has demanded his place in the squad."

Pucovski has been in stunning form in the opening rounds of the Shield games, amassing 495 runs at an unbelievable average of 247.50 in his two matches.

"His ability to show such patience is something which stands him in good stead for Test cricket and he is in rare company with two double centuries to start the summer.

"We very much look forward to Will developing further on the international stage," Hohns said.

Australia Test squad: Tim Paine (c), Sean Abbott, Joe Burns, Pat Cummins, Cameron Green, Josh Hazlewood, Travis Head, Marnus Labuschagne, Nathan Lyon, Michael Neser, James Pattinson, Will Pucovski, Steve Smith, Mitchell Starc, Mitchell Swepson, Matthew Wade, David Warner



Pooran retains place for NZ tour

PTI ■ ST. JOHN'S (ANTIGUA)

West Indies all-rounder Roston Chase has been elevated to Test vice-captaincy while wicketkeeper Nicholas Pooran will continue as deputy in T20Is in the upcoming tour of New Zealand, starting November 27.

Chase replaced opener Kraigg Brathwaite, who was Jason Holder's deputy in the series against England in July, while the 25-year-old Pooran, first named the West Indies vice-captain in 2019, retained his position.

"Nicholas Pooran continues in the role of vice-captain of the T20I Team for the tour of New Zealand. He was first named vice-captain for this format for the series against Afghanistan in 2019," Cricket Windies' chief selector, Roger Harper, said.

Chase, 28, has so far played 35 Test matches, scoring five centuries and collecting three five-wicket hauls with his off-spin bowling.

"Roston Chase has been appointed vice captain of the West Indies Test Team for this tour of New Zealand. He is an experienced player who is tactically aware and very purposeful in his approach to the game," Harper said.

"He is readily willing to

offer advice and discuss ideas with his fellow players and the coaches and I think will offer good leadership support to captain Jason Holder both on and off the field," he added.

Chase has already landed in New Zealand while Pooran, who was part of the recently-concluded Indian Premier League, is expected to reach on Thursday along with the other players who competed at the tournament, including T20I skipper Kieron Pollard, Test captain Holder, Fabian Allen, Shimron Hetmyer, Keemo Paul and Oshane Thomas.

"I see this as another opportunity to learn and grow in the game. I was vice-captain for the tour of Sri Lanka earlier this year, so this is continuation of that work. It's always good to share your knowledge as we look to continue the winning mentality," Pooran said.

"I have been making strides in Test cricket since my debut back in 2016 and I see this new role as vice-captain as an honour. It is just for me to try and carry on and try to achieve great things for West Indies," Chase said.

"It is all about offering support to the captain, coach and other players as we try to plan strategy and put more wins on the board," he added.

Younis is Pak batting coach will 2022 T20 WC

PTI ■ KARACHI

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) on Thursday extended batting coach Younis Khan's contract till 2022 T20 World Cup in Australia.

The PCB said it had received positive feedback about Younis' role during tour of England, which paved way for is contract extension.

"I am delighted that Younis will now be with for, at least, the next two years as our batting coach. The feedback we received about Younis' impact in a short period of time in England was



excellent," Pakistan Cricket Board Chief Executive Wasim Khan said. "His work ethics, commit-

ment and knowledge are second to none, and I am confident that his appointment will benefit a number of talented batsmen."

When not on national duty, Younis will work at the High Performance Centre at Karachi, where he'll be joined by another Pakistan legend Mohammed Yousuf.

"The PCB will also be utilising Younis Khan's expertise and skills when he is not on national duty as he will help local batsmen hone their skills."

"This is part of the PCB's strategy to appoint highly-qualified and respected coaches across all major

centres of the country so that we can start producing cricketers who can represent Pakistan with distinction," Wasim added. He also led Pakistan to its maiden T20 World Cup triumph in 2009.

"I am pleased to join the Pakistan cricket set-up on a long-term basis," Younis said on his part.

"I felt honoured when I was given the opportunity this summer and thoroughly enjoyed my time, and I now look forward to continuing the work with the same group of people on an important tour of New Zealand," Younis said.

Belihu and Gemechu to defend ADHM titles

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Ethiopia's Andamlak Belihu and Tsehay Gemechu will return to defend their men's and women's titles respectively in the 16th edition of the Airtel Delhi Half Marathon on November 29.

The Ethiopian pair will both be aiming for an unprecedented third successive victory in the prestigious IAAF Gold Label Road Race.

"This has been a difficult year, for everyone around the world, not just professional athletes, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and I have been training alone much more than that I am normally used to."

"But my fifth place at the World Athletics Half Marathon Championships last month has assured me that I am in good shape and I am confident I can put up a good defence of my title," said Belihu.

Ethiopia's Guye Adola will return to Delhi for the first time since he set the course record of 59:06 in 2014.

An unprecedented 13 men in the ADHM 2020 elite field have run under the world class bench mark of one hour, and five of them have run faster than Belihu in their careers.

The fastest man in the field is Bahrain's 2018 World Athletics Half Marathon Championships Silver medalist Abraham Cheroben, who holds the Asian record for the distance with 58:40.

Two other men to watch out will be the Ethiopian pair of Amdework Walegn, who was second in Delhi last year and also took



the Bronze medal at 2020 World Athletics Half Marathon Championships, and 2017 and 2019 world 5000m champion Muktar Edris, who will be making his half marathon debut.

Last year, Gemechu improved her own women's course record by 50 seconds when she ran a stunning personal best of 66 minutes. She will have a host of outstanding rivals in this year's race, arguably the strongest women's field ever seen in the history of the ADHM with seven women having run under 67 minutes.

Among them are two of her compatriots, Yalemzerf Yehualaw and Netsanet Gudeta.

The in-form Yehualaw finished second in the ADHM last year, just a second behind Gemechu.

She grabbed the third place at the World Athletics Half Marathon Championships last month with a personal best of 65:19. While Gudeta finished eighth in Poland but helped Ethiopia bag the team gold and was the 2018 world half marathon champion.

Both the men's and women's races have a first prize cheques of USD 27,000 with a total prize purse (combined men and women) of USD 233,270.

This year's ADHM will be held in a bio-secure bubble with only an estimated 60 elite international and Indian runners in action.

Non-elite runners of all abilities will have a chance to participate virtually from any location, running at any time between November 25-29.

BCCI committed to deliver safe 2021 T20 WC

PTI ■ DUBAI

The BCCI is committed towards hosting a safe and healthy ICC T20 World Cup next year and "will leave no stone unturned" in its endeavour, board secretary Jay Shah said as the countdown for the much-anticipated event began on Thursday.

The seventh edition of the men's T20 World Cup comes five years after the event was last held in India. It will also be the first global cricket event since the ICC Women's T20 World Cup in Australia earlier this year.

For BCCI president Sourav Ganguly, it will be a different challenge as an administrator, having played and captained in multiple events as a player.

"I have enjoyed being part of ICC events as a player and know from experience that nothing beats the buzzing atmosphere of a global cricket event with millions around the world watching every game."

"I now look forward to playing my part as an administrator as we prepare to host the prestigious event," said Ganguly, confident that India would uphold its tradition of organising successful global events since the 1987 World Cup.

He also ensured that in these unprecedented times, the BCCI will do everything possible to "innovate and adapt" itself in challenging conditions. "In these times of pandemic, when there are severe restrictions, the BCCI believes in the policy of innovating and adapting, and I am confident that we will overcome every challenge."

The board secretary promised that all the 15 visiting teams will get a taste of India's warm hospitality. "While we are determined to provide a rich cricket-viewing experience, I would also like to assure the ICC and Member Boards that India is known for its warm hospitality and we will make you feel at home."

Finland stun World Champions France

AP ■ FRANCE

Finland stunned WC winner France 2-0 in a friendly as the hosts were punished for missing a number of chances.

First-half goals from winger Marcus Forss and striker Onni Valakari gave the Finns an unexpected win, which had looked even more unlikely after France carved open the visiting defence early on.

Forward Marcus Thuram, could have made a scoring debut at Stade de France Thuram almost scored with his first chance for France when he headed against the crossbar from close range in the 16th minute. Two minutes later, Thuram volleyed over another good opportunity from close range and tried his luck with a speculative curling shot a few minutes later. With Thuram probing down the left and combining



Finland's Onni Valakari, second right, is congratulated by teammates after scoring the team's second goal

well with striker Wissam Ben Yedder, the French looked in total control only to concede twice in quick succession.

After midfielder Moussa Sissoko gave the ball away in the 28th, Forss charged into the penalty area and finished confidently with a driving shot. Three minutes later, the Valakari curled a shot past goalkeeper Steve Mandanda

all-time top scorer for a national team.

Ronaldo reached 102 goals with Portugal to sit seven shy of the 109 scored by former Iran striker Ali Daei, the only other male soccer player to surpass the 100-goal milestone for a national team. Ronaldo broke the century mark after scoring twice in Portugal's Nations League win over Sweden in October.

Ronaldo entered the match after halftime at the Stadium of Light in Lisbon. He made it 6-0 with a close-range header in the 85th minute after having squandered a few good chances.

He had replaced Pedro Neto, the 20-year-old Wolverhampton forward who was making his national team debut and opened the scoring for Portugal in the eighth minute. Paulinho, who was also making his Portugal debut, added to the lead in the 29th and Renato Sanches

scored in the 56th.

GERMANY BEAT CZECH

Lucas Waldschmidt's early goal was enough for an inexperienced Germany team to beat the Czech Republic 1-0 in their friendly game.

Germany goalkeeper Kevin Trapp made a late save to deny Matej Vydra an equalizer for the visitors, who were without two players due to positive coronavirus tests. The game was played without fans to minimize the risk of infections.

Germany coach Joachim Löw handed debuts to both PSV Eindhoven defender Philipp Max and Wolfsburg defender Ridle Baku.

SPAIN, DUTCH DRAW

Donny van de Beek put his Manchester United troubles behind him to score the equalizer as the Netherlands came from a goal down to draw 1-1 with Spain in a

friendly at the Johan Cruyff Arena.

Van de Beek has struggled to establish himself as a first-team player in Manchester but felt right at home back at the stadium where he rose to prominence with Ajax as he drilled a low shot past Unai Simon in the 47th minute.

It was a fourth match in charge without a win for Netherlands coach Frank de Boer, whose record is now a loss and three draws.

ITALY WIN 4-0

Vincenzo Grifo scored his first two goals for Italy in a 4-0 win over Estonia in a friendly as the host won comfortably despite missing a number of players and its coach because of coronavirus infections.

Federico Bernardeschi also scored in the first half, while Riccardo Orsolini converted a penalty four minutes

from time. Italy was without coach Roberto Mancini and several players because of the coronavirus.

BELGIUM WIN 2-1

Striker Michy Batshuayi scored twice to help a makeshift Belgium side come from behind to beat Switzerland 2-1 in a friendly game.

The Crystal Palace forward showed clinical efficiency to convert Belgium's two best chances in the second half after Switzerland deservedly took the lead with an early goal that rewarded its intense pressing.

Ahead of upcoming Nations League matches against England and Denmark, Belgium coach Roberto Martinez played mostly his backups and handed debuts to youngsters Dodi Lukebakio, Hannes Delcroix and Charles De Ketelaere.

Gomez out for indefinite period

AP ■ LONDON

Liverpool's injury problems mounted with defender Joe Gomez leaving England duty with a knee injury sustained in training.

England manager Gareth Southgate said the severity of the injury was still unclear. "What was upsetting was to see he was in a fair bit of pain," Gomez said.

"No one was around him when the injury happened."

Liverpool already has center back Virgil van Dijk out for a lengthy spell with a knee injury, Fabinho sidelined with a thigh injury and right back Trent Alexander-Arnold out with a thigh problem.

England plays Ireland on Thursday in a friendly ahead of Nations League games against Belgium and Iceland.

