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West Bengal politics is at a crucial stage

Unlike some Western democracies where the attachment to political parties tend to be lifelong, there is considerable fluidity in political affiliations for activists. This is partly because — with the exception of the Congress, the BJP, Communists and a handful of regional parties — the party system in India is still evolving and is disproportionately dependent on individuals. Additionally,

since politics is all about the quest for power and influence—and I don't mean this in a pejorative way—individuals see political parties as vehicles for the fulfilment of their goals. Consequently, the political eclipse of any political party invariably sees a movement of people between parties. Today, to take an example, the erstwhile followers of Ram Manohar Lohia are to be found in nearly all the political parties. That is because the Indian socialists have a terrible record of creating and nurturing political parties.

Impending elections are normally the occasion for

activists to switch loyalties. Such defections are also regarded as barometers of public opinion, since local leaders with an eye on their own political futures tend to try and move to the side most likely to win. In January 1977, it was the defection of Jagjivan Ram, HN Bahuguna and Nandini Sathpaty from the Congress that triggered a political avalanche which culminated in the political defeat of Indira

It is difficult at this stage to anticipate the likely impact of the resignation of Suvendu Adhikari from the Mamata Banerjee Government in West Bengal. The resignation was preceded by months of strained relationship centred on the role of the Chief Minister's nephew Abhishek Banerjee in the political dispensation. Adhikari, along with other old-time associates of the Trinamool Congress chief, have resented to growing power of Abhishek and his attempts to undermine them. Mukul Roy, once the de-facto number two man in the TMC, left and joined the BJP in 2017. Now Adhikari, who enjoys considerable

If Suvendu Adhikari needs the BJP to demonstrate his political relevance in the State, the BJP needs to prevail all over East and West Midnapore to add to its preexisting strength. Those in the BJP who believe that defectors from other parties should be discouraged because the party is well placed to win on its existing strength are clearly being unrealistic. There are important gaps in support the BJP must fill — the urban cluster around Kolkata being important examples — if it hopes to form a Government in 2021 in Kolkata

influence in the two districts of Midnapur, has joined the ranks. Although he is still nominally in the TMC, it is only a matter of time before he leaves the party along with others. They seem likely to join the BJP before

too long.

Over the past 18 months, but mainly in the aftermath of the 2019 general election when it surprised everyone by winning 18 of the State's 42 Lok Sabha seats and winning 40 per cent of the popular vote, the BJP has emerged as the foremost challenger to the TMC in West Bengal. The BJP, once a bit player in the State with no real presence in local politics, has succeeded in eclipsing the Left and the Congress. In the 2019 general election, the Left vote was squeezed

considerably, with the lion's share of it going to the BJP.

There are still many problems that the BJP has to overcome if it is to upstage the TMC in next summer's Assembly election. The most important of these is to ensure that the 40 per cent support it received in 2019 is not only intact but supplemented by additional votes. This is a challenging prospect because regional parties such as the TMC tend to perform better in Assembly elections than in elections to the Lok Sabha. The Left, which performed disastrously in 2019 and failed to win any Lok Sabha seats from the State — the first occasion since 1952 — is also from the State — the first occasion since 1952 — is also hopeful that its alliance with the Congress will add to their

kitty in the Assembly poll. In such a situation, the BJP apart from holding its own — has two options. First, it needs to chip away at the TMC's existing voter base. In 2019, the BJP failed to make deep inroads in East Midnapur district the bastion of the Adhikari family The members of the Adhikari family won their seats in Tamluk and Contai. Additionally, the TMC won the Ghatal seat. If the Adhikaris shift their loyalty to the BJP, the saffron party will be better placed to consolidate its hold all along the perimeter of West Bengal. If Suvendu Adhikari needs the BJP to demonstrate his political relevance in the State, the BJP needs to prevail all over East and West Midnapore to add to its pre-existing strength. Those in the BJP who believe that defectors from other parties should be discouraged because the party is well placed to win on its existing strength are clearly being unrealistic. There are important gaps in support the BJP must fill — the urban cluster around Kolkata being important examples — if it hopes to form a Government in 2021 in Kolkata.

Secondly, for the BJP, the impression that the TMC is crumbling under the weight of its own contradictions is important. In any election there is a bandwagon effect whereby undecided and wavering voters swing to the party that seems to have the clear edge. In West Bengal the Muslim community — whose voter strength is anywhere between 27 and 30 per cent — plays a crucial role. This section has been outside the reach of the BJP and it forms the bulwark of support for the TMC, except in three districts where the Congress has influence. In the event it seems Mamata is crumbling, there will be a temptation on the part of Muslim voters to either swing to the Left-Congress alliance or support those Muslim parties that are campaigning aggressively to give Muslims an independent voice. Alternatively, sensing the BJP threat, the Muslim community may choose to back the TMC as a solid bloc. However, even positing non-TMC options before Muslim voters will become

difficult if the perception battle favours the incumbent. These are the reasons why the next few acts in the Suvendu Adhikari drama need to be closely observed. West Bengal politics is at a very crucial phase.

Farmers dig in heels, Shah reaches out

Farmers stay put along Delhi borders, HM says Govt ready for talks any time

A day after inviting the agitating farmers for talks on December 3, the Centre on Saturday held out an olive branch to the farmers, who refused to budge from their stand, with the Union Home Minister Amit Shah saying that the Government is ready for dialogue any time and appealed to them to shift to the Burari ground in the national Capital to stage their protests against the farm laws.

"The Government is ready to deliberate on every problem and demand of the farmers... Some farmers' unions and farmers have demanded that talks be held immediately instead of December 3. So, I assure everyone that the Central Government is ready to hold discussions with you as soon as you shift to the ground (in Burari)...the Government has made proper arrangement for you in Burari in Delhi, where you can stage your demonstrations," he said. Farmers after holding par

leys with their leaders and their speeches at Tikri and Singhu borders, announced that they will stay put and not proceed towards the Nirankari Ground and will sit on dharna



Farmers gather at the Singhu border as part of their Delhi Chalo protest against Centre's new farm laws in New Delhi on Saturday

in one ground as earlier the Delhi Police has demanded nine grounds to be made as temporary prison in Delhi for the protesting farmers. So we Ground and will sit on dharna at borders.

"It is a plan to imprison us are still coming from Punjab,

Harvana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh to join the move-ment," said Sukhbir Panwar, a farmer from Fatehabad district

Thousands of farmers

paign against the farm laws. braved water cannons and tear gas shells in Haryana to reach Delhi on Friday. They were, however, not allowed into the national Capital. As the protests continued, the Centre, which looks after the national Capital's

law and order, relented and fixed a place for their agitation. Hundreds of the protesters, however, refused to go to the outer Delhi protest venue and have remained camped at several places on the outskirts of the national Capital.

UP farmers reach Delhi border to lend support to 'Delhi Chalo'

New Delhi: Some groups of farmers from Uttar Pradesh gathered at the Ghazipur border with their vehicles on Saturday afternoon, lending support to the agitation by their counterparts from Punjab against the Centre's new farm laws. A senior Delhi Police officer said 200 farmers arrived at UP Gate (Ghazipur border) as part of "Delhi Chalo" march call given by farmer organisations in Punjab and police officials were tálking to them.

Thousands of farmers from Haryana, Punjab and Rajasthan on Saturday stayed put at the Delhi-Haryana Singhu and Tikri border points on the third consecutive day. The farmers on Saturday also refused to move towards the Nirankari ground to hold demonstration. Following the rise in number of farmers at Tikri and Singhu border, the Delhi Police re-installed bar-

Major need to develop Chhattisgarhi language, literature, says CM

STAFF REPORTER

There is a great need to develop Chhattisgarhi and create literature in the language, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said on Saturday.

He made the comment after virtually inau-gurating from his resi-dence a seminar organized at the hall of Mahant Ghasidas Memorial here on the occasion of 8th Chhattisgarhi Rajbhasha

Felicitating nine people for relicitating infle people for their contribution in preserv-ing and promoting Chhattisgarhi and its literature, Baghel said Chhattisgarhi, Hindi, Awadhi and Brij languages are contemporary but more literature has been created in the other languages as

compared to Chhattisgarhi.

He said it was after the formation of the Congress gov-ernment that the importance of Chhattisgarhi Rajbhasha and Chhattisgarhi Teej-festivals have gained their due impor-



The state government has declared Hareli, Teeja-Pora Karama Jayanti and World Tribal Day as holidays, he pointed out.
Culture Minister Amarjeet

Bhagat, Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu, School Education Minister Dr Premsai Singh Tekam, Women and Child Development Minister Anila Bhendiya and Forest Minister Mohammad Akbar were among those present on

ciated women for coming to the seminar in Chhattisgarhi attire. Earlier, people were hesitant to speak in Chhattisgarhi, now they take pride in their language, he said.

Dignitaries honored on the

occasion are Nandkishore Shukla (Bilaspur), Dr Pardeshiram Verma (Bhilai), Sanjeev Tiwari (Durg), Dr Rajan Yadav (Khairagarh), Vaibhav Pandey Bemetariha (Bemetara) and Dr. Chittaranjan Kar, Rameshwar

J&K voters defy boycott call, **DDC** polls record 51% turnout

3.62L vote to elect 43 candidates; Pak refugees allowed to vote for first time

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Celebrating the festival of democracy at the grass-roots level, more than 51 per cent votes on Saturday stepped out of their homes ignoring poll boycott calls and chilly weather conditions to cast their vote in the maiden District Development Council and Panchayat bypolls being held for the first time after the reorganisation of the erstwhile State of Jammu & Kashmir into two Union Territories and the Abrogation of Article 370 and 35-A in August 2019.

The other highlight of the polls was healthy participa-tion of the Pakistani refugees and women electorate in large numbers. The Pak refugees re among those present on occasion.

Chittaranjan Kar, Rameshwar Vaishnav, Devesh Tiwari and The Chief Minister appresudha Verma (all Raipur).

Chittaranjan Kar, Rameshwar vere deprived of their voting rights as long as J&K enjoyed the special status.



Voters undergo thermal screening as they arrive to cast their votes for the first phase of District Development Council elections at Hariganiwan area of Gund in Ganderbal district of central Kashmir on Saturday

Addressing a press conference after the first phase of polling ended, State Election Commissioner KK Sharma said, "The first phase of DDC polls passed off peacefully across the Union Territory of J&K in which over 3.62 lakh voters participated". He said barring one single incident of stone throwing by a youth no other major incident of poll related violence was repo from anywhere during the polling hours.

Sharma added, "Around 46.6 per cent women and 54 per cent male electorate came

out to vote during the day".

He said Kashmir region recorded little over 40.65 per cent polling while Jammu region recorded over 64 per cent voter turnout. Significantly, terror infested Pulwama district recorded the lowest voter turnout of 6.7 per

Modi reviews vaccine progress first-hand

PM visits facilities of Zydus Cadila, **Bharat Biotech**, **Serum Institute of India** in three cities

Covid-19

TOTAL

INDIA

CASES: 93,90,791

DEATHS: 1,36,705

ACTIVE: 4,52,688

RECOVERED:

87,99,249

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

Karnataka

Tamil Nadu

Uttar Pradesh

West Bengal

Kerala

Delhi

Odisha

Telangana

Raiasthan

Bihar

Haryana

Assam

Gujarat

Chhattisgarh

Andhra Pradesh

As part of his effort to review the progress of Covid-19 vaccine development, its launch and distribution, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday visited major vaccine

TOTAL CASES

18,14,515

8.82.608

8,67,063

7.79.046

5.93.958

5,61,742

5,39,899

4,77,446

3,17,789

2.68.418

2.62.805

2,34,725

2,34,553

2,30,713

2,12,483

2,06,714

manufacturing institutions — Zydus Biotech Park in Ahmedabad, Bharat Biotech facility in Hyderabad and Serum Institute of India (SII) in Pune — and interacted with the scientists there to get "a first-hand perspective of the prepa-

16,76,564

8.46.082

8,48,511

7.56.279

5,26,797

5,16,166

5,06,938

4,44,587

3,10,549

2.56.330

2,31,780

2,10,917

2,27,714

2,08,422

2,08,187

1,88,069

DEATHS

46,986

11.750

11.694

2,197

8,998

7,718

8,322

1,783

1,451

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1,253

2,375

980

3,953

6,981

rations, challenges and roadmap in India's endeavour to vaccinate its citizens". Modi began his day-long three-city tour in the morning

by flying first to Ahmedabad and thereafter heading to Zydus Cadila's Vaccine Technology Centre located at Changodar Park, where he

went around the place and interacted with the team of scientists behind the ongoing vaccine development effort "to know more about the indige-nous DNA based vaccine being

developed there".

Zydus Cadila is developing its Covid-19 vaccine candidate ZyCoV-D.



CAPSULE

PAWAN BANSAL MADE Congress Treasurer New Delhi: Congress presiden Sonia Gandhi has appointed Pawan Kumar Bansal as the 20 party treasurer following the demise of senior leader Ahmed Patel, a statement said on Saturday, Bansal, a former

union minister, is the AICC incharge of administration. UP GUV OK'S RELIGIOUS CONVERSION ORDINANCE

Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel on Saturday gave assent to an ordinance against forcible or fraudulent religious conversions that provides for imprisonment up to 10 years and $\overset{\cdot}{a}$ maximum fine of Rs 50 000 under different categories.

AIR QUALITY SLIPS TO 'POOR' LEVEL AGAIN IN NCR Noida: The air quality remain "moderate" in Faridabad but slipped to "poor" level in Gurgaon, Noida, Greater Noida

and Ghaziabad on Saturday



Prime Minister Narendra Modi visits the Zydus Biotech Park to review the development of Covid-19 vaccine, in Ahmedabad on Saturday

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HOME THEATRE



THE CHRISTMAS CHRONICLES: PART

Netflix *ing: Kurt Russell, Goldie Hawn, Judah Lewis, Darby Camp, Kimberly Williams-Paisley, Julian Dennison, Tyrese Gibson Rated: 6/10

I an adult is watching this, it will be difficult to get past the strange language the elves speak or the near bizarreness of the entire storyline. But first, they are Santa's elves; they can speak whatever they want as long as Santa Claus understands the same. Second, it is a Christmas movie. What else is one going to expect but a good Santa Claus and Mrs Claus. An evil elf who is hell bent on destroying Christmas forever. Imagine the catastrophe in the child's life if there was no Christmas, no gifts, no stocking to hang, no gingerbread house or cookies; it is akin to a Diwali with no

Having said that, the kids are going to love this movie. The elves are cute and you want to cuddle them even if one of them is evil. The entire Santa's village is a sight to behold – a giant Christmas tree

in the middle of the square with lights twinkling, guns firing snow at regular intervals (it is a secret village in the North Pole that no one is supposed to know about so it has a shield cover), hot chocolate you revive you instantly and most importantly the idea of a Christmas with healthy food – broccoli cake!

Santa's sleigh is another high point. It is like a high-speed sledge with reindeers managing to dodge the evil elf's hyenas or so they look like. Totally something out of a sci-fi film.

Then there is Kurt Russell and Goldie Hawn, one of Hollywood's most enduring duos who have been together for 37 years. Goldie here has a much bigger part to play than the cameo she did in the original one. She maintains the holiday spirit and does magic at the span of her fingers. The film rests on their shoulders and while one can see the familiarity and ease, they have with each other, the plot doesn't really help them steer it to safety.

Over all it is a movie that the

children will love; the adults can give this

- Shalini Saksena

Only for the kiddies **Feel good family treat**

ing: Dolly Patron, Jenifer Lewis, Josh Segarra, Jeanine Mason. Treat William, Jenna Hathaway Rated: 5.5/10

hose who don't know who Dolly Patron is, here is a bit about her. She is one of the most honoured female country performers of all time, achieving 25 RIAA certified Gold, Platinum, and Multi-Platinum awards. She has had 25 songs reach No 1 on the Billboard country music charts — a record for a female artist.

Not only this, she has nine Grammy Awards, two Academy Award nominations, ten Country Music Association Awards, seven Academy of Country Music Awards, three American Music Awards and hit films like Steel Magnolias and 9 to 5 to

This one, a musical, was bound to create a stir given it is the whole Scrooge thing. This time it is a rich woman who has inherited her father's property and is all set to evict everyone on Christmas Day! But it is a Christmas movie and hence the whole idea of giving rather than receiving. No surprises here how it ends. The surprise is how beautifully this musical has been

curated. The dancers are amazing, the set is beautifully done and how the dialogues have been woven into songs.

While there is nothing much in terms of the story, the fun is in watching the great choreography, a few toe-tapping tunes, creating a fantasy and that miracles happen.



Plan Your Day



all those shopaholica out there 'Black Friday is anything but a normal day. With major offers and discounts pouring in, it is hard to not shop anything. While now the day has gone for sure, but not the offers. Here are a few brands that are offering major discounts and deals till November 30 that will have your Sunday sorted without you having to risk your life by making some random outing plan during

Kiko Milano: The leading Italian cosmetics brand has unveiled its most tempting offer of the season — Buy 3 and Get 3 free, applicable on the entire range across categories available at Kiko Milano exclusive stores pan India. Pamper yourself and don't miss a chance to avail this exhilarating offer till November 30

Abhishek Bhattacharya, Country Director, Kiko Milano says, "Every year, customers increasingly anticipate tempting offers & await in excitement for the brands to reveal them for Black Friday sales. This year's beauty deals are

our '3 + 3' Black promotion, we expect the sales to grow by acquisition of a new

Mad Over Donuts: India's favorite donut brand — is giving all its patrons another reason to Bite Into Happiness with their Black Friday Sale till today. With exciting offers like buy 3 donuts and get 3 free, buy 4 donuts and get 2 free, and buy 6 donuts and get 6 free across all their specialty stores, Mad Over Donuts is sure to satisfy your sweet tooth cravings in the sweetest possible way. Visit your nearby Mad Over Donuts stores to check the offer. So, what are you waiting for! Bite into Happiness with Mad Over Donuts' Black Friday Sale!

My Protein: Bringing this sense of festivity to India is Myprotein, the world's leader in nutrition products and fitness goods. Myprotein wants to foster this spirit of celebration in India by encouraging a guilt-free shopping spree through their site-wide promotional offers and unbelievable discounts on the big day. It is sure to be the biggest endof-year sale, with deals too good to pass up on! Keeping in mind India's distinctive tastes, Myprotein has constantly kept things exciting by innovating new and localised products This November too is earmarked for some incredible new releases. Their bestselling Impact Whey Protein is now

out in the exciting Masala Chai flavoui for our legions of tea lovers. The light and refreshingly juicy Clear Whey Isolate, featuring 20g of protein per serving and low in sugar, is available in exciting flavours and has been a best seller in the UK already. So make the best use of these code: BF27 or 30% off exclusive on chocolate proteins + 3 Free gifts @ ₹8.000.

Mia by Tanishq: Mia by Tanishq, one of India's most fashionable jewellery brands unveils an exclusive Black Friday sale on the occasion of Thanksgiving and onset of the holiday season Black Friday is just around the corner and Mia is offering its customers exciting offers. Consumers can now get Upto 25%* off valid on Mia products till November 29, 2020.

The offer is applicable on different jewellery categories from dainty earrings, bracelets, finger rings to an pins. To celebrate the Thanksgiving month with family and friends customers can indulge in gifting Mia's 14 Karat light-weight, fashionable and stylish gold and silver jewellery. Get your hands on the best offers and shine with elegance.

Customers can also sport their favourite pieces from the latest festive collection 'Lyana' and together create



TELLYTALE

TUNE IN TO HERO MODE

Get ready for a wonder like never before as Sony SAB's announces its mega-launch of the year *Hero — Gayab Mode On.* With the power of invisibility as a distinctive ement in the story, the show promises to be a pure visual delight for the audience blended with a gripping storyline that will leave you asking for more. The show is slated to launch on December 7, every Mon-

The show is an incredible journey of a ommon man, Veer (Abhishek Nigam) and his guest to find his father. His life gets fascinatingly exciting as Veer chances upon a miraculous ring, which upon wearing gives him the power of invisibility. The ring can only be worn and owned by someone who has the inherent virtues of kindness. courage, selflessness, nobility and empathy. At the same time, it also has the power to corrupt and degrade the weak hearted making them vicious. But Veer decides to



the Hero. However, Veer's prized possession is also desired by the evil aliens of the outer world and here begins Hero's real challenge to save humanity.

Introducing Abhishek Nigam in the lead role of Veer aka Hero who promises to liven up the screen along with the very talented Manish Wadhwa as Amal Nanda, Ajay Gehi as Shukracharya, the gorgeous Yesha Rughani as Zaara, Nitish Pandey as Mama and the super-cute twins Surabhi and Samriddhi as sisters Sweety & Meethi along with a host of other stars in the show's

WHAT'S IN A PROFESSION? Presenting a heartfelt romantic drama, Colors is set to launch Namak Issk Ka. a journey of a flamboyant Chamcham who is looked down upon for her profession but is married off into a reputable family in

Mumbai. Even though Chamcham is a dancer traditionally known as Nachaniya, she is a levelheaded and morally righteous person

Raised in an orphanage, Chamcham became a dancer in order to make ends meet and to take care of those dependent on her. To essay the character of Chamcham,



actor Shruti Sharma has been roped in

Shruti Sharma says: "I am very excited to have landed this role. Chamcham is an incredible character, and playing her gives me a lot of scope for performance as an actor. The concept o-f the show is very strong and the background story of the character and her journey will definitely change social perceptions. I am also grateful to Colors for giving me this very special opportunity and I look forward to working on the show and giving it my all."

Kya aap karenge ek nachaniya ko bahu ke roop mein sweekaar? Watch Namak Issk Ka coming soon only on Colors.

RAGHAV'S ENTRY IN RENUKA'S LIFE Zee TV recently presented a heartwarming story that captures the essence of the ever-evolving dynamics of the saas-bahu Hamariwali Good News, it showcases a unique role reversal between the daughterin-law Navya (Srishti Jain) and her motherin-law Renuka (Juhi Parmar) to give their family the much awaited Good News Versatile actress Juhi Parmar plays the role of Renuka in the show, who is the motherin-law and the lifeline of the Tiwari family. Shakti Anand, on the other hand, is seen essaying the pivotal character of Mukund, who is Renuka's husband and Navva's

We've seen how Renuka and Mukund have been distant from each other and while we've seen the duo clash and argue like every couple, recently Renuka was trying to make an attempt to get closer to Mukund once again. However, it looks like a new character is all set to take their arguments to a whole new level. Manish Goel is all set to enter as Dr Raghav in Hamariwali Good News and it is his past equation with Renuka that will take the Tiwaris by storm.

Apparently, Raghav and Renuka were in love and he was going to ask for her hand in marriage. However, Mukund's *rishta* came in before he could make his move and the rest is history. While her husband was initially unaware, he came to know after seven-eight

years of marriage and since then his relationship with Renuka has never been the same. Mukund felt that he has been betrayed and has been suspicious of her ever since. When Raghay and Renuka bump into one another after so many years, how will Mukund react? And what will Raghav do after meeting Renuka? Well, the audience is in for a treat as a lot of twists and turns are set to play out in the next few episodes.

With Raghav all set to enter Hamariwali

Good News and create chaos in Renuka and Mukund's life, the audience will surely want to know what will happen next in the Tiwari

GET READY TO MEET PHOOL KUMARI Bhojpuri film icon and bold performer Rani Chatterjee has successfully made a mark in the entertainment industry. The daring actor is all set to make heads turn as she enters &TV's Gudiya Humari Sabhi Pe Bhari. Portraying the role of Nanhe's (Sudhi Neema) love interest Phool Kumari, Rani will create a spectacle amongst the men in the family whereas with the women, not so

When Gudiya (Sarika Bahroliya) finds out that Nanhe's medical reports show traces of cancer she is disheartened to learn that he has only a few days left to live. To make the most for Nanhe who longs for a companion Phool Kumari enters the house adding an extra dose of entertainment and



humour. Everyone in the house is astonished by her breathtaking looks and latke-jhatkes. They can't resist themselves and always seem to have an excuse to be around her

Expressing her excitement. Rani Chatterjee says: "I am thrilled to portray the role of Phool Kumari. It is the first time I will be exploring this genre, and I believe that this show is the perfect fit for me to make a debut in it. As Phool Kumari now enters the show, viewers will be in for a treat. I am sure they will enjoy this new role of mine and continue to shower me with their love and support.'

'Replacements come with challenges'

ASHI SINGH, who has recently replaced AVNEET KAUR to play Yasmine in Sony Sab's Aladdin Naam Toh Suna Hoga, speaks with MUSBA HASHMI about the challenges that she faced and reveals that she would love to be a part of Jhalak Dikhhlaa Jaa

■ What made you say yes to play

The character of course. Initially, I was apprehensive about taking up the role because it is a replacement, but when I got know about the storyline and the character brief, I liked it very much. It was something that I wanted to do. It is something that one doesn't get to do in daily life. fortunate to have got a chance to play this

■ Was it hard to get into the skin of the character? More so because you have replaced Avneet, and the character was already well-established? Yes. It was extremely difficult

to get into the skin of the character because if the audience has seen an actor play a character for two years, it becomes hard for them to accept another actor play the same role. Also, I didn't have the scope to play it purely my way, because Avneet portrayed it in her way and comparisons will be drawn. Initially, it took a lot of thoughts to play it differently from the previous actor and still maintain the essence. That was a double pressure. Also, it was out of my comfort zone, it required action that I haven't done earlier. There was so much to do.

Some memories from the

It's been only a while since I am a part of this show, but having said that I have some great memories already. From eating lunch together with the cast to sharing our life experiences with each other, we already have created that rapport. Sometime, even I wonder hamare paas itni baatein aati kaha se hain. I share a very good bond with Ginu (played by Raashul Tandon), Sheefan Tandon), Sheefan (played by Amit Raghuvanshi), Koyal (played by Shivani Badoni) and Aladdin (played by Siddharth Nigam). We never shy away from pulling each other's leg. There is a very dark location at the sets where we shoot all

the haunted scenes.

so in our free time

all five of us sit there

and share ghost stories. It is fun.

I want to play a lot of varied roles in my life. I don't want to keep playing the same kind of roles for five-six years. I am always on a look out for different characters. With that being said, I don't think there will be a role which I will ever turn down



■ Your character Naina from Yeh Unn Dino Ki Baat Hai earned much love from the audience. How has life changed after the show?

A lot. When I started shooting the show, it was hard for me to accept that I have got the show and that I am living my dream of acting. During the show only, personality was improved and I got to learn a lot. I went out of my bubble and experienced the world out there. There were instances when I was troubled with learning experience and help me tackle situations with much ease. It is hard for me to mention all the ways in which my life has changed after it, there's so

■ Is there a role that you would say

Not really. I want to play a lot of varied roles in my life. I don't want to keep playing the same kind of roles for five-six years. I am always on a look out for different characters. I don't think there will be a role which I will ever turn down.

■ A reality show that you would like to be a part

> Yes. I would really want to be a part of
> Jhalak Dikhhlaa *Iaa*. I like the show since my childhood and would love to be a

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Paddy procurement till Jan 31, 2021

Paddy will be bought in P December-January and maize will be procured from December to May 2021, the Chhattisgarh Cabinet decided on Saturday, the entire meet-ing held in Chhattisgarhi language to mark the Rajbhasha Diwas.

Chief Minister Baghel chaired the meeting at his resi-dence-cum-office. All the memhers shared their views on all the proposals in Chhattisgarhi, with the Chief Secretary starting the meeting with an address

in that language.

The policy for procurement and custom milling of paddy and maize on the support price in the Kharif marketing year 2020-21 was approved.

Paddy will be purchased cash and be linked from December 1 to January 31, 2021 whereas maize will be procured from December 1 to May 31, 2021, an official com-

The cabinet has decided to open industrial training institutes to complete the practical training of the trainees appearing in the final examination of ITI so that the final year trainees of ITI can appear in the All India Vocational Examination Examination (NCVT).

Organic fertilizers produced by government organi-



zations and Gothans under the Agriculture Department's Godhan Nyay Yojana can be directly procured by other departments. No tender will

be needed for this purpose. The cabinet approved an amendment in the cancelled land restoration and other relevant provisions of the Chhattisgarh Industrial Land and Management Rules 2015.

It approved establishment of a central processing unit for minor forest produce at Jamgaon (M) of Patan development block of Durg district

It decided to give lac farming the status of agriculture and to provide short term agricultural loan and interest subsidy for lac production.

As per Rule 7 of Chhattisgarh Motor Vehicles Taxation Act 1991, the cabinet decided to extend the exemption period for depositing monthly tax payable in advance to March 31, 2021 in lieu of the vehicles being dis-

The land allotted on lease to Municipal Corporation

Farewell to outgoing CS

RAIPUR: Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel felicitated and bid farewell to Chief Secretary Rajendra Prasad Mandal (IAS, 1987) at the cabinet meeting on Saturday at his official residence cum office. Mandal will retire on November 30. On the occasion. Cabinet Ministers wished him a long health and prosperous life, an offi-cial communication said Baghel said that under Mandal the state achieved many strides in the development sector. The challenging task of preventing Covid-19 infection was done under his leadership due to which the infection rate in the state was under control compared to other states.

Raipur from Gol Bazar should be allotted. The rate will be determined by a committee under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary.

The cabinet approved the Chhattisgarh State Migrant Labour Policy

Cabinet has decided to reduce the current premium rate of industrial plots by 50 percent to encourage employment, investment and settlements in Nava Raipur Atal

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'Get tested within 24 hours of getting flu symptoms'

STAFF REPORTER

 A^{s} the number of Covid cases rise again in Chhattisgarh, the government has asked people to get themselves tested the moment they get flu like symptoms.

"Covid cases are on rise get tested for Covid if one has flu like symptoms. If the Antigen tests result is negative but the symptoms persist, then RT-PCR test is necessary," a press release said on

In the Covid death audit reports, it has been observed that carelessness is causing a huge loss, it said.

A 60-year-old woman from Surguja region had hypertension. On November 7 she had Covid like symp-toms but she got herself tested only on November 14, leading to her hospitalization, the release said.

But despite best efforts, she could not be saved and she died. The death was caused by delay in testing, it

According to the Health in Chhattisgarh.

Department, on November 27 in all 1,879 cases were registered across the state. Eight deaths were recorded that day, taking the fatalities so far to 2,813.

So far 2.32 lakh people have tested Covid positive and 2.08 lakh were discharged after recovery. Currently there are 21,839 active cases

'Paryaavaran Van' will promote tourism in Luthra area: CM

STAFF REPORTER RAIPUR

¬he 'Paryaavaran Van' The 'Paryaavaran van will promote tourism in the area by making people aware of conservation of environment and its promotional activities, said Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Saturday.

He was addressing a gathering after dedicating the 'Paryaavaran Van' (park) virtually from his official residence-cumoffice. The event was held

during the cabinet meeting. The 'Paryaavaran Van' is situated in village Luthra Sipat-Baloda route under the Bilaspur Forest Division. The Forest Department has developed the area under the environment-forestry scheme spending ₹1.40 crore, said an official communication.

Forest Mohammed Akbar said Luthra village is vital for tourism. The park has been made to protect and biodiversity promote including Landscaping has been done and a pathway has been developed with 10,000 square metres of lawn.

Flowering plants have been planted. It has

Chhattisgarh State Hai Committee Chairman Mohammed Aslam said it is situated near Hazrat Sayyed Insan Ali Baba 'samadhi' spot. Devotees from across the state visit the area including from neighbouring states.

ED attaches properties of ex-IAS officer Agrawal

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

Directorate of Enforcement (ED) said on Saturday it has provisionally attached properties valued at #27.86 crore of ex-IAS officer Babulal Agrawal under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act 2002 (PMLA) in cases related to criminal misconduct and cheating by a public servant.

The attached assets include plant and machinery, balances in bank accounts and immovable properties of Agrawal and

his family, the agency said.

The ED had initiated investigations under PMLA on the basis of a FIR registered by Chhattisgarh Police's Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) under the Prevention of Corruption Act 1988.

This followed discovery of disproportionate assets amassed

by Agrawal and his family pursuant to searches conducted by the Income Tax Department in 2010 in the premises of Babulal Agrawal, his Chartered Accountant Sunil Agrawal and the former's family members, it

Three more FIRs were registered followed by chargesheets by the CBI against Agrawal and others.

Investigation revealed that Agrawal in connivance with his CA and his brothers Ashok Agrawal and Pawan Agrawal opened more than 400 bank accounts in the name of gullible villagers.

Cash was deposited in these and several other accounts, the agency said.

Agrawal was arrested by ED on November 9 and he is in judicial custody till December 5. Further investigation into the case is underway, ED said.

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491445 and Mrs Farhat yYasmin Khan w/o Abdul Asad, kachhari chowk ward no 17 Dongargarh, dist,	rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh. Area 972.50 sq feet. Boundaries:- North;	20.09.2018	1,70,000/-		
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M/s Akshay Hardware Prop: Sri Kamlesh Motwani S/o Laxman Das Motwani	Residential land and building in name of Shri Kamlesh Motwani, Plot no 98, Kh No. 148/2/11, Adarsh Karmachari Grih Nirman	01.02.2019	21,00,000/-	(Ph No 7868-222207) Canara Bank Kanker Branch,	
Plot no 98,Kh No. 148/2/11, Adarsh Karmachari Grih Nirman Sahakari Samiti Maryadit Kanker, Shri Ram	Sahakari Samiti Maryadit Kanker,Shri Ram Nagarward, Adarsh Nagar Kanker AREA: 1500 sq ft. Boundaries: On the	14.12.2019	2,10,000/-	A/c No 3482296000001 IFSC Code: CNRB0003482 E-mail: cb3482@canarabank.com	
Nagar ward, Adarsh Nagar Kanker.	EAST- plot No.97 (House of Kesri), On the WEST- Road, On the NORTH- Plot No.99 (House of Murty), On the SOUTH- Road.	₹ 9,45,919.18	10,000/-		
Arihant Food, Prop. Ayush Kanuga S/o Santosh Kumar Kanuga, Ward No. 4, Sunderganj Ward Athwani Gali H.No. 221, Badi Masjid Gali Old	 All that part and parcel of the property consist of Town Survey, No. /Khata No. 228/18 renumbered as 288/26 Ph. No. 16/30 Situated at Sunderganj Ward Dhamtari, Dist. Dhamtari C.G. With in the registration sub-dist Dhamtari and district Dhamtari Area: 1618 Sqft stand in the name of Mr. 	29.02.2020	1,11,00,000/-	(Mo. 9424204015) Canara Bank Dhamtari-II Branch, A/c No 78483020000029 IFSC Code: SYNB0007848 E-mail: cb7874@canarabank.com	
Dhamtari C.G. (Borrower). 2. Shobha Kanuga Wo Santosh Kanuga, Ward No 4, Sundarganj Ward Athwani	Santosh Kumar Kanuga. 2. All that part and parcel of the property consisting to Town Survey No/ Khata No. 228/28 propurphered as 289/27 bh No. 16/30 Strusted at Sundayana.	12.10.2020	11,10,000/-		
House No. – 221 Badi Masjid Gali Old Dhamtari, C.G. (Guarantor). stand in the name of Mrs. Shobha Kanuga. AREA2. South: Plot olg Mahesh & Ashok Parakh, East: Lan	sub-district Dhamtri and district Dhamtari Area : 812 Sqft 430 sq.ft. BOUNDARIES :- North: House of Narendra Rohra,	₹ 2,43,83,895.38	10,000/-		
M/S Balajee Marketing. Duplex House No EE16, Khasra no-	House No EE 16, Khasra no- 97/2 (Part) ,Raipura, RDA Indraprastha Scheme, PH	02.12.2016	29,34,000/-	(Mo. 9424204015) Canara Bank SME Raipur Branch, A/c No 4042296000001 IFSC Code: CNRB0004042 E-mail: cb4042@canarabank.com	
97/2 (Part), Raipura, RDA Indraprastha Scheme, PH No 104, RIC Raipur, Tehsil & Dist- Raipur	C.G Boundries: North: House No- EE 15,	04.01.2018	2,93,400/-		
CG	South: House No -EE 17, East: Road, West: House No EW 16	₹ 32,88,447.00	10,000/-		
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04,(Part) Amlidihi Rda's Rajendra Nagar Scheme No22,Ward No 46	No46 Ph No 114 Ric -Raipur	09.01.2018	1,12,000/-		
P:H No114 Ric Raipur CG	North: Gali, South: Road.	₹ 13,93,633.00	10,000/-		
 M/s Creative Industries Prop: Sri Akbar Haidry, Plot No A-04 Kh no. 139/15 (part), Ph no 113, Sri Ram 	Land & Depth (1997) Land & Lan	06.03.2018	34,30,000/-	(Mo. 9425503705) Canara Bank Devendra Nagar Ralpur Branch, A/c No 3705296000001 IFSC Code: CNRB0003705 E-mail: cb3705@canarabank.com	
Vihar, Opp Purena Govt School Ward N 45, Raipur, for loans granted to M/s Creative Enterprises.	front of Purena Govt. School, Rani Durgawati ward, ward no. 45, mouza Gram-Purena, The & Dist.	02.06.218	3,43,400/-		
 Safdar Haidry S/o Akbar Haidry, H.No A-4, Shri Ram Vihar Behind Minig Office Ring Road Raipur C.G. (Guarantor). 	Raipur C.G. Boundaries : North : Plot No.	₹ 21,53,501.00	10,000/-		
A) Deepak Tiwari S/O Vidyanand Tiwari, Hno 221 Tulip 2,Parthivi Pacific Ge Road,Raipur (Borrower).	At Part of Khasara No. 192/1, P.H. No. 90,	11.01.2018	14,17,500/-	(Ph. 0771-2535307) Canara Bank Tatibandh	
B) Roli Tiwari W/O Deepak Tiwari Hno.18 Parthivi Block Mohba Bazar Raipur (Guarantor)	Mahasamund C.G. AREA 3500 sq.ft.	19.05.2018	1,41,750/-	Raipur Branch, A/c No 5307296000001 IFSC Code: CNRB0005307	
Naipu (Suaranur)	Boundaries :- North: Seller's Plot, South: Plot Of Maya Mosle, East: Road, West: Na	₹ 42,05,703.00	10,000/-	E-mail: cb5307@canarabank.com	
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M/s HETAUDA ENTERPRISES
Shed At Kh No.101/2-10-11-12, New Prop. Shri Abhay Kumar Singh, Rhool Chowk, Opposite Hanuman Situated At Village Sakri, P.C.No. 111, Mandir, G.E.Road, Raipur(C.G.) R.I.C. Dharsiwa Tehsil, Raipur(C.G.) Boundries: North: Road, South: Other's Boundries: North: Road, South: Other's (Mo. 9424204015) 28.12.2017 55.33.000/-Situated At Village Sakri, P.C.No. 111, R.I.C. Dharsiwa Tehsil, Raipur (C.G.) Boundries: North: Road, South: Other's Land, East: Godown Of Abhay Singh, 14.05.2018 5,53,000/ E-mail: cb4042@canarabank.com ₹ 85,76,894.63 10.000/-West: Other's Land. West: Order's Land.

I Land And Building Of Khasra No.703, H No. Horp: Sri Ajay Kumar Gupta S/O Shri Kashi Ram Gupta, Khasra No.703, H No. 41/114, P.C. No. 106, Baijnath Para, Raipur No.703, H No. 41/114, P.C. No. 106, Baijnath Para, Raipur (C.G.) Total Area 478 Sqft in The Name Of 1. No.703, H No. 41/114, P.C. No. 106, Baijnath Para, Raipur (C.G.) For Loans Granted To M/S Kashi Wooden Udyog.

Wooden Udyog.

West: House Of Nijay Kumar Gupta, Sumar Gupta, North: House Of A.K.Gupta, South: House Of A.K.G (Mo. 9424204015) 11.01.2016 54,28,000/ Canara Bank SME Raipur Branch A/c No 404229600000 28.12.2017 5,42,800/ IFSC Code: CNRB0004042 E-mail: canarabank.com cb4042@car 10.000/-10,42,746.00 Kamal Kumar Gupta. (Ph. No. 0771-2244820) Canara Bank Sundenagar Raipur Branch, 1. Khemiai Thakre S/o Shankarlai Residentiai Flat/House No. LIG-73, 2nd Thakre, House No. 743, Easter Floor, Block No. 05, C.G. Housing Board
Part Of Junior School Colony Boriyakala, At Part Of Khasara No.Changorrabhata, Raipur C.G.
1493/1, 1495, 1496, 1498, P.H. No.- 117, 26.12.2019 9,20,000/-Changorrabhata, Raipur C.G.

2. Pramalata Thakre Wio Khemial
Thakre, House No. 743, Eastern
Part of Junior School
Changorabhatta Raipur C.G.

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Deen Dyal Yojna Siituated At Mouza
Boriyakala, Tah & Dist. Raipur C.G. Area
487.00 Sq Feet.
Boundaries:- North: Flat No. 74, South: 07.10.2020 92,000/-A/c No 56472960000 IFSC Code: CNRB0005647 E-mail: cb5647@canarabank.c 10,000/-7,72,951.00 Road, East: Flat No. 73, West: Flat No. 59 Mrs Menoka Chhetri W/o At Plot No.139 part of khasra No.637 (Ph. No. 0771-2443174) Canara Bank Devendra Nagar Narayandas and Mr Narayandas 136,638/134,639/134,640/134,641/134,645 /6 Paresh Das, LIG No.13 Sector /138,659/134,660/134,661/134, P.H.No.05, Housing Board Colony Saddu WOOD I LAND, Situated at Mouza Gram-Bindrawangarh RAIPUR -492001 Amleshwar, R.N.M. Bhilai Tehsil-Patan Distt-(C.G.) 04.05.2019 47,20,000/-136,638/134,639/134,640/134,641/134,645 /138,659/134, 660/134,661/134, P.H.No.05, WOOD I LAND, Situated at Mouza Gram-Amleshwar, R N M Bhilai Tehsil-Patan Distt-Durg C.G. Khata No.3930. Area 1500 Sq Feet. Boundaries: - North: Plot No.140, South: Plot No.138, East: Plot Branch, A/c No 370529600000 17.09.2019 4.72.000/-

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Pawan Verma and Shailendra All Part and parcel of the property consisting Deshmukh, Flat No. 401, The of residential Flat No. 401, Fourth Floor, Block empressia, Block Palacia, Dr. Palacia at The Empressia, Dr Rajendra Tajendra Prasad Ward Tikrapara Prasad ward, Ward No. 46, Tikrapara, Rajeur (Mo. 94255-02554) G E Road Branch, 01.07.2018 18,75,000/-Raipur A/c No 2555295000002 20.10.2018 1.87.500/-C.G. Area: 750 Sq. Ft. Boundaries: North: Corridor, South: Palac 402, East: Imperia 404, West: Palacia 404. IFSC Code: CNRB0002555 25,31,378.37 -mail: cb2555@canarabank.co M/s S.S.D.N. Enterprises Open Land on Kh. No. 238/3, P.H. No.- 35 (Mo. 9425550441) 15.10.2019 15,70,000/-(Mo. 9425550441) Bhilai, Rishali Branch, A/c No 5858296000001 IFSC Code: CNRB0005858 roprietor: Motilal Chawla RIC- ANDA, Near Rathi Tar Plant, Bey Stadium, Anda, Tah & Dist. - Durg (C.G.) Area- 21780 Sqft. Boundaries :- No 20.02.2020 1,57,000/-3hilai -490023 (C.G.) Land Of Tripti, South: Land Of Rathi, East ₹ 22,10,670.00 10,000/and Of Yogesh, West: Dharsa Road -mail: cb5858@canarabank.co Sheetala Traders
(Prop. Mrs. Rajkumari Prasad
Wo Awadh Bihari Prasad, 41 k,
Mother Teresa Nagar, Sunda
21,Camp 01, Supela,Bhilai,Tehsii
and District DURG, (C.G.)

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Residencial House, Sheet No. 21, C. Pir
Residencial House, Sheet No. 21, C. Pir 24.08.2018 22,00,000/-Durg Padmanabhpur Branch, A/c No 5731296000001 w/o Awadh Bihari Prasad ,41 k, Mother Teresa Nagar, ward 21,Camp 01, Supela,Bhilai,Tehsiil and District DURG, (C.G.) 15.11.2018 2,20,000/-IFSC Code: CNRB0005731 il: cb5731@canarabank. ₹ 39,46,378.62 10,000/-Shekh Kasim S/o Shekh Daood cial House, Sheet No. 21 C, Pk (Ph. 7722-237891) Dhamtari Branch, A/c No 335529600000 17.12.2019 Shekin Rasim 3rd Shekin Babou, Risai Para Ward 15, Hanuman Mandir Galil Dhamtari- & Smt. Shamsun Nisha Musalman (Borrower) and Shravan Kumar Sahu (Guarantor) Slo Kritram Sahu, H.no. 62, Near Risai Mata Mandir Ramsagar Para Ward 31, Dhamtari- 493773. 15,84,000/ No. 166 Situated at Risaipara, Ward 15 mtari 493773 12.10.2020 1,58,400/-AREA 118.50 S AREA 118.50 Sqmt.

Boundaries:-North: House Of Mang Prasad, South: House Of Nadim, East House Of Mangal Prasad, West: Naga mail: cb3355@canaraban 10,000/-9,87,471.00 Land and Building in the Name of Mr. Man M/s. Sai Baba Bhoojal Co., (Ph. 7722-237891) 9,40,000/-15.07.2019 Prop. Mr. Manoj Tiwari, Add Qtr No. 4C,Street No. 39, Sector-4, Bhilai (C.G.) Tiwari situated at Khasra No. 7273/1 7373/15, Plot No. 59 and 59A Patwari Halk Bhilai Main Branch, A/c No 029829600000 No. - 14 Kripal Nagar Purani Basti, Kohka Bhailai District-Durg. Boundaries: North: Kapil's Plot, South Land Plot No. 59, East: Road wide20; West 01.11.2019 94,000/-10,000/-E-mail: 13,80,271.26 cb0298@canarabank.c Road wide 50'.

Details and full description of the immovat M/s. Sri Sri Industries, Partner- Shri Vimal Verma and Partner- Sri Shiv Kumar Verma, Plot No, 36/C, Light Industrial Area, Bhilai, Distt.- Durg (C.G.) (Ph.: 0788-2296075) Details and tull description of the immovabile property with known encumbrances, if any Land and Building on Ptot No, 36/C, Ligh Industrial Area, Bhilai, Distt-Durg (C.G.) Boundaries: East: Ptot No. 36 Part, West Ptot No. 35, North: Road, South: Vacant Par of Ptot No. 35 04.04.2019 23.63.000/-Canara Bank SME
Branch, Nandini Road,
Bhilai (C.G.)
A/c No 2548296000001, IFSC
Code: CNRB0002548
E-mail: cb2548@canarabank.com 2,36,300/-10.12.2019 ₹ 70,16,281.00 10,000/-Plot No 90 (Part). Kh No. 1781/2 PH No (Ph. 7722-237891) Bhilai Main Branch, A/c No 0298296000001 M/s Aqusa Socks Industries Prop. Raziya Shaheen Quraishi, Add.: Plot No. 9 0 (Pa rt) Vivekanand Nagar, Kohka, Bhilai 10.11.2017 33,30,000/-19, ward No. 8, Vivekanand Naga Mouza- Kohka, Bhilai, Dis-Durg, Area 3.33.000/-10.03.2018 1200 Sq. IFSC Code: CNRB0000298 Boundaries:- North: Plot No. 90, (Part South: Plot No. 89, East: Other ₹ 44,46,432.66 E-mail: cb0298@canarabank.c Details and full description of the immovable property with known encumbrances, if am Plot no.5, Ward No.1, Khasra No. 144/1 ncludes Kh No.148/2,147/3, 147/4, 149/2 PC 15/21, Junwani, Inside Junwani Chowk thikhi Nala, Durg, Palsi Durg, Chhattisgari measuring 1000 Sq.Ft. Bood. South, Roland (Mo. 9754929644) Canara Bank Bhilai Main Branch Smt Madhuri Mandal, W/o Shr Rakesh Mandal, 1H, Street 86 Sector-6, Ward 46, Bhilai (C.G.) 14.12.2018 18,00,000/-Bhilai (C.G.) No 0298296000001 23.05.2019 1,80,000/-Boundaries: North: Road, South: Balar 10,000/and of Seller, East: Land of Seller & Plo No.04, West: Land of Seller & Plot No.06. 23,78,003/-, west. Land on Seller & PiOt No.96. Land and Building on Plot No.90, Ligil Industrial Area, BHILAI, Dis. Durg (C.G. AREA: 20000 sq., Boundaries: East Plot No.9/E, West: Plot No.9/C (Syster India), North: Part of Plot No. 9, South Road (Mo. 9754929644) Canara Bank Bhilai SME Branch, 10.12.2019 69,33,000/-Bhilai (C.G.) 24.02.2020 6,93,300/lot No. 9/D, Light Industrial Area. Vc No 254829500000 ₹ 51,64,740.60/-10,000/nail: cb2548@canarab Mr. Dharmendra Singh Parmar House At Khasra no. 1338, PC No. 107 (Mo. 9754929644) 10.12.2019 29.90.000/-Ward No. 8 Gudhiyari Raipur CG
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Ward No. 8 Gudhiyari Raipur CG
Soundaries: - North: Sellers Land,
South: Land Of Murlidhar Banjari, East: T.P. Nagar Branch, Raipur (C.G.) A/c No 530629600000 24.02.2020 2,99,000/-₹ 23.18.265.00/-Land Of Murlidhar banjari, West: Road.

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Authorized Officer, Canara Bank Date: 25.11.2020

UP Guv gives nod to Ordinance against forcible religious conversions

Governor Anandiben Patel on Saturday gave assent to an Ordinance against forcible or fraudulent religious conversions that provides for imprisonment up to 10 years and a maximum fine of Rs 50,000

under different categories. The promulgation of the Uttar Pradesh Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Ordinance, 2020, came four days after the Yogi Adityanath government had

approved the draft of the legislation which also curbs religious conversions only for the sake of marriage.

The new law, however, did not go down well with the opposition Samajwadi Party.

Hours after the governor's nod, SP president Akhilesh Yadav said his party will oppose the Bill when it comes up in the UP Legislature for passage. "The Samajwadi Party is

not in favour of any such law We will oppose it (when it comes up in the assembly)," the SP leader said in reply to a question at a press conference

According to the ordinance, a marriage will be declared "null and void" if the conversion of a woman is solely for that purpose and those wishing to change their religion after marriage need to apply to

the district magistrate.

It also has a provision under which if someone returns to their original reliconversion.

While the onus to prove

that the conversion has not been done forcibly will lie on the person accused of the act and the convert, it said.

In case of contravention of the law, the ordinance says that the court shall grant appropri-ate compensation payable by the accused to the victim of conversion which may extend to a maximum of Rs 5 lakh in addition to the fine.

son shall convert, either directly or indirectly from one religion to another by use or practice of misrepresentation, force, undue influence, coercion, allurement or by any fraudulent means or by marriage nor shall any person abet, convince or

conspire such conversion.

An aggrieved person, his/her parents, brother, sister, or any other person who is related to him/her by blood.

version, according to the ordi-

In cases of mass religious conversion, the registration of the social organisations will be cancelled, and strong action will be initiated against them.

If those previously convicted under the ordinance are caught again for the same offence, they shall be subjected to double punishment, it said.

Notwithstanding anything

Criminal Procedure, 1973, all the offences under this ordinance shall be cognisable and non bailable and triable by the sessions court, the ordinance

In recent weeks, BJP-run states like Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Madhya Pradesh have revealed plans to enact laws to counter alleged attempts to convert Hindu women to Islam in the guise of marriage, which Hindu jihad". The Uttar Pradesh cabinet's

approval to the ordinance followed the announcement by Adityanath that his govern-ment would come out with a law to deal with "love jihad". Addressing bypoll rallies in

Jaunpur and Deoria last month, Adityanath had used the Hindu funeral chant of 'Ram Naam Satya Hai' to threaten those who do not respect daughters

hanging in Muzaffarnagar

PTI ■ MUZAFFARNAGAR (UP)

26-year-old Dalit man was A 26-year-old Dank III..... on Saturday at Manfora village under Jansath police station limits here, police

According to SHO Deepak Chaturvedi, the body identified as that of Vikram was brought down and sent for a post-

Police are investigating whether the Dalit man was murdered or he had died by suicide.

Dalit man found | Programme on financial management in Covid times held

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

he Vice Chancellor of the Doon University, A K Karnatak has said that financial literacy is an important subject in today's time and during the ongoing period of Covid- 19 pandemic financial empowerment along with saving human existence is an important issue. He was speaking after inaugurating a webinar on managing per-sonal finance during Covidtimes Saturday.

The programme was organised under the aegis of the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) and Doon University on the occasion of World Investor Week

The programme convenor and dean student welfare, H C Purohit welcomed the guests on

He said that more than 300 participants have registered in this free webinar in which teachers, employees and common investors are

also participating.
The keynote Speaker on the occasion was Chief Advisory of Association of Mutual Fund in India Northern Territory, Suryakant Sharma. He said that Sharma said that next one year would be difficult for managing

He advised that apart from calculating basic expenses for next one year some money should be kept aside for social and family responsibilities. Sharma gave an elaborate account of different investment options during the present pandemic

WB spent ₹4K cr on Covid mgmt so far, got no assistance from Centre: TMC

Kolkata: The Trinamool Congress on Saturday claimed that the Mamata Banerjee administration has so far spent Rs 4,000 crore on COVID-19 management in West Bengal and has not received any assis tance from the BJP-led NDA government at the Centre to deal with the pandemic situation.

State Women and Child Development and Social Welfare Minister Shashi Panja said that starting from scratch. the West Bengal government has expeditiously built the necessary infrastructure to tackle

With no assistance from the Centre, the Mamata Banerjee government has spent Rs 4,000 crore to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic in the

"It has spent Rs 1,200 crore before June and the remaining Rs 2,800 crore after that," she told reporters at the TMC headquarters here.

The state had faced the

double disaster of COVID-19 and super cyclone Amphan, in which losses amounted to Rs 1.02 lakh crore, Panja said.

. "The West Bengal government has spent Rs 6,500 crore in providing relief and rebuilding infrastructure affected by the cyclone,"

Rajasthan slashes RT-PCR Covid test by pvt labs at ₹800

Jaipur: The Rajasthan government on Saturday fixed the rate for Covid-19 RT-PCR tests by private labs in the state to Rs 00, slashing it by Rs Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said the government ordered the lowering of the Covid test rates from Rs 1,200 to Rs 800 following a drop in test kits'

The state government issued the order slashing the Covid-19 test rate by private labs soon after the chief minister digitally inaugurated a 70-bed Covid-19 Intensive Care Unit in RUHS Hospital hee and disease testing labs in six towns.

Speaking during the pro-

gramme, Gehlot said his gov-ernment is making all efforts to strengthen the Covid-19 management infrastructure

2 held for molesting, attempting to throw woman off train

Thane: Two persons have been arrested for allegedly molesting woman and attempting to throw her off a moving local train in Maharashtra's Thane district, police said on Saturday.

The incident took place late on Wednesday night, when the accused got into the ladies compartment of the local train and one of them molested the travelling to Kasara, inspector V D Shardul of Kalyan railway police station said.

"People should not be worried by the rise in positive cases as they will do due to the increasing number of tests," he

He sought to assure people of "encouraging" recovery rate in the state, saying Rajasthan has a Covid death rate below one per cent -- one of the lowest in the country.

Gehlot said the corona

infection must not be hidden at any stage because delaying treatment makes the disease He said those who did not

get themselves screened timely had to undergo treatment in

The chief minister said the health infrastructure has been strengthened throughout Rajasthan for maximum

screening and proper treatment of corona-infected per-sons and now RT-PCR testing facility is available in every dis

Defending a Covid-infect-ed Health Minister Raghu Sharma's visit to newly set up ICU in RUHS Hospital, a ded icated Covid hospital, in Jaipur, the chief minister asked who else will conduct a visit if not the health minister.

Gehlot said after testing positive, the minister was admitted in the RUHS Hospital and he inspected the newly set up ICU there.

BJP had raised objections

after the Covid-positive minister visited the hospital. The BIP leaders had accused him of putting the lives of others including the hospital staff at

K'taka CM's political secy hospitalised

18 new Covid cases in Mizoram; tally rises to 3.806

Aizawl: At least 18 people, including four security personnel, have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 24 hours, taking the state's tally to 3,806, an official said on Saturday.

Ten cases were reported from Aizawl district and four cases each were reported from Serchhip and Lawngtlai districts, he said.

Three Border Security Force (BSF) jawans and an Assam Rifles jawan were among the newly infected peo-

ple, the official said He said that five patients have developed symptoms of COVID-19 while the remaining 13 patients were asympto-

POLICE HEADQUARTERS, CHHATTISGARH, POLICE HEADQUARTERS, ATAL NAGAR, NAVA RAIPUR Notice Inviting Tender No. PHO/Sec-10/Kit-Clo/28/ 4855 /202 Sealed tenders are being invited by the Director General of Police, Chhattisgarh

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a)	Address for submission of Tender Document:-	AIG of Police(P&P), Block no 03, Room No.309 Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh, Sector 19, Nava Raipur.
b)	Last Date and Time of Submission on Bids	28/12/2020 till 03.00 pm Block no 03, Room No.309 Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh, Sector 19, Nava Raipur.
c)	Place, Time and Date of opening Technical Bid :-	Block no 03, Room No.309 Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh, Sector 19, Nava Raipur. 28/12/2020 at 04.00 pm
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 Tender documents can be downloaded from our website www.cgpolice.gov.in and at the time of submission of document tender fee Rs. 2000/- will be paid in the form of DD of State Bank of India/Scheduled Bank (other than Cooperative Bank) payable at Rajpur in favour of Assistant Inspector General of Police (Accounts), Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh, Atal Nagar Rajpur Or State Govt. Challan of Rs. 2000/- to be deposited in the Head of AC- 0055-Police-800- other receipt. Tender fee is non refundable and can't be exempted in any condition.

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 If any bidder sends tender documents through Courier/Speed post, the tender documents will be accepted ill 03.00 pm on 281/2/200 at Block no.3, Room No.309 Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh, Sector 19, Nava Raipur only. Received tender documents in any other address at PHQ on stipulated date and time, will not be accepted.

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21-year-old victim who was

Responding to the incident, the state Congress demanded an investigation into the matter to enable the truth CHHATTISGARH STATE POWER GENERATION CO. LTD.

> An FIR has been registered against Santosh for allegedly attempting to kill himself, police sources said.

According to sources, Santosh is said to have attempted suicide by consuming sleeping pills on Friday night.

On finding him uncon-

after 'suicide' attempt, stable scious at his Dollars Colony

Bengaluru: Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa's political secretary and relative R Santosh, who was hospi talised following an alleged suicide attempt, is 'stable and cheerful' and may be discharged in a day or two, doctors treating him said on Saturday.

to come out and claimed that some confidential matters are linked to it.

residence here, family members rushed him to the Ramaiah Memorial Hospital. Santosh (31) was brought

at about 8.30 pm with an alleged history of consumption of sleeping tablets at around 7 pm, the Hospital President Dr Naresh Shetty said in a state-Noting that on admission he was drowsy, the doctor said

appropriate treatment was

administered immediately and all investigations were carried "He has been taking sleep-

ing tablets occasionally for his sleep disturbance as per past history. This morning, the patient is stable. He had his breakfast

and is cheerful. The plan is to shift the patient to the ward

He may be discharged in day or two, based on his health status and recovery, the statement added.

Addressing the media, ICU specialist at the hospital Dr Deepak said Santosh was stable without any drowsiness and all his parameters BP, pulse

and hard rate was good.

To a query, the doctor said
Santhosh had taken sleeping
pills alprazolam. Yediyurappa
had rushed to the hospital late last night to inquire about Santosh's health.

"This morning, we walked together for 45 minutes. Even yesterday I saw him, he was happy. I don't know why this happened. I will find out and to his family," he said. Meanwhile, the Sadashivanagar police have registered an FIR against Santosh, police sources

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Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the STATE BANK OF INDIA under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a Demand Notice date as below mentioned date calling upon the Borrower(s) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice and interest thereon within 60 days from date of the receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under suice in (4) of section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 said rules on this the date mentioned below. The borrowers in articular and the Public in percept is bereby to quitoned not not lead with the receptor and any declains with the property will be subject to particular and the Public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of STATE BANK OF INDIA, for amount mentioned below and interest thereon. ver's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the

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Weekly closure of markets resumes in Doon today

The weekly closure of shops and marketplaces on Sundays has returned in Dehradun from today as a measure to contain Covid-19 contagion in the city. The Dehradun district magistrate Ashish Kumar Srivastava has directed authorities to ensure the implementation of the weekly closure of shops on Sunday which was the festive season. As informed by the city magistrate Kusum Chauhan, the commercial establishments like petrol Corporation of Dehradun ly closure on Sunday.

pumps, medical shops, vegetables and fruits shops and dairies are allowed to operate on Sunday and if any shops which do not fall under essential services will operate without the approval of the authorities, strict actions will be taken against the

informed that the home delivery services for any products including food will not be prosure of markets. Apart from this, Srivastava has also instructed the officials of the Municipal

(MCD) to sanitise all the main marketplaces of the city as the crowd on the weekly closure day would be less in the public

According to deputy municipal commissioner Rohitash Sharma, the municipal corporation is regularly sanitising the areas where it is required and as per the direcwill be sanitised on this Sunday also directed additional district magistrates (ADMs) to ensure the implementation of the week-

Negi instructs police to find father of girl who allegedly committed suicide

The chairperson of the State The chairperson of the Commission for Protection (COPCR) Usha of Child Rights (SCPCR) Usha Negi has directed the Deputy Inspector General/Senior Dehradun to find out the family of a girl who reportedly committed suicide earlier this month. Recently, the commission had called the officers from the police station handling the case to get

a thorough picture of the matter. On Friday, two sub-inspectors arrived in SCPCR and presented the details of the case before Negi. They informed that the police have filed a case against the couple with whom the victim was living for the last many years. Negi informed that as per the police, the purported victim was left by her father with the accused and his wife when the father was a

vears back and since then, she was living with the family. The victim's father had also left another daughter with

the tenant of the house but she fled from there within a few days back to Bihar, as per Negi. According to the accused's statement, the father did return to take his daughter back after around four years but the now dead daughter refused going back, stated Negi. She said the police informed that on the day the victim allegedly tried to commit suicide, she went to a temple at 4 AM on the advice of a man living in the same building when she told him she was feeling scared. The daughter of a woman working in the temple dropped her back to home around 7 AM when the victim told the family that she is feeling scared and hearing differ-

ily decided to call a priest and sent the victim to her room to get ready but when she did not return soon, the husband and wife went to look and found out that the victim was hanging from a noose tied to the ceiling fan, informed Negi. The fami ly managed to enter the room and brought the girl down and admitted her in a private hospital but later shifted her to another hospital as the first one was expensive for the family, as per the police information to the commission. Subsequently, the victim died on November 8, informed Negi, Moreover, Negi said that staff at the private hos pital where the victim was initially admitted has stated verbally that there was no indication of any kind of sexual victim was admitted there.

As per the police, the fam-

Naidu calls for promoting cycling culture in cities

Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu on Saturday called for promoting cycling culture and creating exclusive cycling tracks in cities and for that a mass movement to encourage

cycling is required. He urged the Government to integrate cycling into urban transport system and that the cities must plan city wide bicycle-sharing schemes, implement carbon credit to benefit cyclists and also promote E-Bicycles.

Naidu said cycling benefits include low-cost, zero pollution and improved health.

Virtually delivering the key-note address at an International Webinar on 'Cycling in the post-Covid world', Naidu said there is a need to create a mass movement to encourage cycling through rigorous awareness campaigns and regular promotional events. Terming the webinar theme as timely and important, he called for collective global efforts to make the planet greener and safer.

Observing that the pan-demic has changed the way we live, buy, utilise our time and commute, the Vice President pointed out that restrictions in many cities across the world have resulted in a reduction of motorized traffic and an increase in people choosing to walk or ride bicycles.

Pointing out that cycling was one of the best ways to reduce the risk associated with a sedentary lifestyle, he said that cycling provides several benefits in the form of zero dependence on energy sources, zero pollution, and improved



The vice **President advised** urban planners and policymakers to have a re-look at their plans and policies and earmark exclusive cycling tracks

provide critical support to the urban and rural poor who do not have access to the basic mobility", Naidu added.

Stating that the pandemic has provided a rare opportunity to promote and integrate cycling into the urban transport system, he advised urban planners and policymakers to have a re-look at their plans and policies and earmark exclusive

Observing that many urban cycling networks in Europe, China and USA have seen a surge in traffic, Naidu said that there was a huge potential for promoting cycling in India and called for providing the necessary infra-

Stating that traffic surveys revealed cycle trips account for more than 15% of trips in most towns, he said this was the right time to proproperties worth The Enforcement
Directorate on Saturday
attached properties worth

mote cycling as it reduces noise pollution, improves road safety and also helps in addressing the increasing energy import bill.

Quoting a recent study, he said it was estimated that the use of bicycles in place of twoand four-wheelers for short-distance trips in India could result in an annual benefit of USD 24.3 billion.

"However, the absence of cycling ecosystem is preventing it from becoming the preferred mobility solution for all sections of society", the

Vice President added.

Stressing the need to ensure that the post-COVID world is greener and more resilient, Naidu urged cities to plan city-wide bicycle-sharing schemes, implement Public Bike Sharing systems, create a mechanism for the carbon credit system to benefit cyclists and promote E Bicycles.

Ms. Raluca Fiser, President, World Cycling Alliance, Christophe Najdovski, Deputy Mayor, Paris and President, European Cyclists Federation, Dharmendra, Chairman, NDMC, Kunal Kumar, Cyclists Mission Director, Smart Cities Mission, Kamal Kishore Yadav, CEO and Commissioner, Chandigarh Smart City and other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

₹27.8 cr under PMLA accounts, 13 shell companies owned and operated by CA Enforcement Sunil Agrawal, 26 Delhi and Kolkata-based other shell com-₹27.86 crore of former IAS offipanies as well as the sister concer Babulal Agrawal under the cerns of Prime Ispat Limited (a Prevention of Money Laundering Act in cases relatcompany owned and managed by family members of Babu Lal ed to criminal misconduct and Agrawal) were used in placecheating by a public servant.
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including share premium in Prime Ispat Limited (PIL)," the ED said in a statement. Out of the above, the ED had already attached properties of PIL to the tune of ₹35.49 crore in the year 2017, it said.

which was finally integrated in

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Now, remaining plant and machinery to the tune of ₹26.16 crore has been attached Besides this, bank balance of Rs 20.43 lacs lying in 291 bank accounts, a residential plot worth ₹39.52 lacs in the name of Xpress Mining Pvt. Ltd. (an entity owned and operated by family members of Agrawal), Rs 15 lacs recovered during the Income Tax search, balance of ₹4.75 lacs in the bank account of one firm Capstone, a residential plot worth ₹10.25 lacs in the name of another company Shri Ram Vihar (both partnership firms owned and operated by family members of Agrawal), cash of ₹39.81 lacs and two Kg gold recovered by CBI have been attached under

PMLA. Agrawal was arrested by ED on November 9 this year and he is in judicial custody till December 5. Further Investigation in the case is under progress, the agency added.

Few misguided farmers will soon understand rationale behind Centre's farm laws: Goyal



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Union Minister Piyush Goyal on Saturday expressed confidence that the few "misguided" farmers, who are protesting against the Centre's three farm laws, will understand the well-meaning intentions behind these changes while Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar on Saturday said that the Government is awaiting a proposal from the protesting farmers and then will make decision based on that.

The Minister has been every day asking the farmers to call off the protests. He said that the Government is ready to hold talks with the farmers and

has invited them for another round of talks on December 3. "I appeal to them to leave agitation in view of COVID-19

and winter. I am hopeful the farmers will agree to task," he Thousands of farmers start

ed entering the national capital on Friday as part of their 'Delhi Chalo' march against the Centre's new farm laws.

"It is little unfortunate that some political vested interests are misguiding our farmers. But I am very confident that just like almost across the country, farmers have welcomed our new initiatives on the farm side, the few misguided farmers will also under-stand the well meaning intentions behind these changes for the benefit of the farmers, and for a better future for our farmers," Goyal said.

He said that if pen or ther-mos manufacturers do not have any restriction on where goods, farmers too deserve the same independence. The Government, he said,

is working at strengthening the hands of farmers by unshackling them from the constraints of the past. "We are preparing the country and stronger, to get the ability to market their own products anywhere in the country," the commerce and industry minister added.

After Nivar, another cyclone forming over Bay of Bengal

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

fter Nivar, another cyclone After Nivar, another cyclone is forming over Bay of Bengal. According to the India Meteorological Department, it is"very likely" to concentrate into a depression in the next 48 hours and intensify further before moving towards the Tamil Nadu coast. Under its influence, various parts in southern States were likely to receive rainfall starting December 1, the IMD said in a series of tweets. "A Low Pressure Area lies

over South Andaman Sea SE (south east) Bay of Bengal and Equatorial Indian Ocean. It is



very likely to concentrate into depression during next 48 hours and likely to intensify further thereafter," it said.

It is likely to move nearwestwards and reach south Tamil Nadu coast around

December 2, it said. Under its influence, scattered to widespread rainfall

Tamil Nadu, Puducherry,

Karaikal, Kerala, Mahe

forecasts isolated heavy to very heavy rainfall with moderate thunderstorm and lightning over Tamil Nadu, **Puducherry and**

plant and machinery, balances in bank accounts and immov-

able properties of Agarwal and

his family members.

The ED initiated investi-

gation under PMLA on the basis of FIR registered by Anti-

Corruption Bureau (ACB), Chhattisgarh under Prevention

of Corruption Act, leading to disclosure of the dispropor-

tionate assets amassed by

Agrawal and his family mem-

bers following searches conducted by the Income Tax Department in February 2010.

The IT Department had then conducted searches at the

premises of Agrawal, his CA Sunil Agrawal and his family

Further, three more FIRs were registered followed by chargesheets filed by the CBI against Agrawal and others. These FIRs were registered under various Sections of the Indian Penal Code and

Indian Penal Code and

Prevention of Corruption Act.

PMLA revealed that Babu Lal Agrawal in connivance with his

CA Sunil Agrawal and his brother Ashok Agrawal and

Pawan Agrawal opened more than 400 bank accounts in the name of gullible villagers of

Kharora and its nearby villages. Cash was deposited in these

"Investigation under

members.

this period Andhra Pradesh and south Ravalaseema on Tuesday and

Karaikal during

IMD has issued 'Orange' alert for Pathanamthitta and Idukki districts on Decemberl and for Thiruvananthapuram and Kollam districts on December

IMD also forecasts isolat ed heavy to very heavy rainfall with moderate thunderstorm and lightning over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal during this period. Isolated heavy falls with

moderate thunderstorm and lightning was also very likely over south coastal Andhra Pradesh during December 1 and 2 and over Rayalseema and Lakshadweep area on Wednesday, it added. some years back for flying from the aircraft carrier.

Commander Nishant Singh of crashed MIG-29K traceless even after 24 hours

Naval pilot Commander Nishant Singh is yet to be traced 48 hours after his MIG-29K fighter jet crashed into the Arabian Sea off Goa on Thursday evening.

However, the rescue teams managed to rescue the other pilot who along with Singh ejected from the jet before it went down.

Scores of warships, heli-copters and aircraft of the Navy and other agencies were carrying out an extensive search and rescue mission on the spot where the plane crashed into the sea, officials

said here on Saturday. The twin-seater MIG-29K fighter jet crashed during rou-tine sortie. These aircraft oper-ate from the INS Vikramaditya

aircraft carrier.

This is the third mishap involving the MIG-29K in the last one and half years. At least 45 jets manufactured by Russia were inducted into the Navy

mishap, the navy had said on Friday a board of inquiry was ordered to ascertain the cause of the incident. "A MiG-29K trainer aircraft operating at sea met with an accident at about 1700 hrs on 26 November. One pilot has been recovered and search by air and surface units in progress for the second pilot. An inquiry has been ordered to investigate the inci-

dent," the Navy said.

The MIG-29Ks had recently participated in the prestigious Malabar series of maritime exercises with the navies of the US, Australia and Japan. The Indian aircraft carrier along with the US Navy's aircraft carrier Nimitz took part in the second phase of the four nation drill in the North Arabian Sea off Goa earlier this

The exercises focused around the Vikramaditya Carrier Battle Group of the Indian Navy and Nimitz Carrier Strike Group of the US Navy. The two carriers, along with other ships, submarine

ing navies carried out high intensity naval operations over four days from November 17 onwards. These exercises also included cross-deck flying operations and advanced air defence exercises by MIG 29K fighters of INS Vikramaditya and F-18 fighters and E2C Hawkeye from Nimitz.

This is the third mishap of MiG-29K aircraft in the last one year. In February this year, a MiG 29K crashed after being hit by birds over Goa. Both pilots had steered the jet away from habitation before eject

In November last year, a MiG-29K trainer aircraft crashed outside a village in Goa. Both the pilots had then ejected safely. In January 2018, a fighter jet crashed as it veered off the runaway at the INS

Hansa base in Goa.

The pilot escaped unharmed. The MIG-29Ks of the Navy are based at its base in Goa and operate from the lone aircraft carrier INS

CBI raids 45 locations in 4 States in coal theft case

PNS NEW DELHI

The CBI on Saturday carried $T^{he \ CBI \ on \ Saturday \ carried}_{out \ multi-city \ search \ operation \ at \ 45 \ locations \ in \ four}$ States after registering a case against alleged coal pilferer Anup Manjhi who was suspected to be colluding with two general managers and three security personnel of Eastern Coalfields Ltd (ECL) for the

The searches were spread across West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh, officials said.

The CBI registered the case on Friday against Manjhi, ECL General Managers Amit Kumar Dhar (of then Kunustoria area now Pandaveswar area) and Jayesh Chandra Rai (Kajor area) besides ECL Chief of Security Tanmay Das, Area Security Inspector, Kunustoria, Dhananjay Rai and SSI and security in-charge Kajor area Debashish Mukherjee, they said.

It is alleged that accused Anup Manjhi alias Lala is involved in the illegal mining and theft of coal from leasehold mines of ECL in Kunustoria and Kajora areas, they further said.

The CBI case followed inputs from "reliable sources" indicating illegal excavation and theft of coal in the leasehold area of ECL in "connivance" with the officials of ECL, CISF and

Railways, they said. The vigilance department of the ECL and its Task Force had also noticed illegal mining from May 2020 and onwards with the



help of large excavation machines and vehicles for transportation that were seized by the

"Several instances of installation of illegal weighbridges in concrete form were also detected which confirms illegal coal mining and transportation from ECL areas in an organised manner at a very large scale," reads

It is further revealed by the source that illegal mining is going on at the leasehold area of ECL behind Topsi village under Kunustoria Area and at Lachhipur Village under Kajora Area by the coal mafias in active connivance with officials of ECL and those of CISF, the FIR alleged.

The departmental raids on August 7, 2020 led to the recovery of over nine MT of stolen coal from the Railway siding of the Pandaveswar area. Similar recoveries were also made from

"It is learnt that this illegal activity is being run at Railway sidings by the criminals with

the active connivance of unknown Railway officials the agency alleged in the FIR.
The CBI has alleged that

Manjhi is the kingpin of most of the coal pilferage in the area arising out of illegal mining.

It appears that illegal coal mining in the ECL leasehold area is going on along with theft of coal from Railway sidings in an organised man ner, the CBI said.

It alleged that the accused officials and security officers of ECL and CISE in connivance with unidentified Railways officials, allowed Anup Manihi alias Lala to misappropriate the national property entrusted to them. committing criminal breach of

Dhananjay Roy, the security inspector of the state-run firm in the Kunustoria area in West Bengal"s Pashchim Bardhaman district was taken ill when the search operation was underway, they said.

tal where he died, they added.

Wednesday, the IMD said. Pawan Bansal appointed interim treasurer of Cong

ongress on Saturday appointed former Rajya Sabha MP Pawan Kumar Bansal as the interim treasurer of the All India Congress Committee (AICC). The post fell vacant after the sudden Congressman and sitting Rajya Ahmed Patel earlier this

Pawan Kumar Bansal's predecessor Ahmed Patel served as the AICC treasurer from August 2018 till his untimely demise earlier this week due to corona

A four-time Lok Sabha MP from Chandigarh, Pawan Kumar Bansal also served one term as a Rajya Sabha MP for Puniab. In addition, Pawan Kumar Bansal has also served as a national spokesperson of the AICC and chairman of the party's research & reference cell in the past.

72-year old Congress leader handled the Minister of

State (MoS) portfolio in Parliamentary Affairs, Finance and Water resources ministries and water resources ministries during Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's tenure. He was made the Railways Minister in UPA-2. Pawan Kumar Bansal resigned from the post in 2013 after his nephew was accused in a bribery case.

his political career, Bansal entered the limelight when he was appointed president of the Puniab unit of the Indian Youth Congress (IYC).

His appointment to the top job comes at a time when Congress is looking to challenge not just the BJP but other Opposition parties in the upcoming Assembly elec-

Responding to his appointment as AICC treasurer, Bansal said, "I thank Congress President Sonia Gandhi ji and Rahul ji for posing faith in me and discharging the duty with full responsibility shall be my

Hawala dealer Naresh Jain moves court seeking bail in money laundering case

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lleged hawala dealer Alleged hawala dealer Naresh Jain, arrested in connection with a case of money laundering related to international hawala transactions worth around ₹20,000 seeking bail.

The bail application is likely to be heard on

December 2. The application claimed

that the probe regarding the accused was complete and his further custody was not required. It also said the court may impose any condition on the accused while granting him the relief.

Advocate Naveen Kumar Matta, the special public prosecutor, had appeared for the Enforcement Directorate.

Members of armed forces deserve special treatment, should not be harassed: Delhi HC

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Members of the armed forces, who take the oath of laying down their lives for the country, deserve special treatment and are not to be harassed unnecessarily and "made ping pong of" by being dication to another, the Delhi

High Court has said.

The high court observed that the oath required to be taken by the President, Vice President, Governors of the States or by the Judges of the Supreme Court and the High Courts does not require them to lay down their lives in the service of the country.

It is only the members of the armed forces who are required under the Constitution and other laws to take an oath of abiding by the command issued to them by the President or any officer set over them. even to the peril of their lives, a bench of Justices Raijy Sahai Endlaw and Asha Menon said.

The court's observation came on a batch of 40 petitions challenging an order issued by the Ministry of Defence (MoD) granting the benefit of pro-rata pension only to Commissioned Officers of the Defence Services and not to the Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs)/ Persons Below Officer Rank (PBORs).

The petitioners -PBORs who joined the Indian Air Force (IAF) as Airmen/ Corporals — said the MoD's order is discriminatory and claimed pro rata pension.

Plea in SC against 'retrospective' change in tenure of SK Mishra as Enforcement Directorate director

A petition has been filed before the Supreme Court seeking to quash the Centre's decision to "retrospectively" amend the tenure of Sanjay Kumar Mishra as the director of the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

cate Prashant Bhushan for NGO Common Cause, also sought a direction to the central government to appoint a director for the agency "in a transparent manner and strictly in accordance with the law"

It has contended that the order issued by the Centre extending Mishra's tenure for one more year, was in violation of the provisions of the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC)

Act, 2003. The petition, which is likely to come up for hearing in the coming days, has alleged that the government employed a circuitous route to ensure Kumar got one more year as director of ED by way of retrospectively modifying the appointment order itself.

Mishra, an IRS officer, was appointed ED director for two years by an order dated November 19, 2018, the plea

However, the Central Government on November 13, 2020, issued an office order in which it was stated that the President has modified the 2018 order to the effect that a period of "two years" written in the 2018 order was modified to

"The Centre has done indi-



rectly what could not have statute," the plea said.

that the ED handles a large number of cases involving huge corruption, many of which are politically sensitive in nature. and the agency's director has powers akin to that of the director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

It added that "such illegal-

ities in the appointment of the Director of Enforcement will shake the confidence of citizens in the institution of Enforcement Directorate

"Such an action will be totally against the laudable principles highlighting the need of impeccable integrity of persons holding high public offices and the consequent need for insulating the said offices from extraneous influences, as enshrined by the Supreme Court...," it said.

ED director's appointment is governed by the CVC Act which provides that no person below the rank of additional secretary to the government of India shall be eligible for appointment for the post and the director so appointed will continue to hold office for a period of not less than two he assumes office, the plea

TRUMP SUFFERS ANOTHER JOLT **US court rejects Pennsylvania lawsuit**

In a fresh setback to US President Donald Trump's efforts to reverse the November 3 presidential election result in the battleground state of Pennsylvania, a court has dismissed a lawsuit filed by his team, observing that "voters, not lawyers choose the presi-

The judgement came four days after Pennsylvania certified Trump's Democratic rival Joe Biden as the winner in the state which has 20 electoral col-

Trump, a Republican, has refused to accept defeat in the November 3 presidential election, and told reporters on Thursday that it would be "hard" to concede to Biden, a

The President has said that he would leave the White House if the Electoral College declares Biden as the winner, but made clear he is not prepared to "concede" the election.

He has launched a slew of lawsuits in key states, but has not provided any evidence to back his claims of electoral fraud. Many of the lawsuits have been dismissed by courts. The three-judge panel of the 3rd US Circuit Court of Appeals on Friday upheld a vious ruling that dismissed the Trump campaign's request for an injunction in the case in Pennsylvania to challenge the election results and slammed

"Free, fair elections are the lifeblood of our democracy. Charges of unfairness are seribut calling an election unfair does not make it so. Charges require specific allegations and then proof. We have neither here," Judge Stephanos Bibas said in his order. "The campaign cannot win this lawsuit," said Bibas, who was appointed by Trump.

He authored the order along with two other judges on the bench, Chief Circuit Judge Brooks Smith and Judge Michael Chagares, who were appointed by former appointed Republican president George W Bush.

Trump has refused to concede the November 3 election to Biden and has filed multiple lawsuits challenging the poll

results in several states. Former vice president Biden was declared the winner of the US presidential election Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin to the Democrats'

Biden has 306 electoral votes to Trump's 232 votes. To win the race to the White House, the successful candidate should have at least 270 electoral votes out of the 538-member Electoral College.

Biden's tally is far more than the 270 needed to win the race for the White House, and he also leads the popular vote by more than six million.

In his Thanksgiving Day remarks, Trump, however, said it will be a mistake if the Electoral College were to elect

The president-elect leads by more than 80,000 votes in the battleground state of Pennsylvania.

Trump's lawyers Rudy Giuliani and Jenna Ellis said they will now appeal to the Supreme Court.

The activist judicial machinery in Pennsylvania continues to cover up the alle gations of massive fraud. We are very thankful to have had the opportunity to present proof and the facts to the PA state legislature. On to SCO

According to the local Philadelphia Inquirer, "Bibas pointed out that despite the campaign's speculative claims and fiery rhetoric, it never alleged - let alone offered any evidence to suggest - that any vote had been improperly counted or cast."

"Voters, not lawyers, choose the president. Ballots, not briefs, decide electionsâM; alchemy cannot transmute lead into gold," Bibas wrote in his order. The New York Times said

many courts have used scathing language in tossing out a relent less barrage of lawsuits filed by the Trump campaign and its supporters, but even so, the Third Circuit's ruling was par-The court accused the

Trump campaign of engaging in "repetitive litigation" and pointed out that the public interest strongly favoured "counting every lawful voter's vote, and not disenfranchising millions of Pennsylvania voters who voted by mail," the daily said.

Earlier in the day, Trump reiterated that he won the elec-tion and unsubstantiated

has raised fears of reignited tensions across the Middle East.

shadows, the image of Mohsen Fakhrizadeh suddenly was to

be seen everywhere in Iranian

media, as his widow spoke on state television and officials

publicly demanded revenge on Israel for the scientist's slaying.

Israel, long suspected of killing Iranian scientists a

decade ago amid earlier tensions

over Tehran's nuclear program,

has yet to comment on Fakhrizadeh's killing Friday. However, the attack bore the

hallmarks of a carefully planned,

military-style ambush, the likes

of which Israel has been accused

of conducting before. The attack

has renewed fears of Iran strik-

ing back against the US, Israel's

closest ally in the region, as it did

earlier this year when a U.S. drone strike killed a top Iranian

general. The US military

acknowledged moving an air

craft carrier back into the region, while an Iranian law-

maker suggested throwing out UN nuclear inspectors in response to the killing. Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei called Fakhrizadeh "the country's

prominent and distinguished

nuclear and defensive scientist.

Khamenei, who has the final

say on all matters of state, said

Iran's first priority after the killing was the "definitive pun-

ishment of the perpetrators and those who ordered it." He

President Hassan Rouhani

blamed Israel for the killing.

"We will respond to the assas-

Speaking earlier Saturday,

did not elaborate.

After years of being in the

claims of voter fraud.
"Biden can only enter the

Biden to let health experts decide who will get a Covid-19 vaccine first: Gounder

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

White House as President if he

can prove that his ridiculous "80,000,000 votes" were not

fraudulently or illegally obtained. When you see what

happened in Detroit, Atlanta, Philadelphia & Milwaukee,

massive voter fraud, he's got a

big unsolvable problem!'

"Big Tech and the Fake News Media have partnered to

Suppress. Freedom of the Press is gone, a thing of the past. That's why they refuse to report the real facts and figures of the

2020 Election or even, where's

Hunter!" he said in another

The Electoral College is scheduled to meet on December 14 and is expected to formally declare the 78-year-old Biden as the 46th US

system, voters do not directly choose the president. Instead,

they vote for 538 officials, who

allowed the official start of

Biden's transition to power without conceding defeat.

Biden is due to be sworn in as president on January 20.

The Electoral College is

Under the US electoral

Trump tweeted.

US President-elect Joe Biden will let health experts decide who will get a Covid-19 vaccine in the country first, according to Dr Celine Gounder, a member of his coronavirus advisory board. Since the risk for Covid-19

can vary among different groups of people, prioritisation for a vaccine will be tricky, and Biden will leave those decisions to health experts, the Indian-American infectious disease physician said. It is expected that there will likely be a limited supply of coronavirus vaccine doses available immediately after a vaccine is authorised by the US

food and drug administration.
"Other than health care workers, others who will be first in line to get it will be peo-ple who do have chronic underlying medical conditions who are older, as well as communities of colour who have been disproportionately

impacted by this pandemic," Gounder told CNN on Friday. The country's death toll since the pandemic's start is now more than 264,000. And are allocated to American states based on their population size. Earlier this week, Trump nearly another 60,000 people could lose their lives over the next three weeks, according to an ensemble forecast published by the US centers for disease control and prevention (CDC) this week. "Now among those groups is where it starts to get a little bit more contentious," she added. "How do you prioritise between the 85-year-old woman in a nursing home, versus the 65-year-old African American — especially when that 65-year-old may be as just as high-risk of significant disease?" The CDC's advisory

practices (ACIP) will recommend groups to receive the vac-cine first. "That's where it gets a bit more political and frankly, this is where the President-elect is leaving it to the public health experts and scientists to figure out how best to allocate the limited supply first," said Gounder, who was named by Biden earlier this month to his coronavirus advisory board.

The ACIP called an emergency meeting for December 1, where they will vote on the very first group to get a vaccine.

"Because we know that the

vaccine will be available in very limited doses, even if they prioritise health care workers prioritise health care workers and older people in their pop-ulation, it's going to be really important to be a little more granular," said Rick Bright, another member of Biden's coronavirus advisory board.

"They're going to discuss that granularity in health care workers. If I only have so many doses available, how do I prioritise those health care workers first and make those rec-ommendations to the states?" he said. Typically, the ACIP meets after a vaccine is authorised by the FDA to make recommend

dations, but they are working proactively in anticipation of a quick decision by the FDA, the report said. "We foresee imminent authorisation if this vaccine is shown to be effective and safe in the near future and we want to be at the point where we are providing appropriate guidance to the states and jurisdictions for the use of these vaccines," ACIP chair Dr Jose Romero told

US pharmaceutical major Pfizer has applied to the FDA for emergency use authorisation for its vaccine. An independent panel of experts, the FDA's vaccines and related biological products advisory committee, is slated to meet on December 10 to discuss the application, the report said. FDA officials say a decision

should be made within a few weeks of the meeting and possibly much sooner. The US on a row with more than 100,000 new cases. Hospitalisations hit a new high on Thursday — for the 17th consecutive day — with more than 90,400 Covid-19 patients nationwide, according to the Covid Tracking

Biden will be a President who represents the best in us: Kamala

Washington: Joe Biden will be a president who represents the best of America, his deputy and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris has said, asserting that he is a leader the world will respect. Lavishing praise on the 78-year-old US President-elect, Harris on Friday said that Biden will be a president for all Americans

"Know that" Biden "will be a president who represents the best in us. A leader the world will respect and our children can look up to," Harris said in a tweet. Harris, 56, the daughter of an Indian immigrant from Chennai, has created history by becoming the first Black American woman to be elected as the

Iran's supreme leader vows revenge over slain scientist sination of Martyr Fakhrizadeh in a proper time," Rouhani said. AP TEHRAN an's supreme leader on Saturday demanded the "definitive punishment" of those behind the killing of a create chaos. scientist who led Tehran's disbanded military nuclear program, as the Islamic Republic blamed Israel for a slaying that

A crowd of protesters march in Bangkok, Thailand, on Saturday. Pro-democracy demonstrators are continuing their protests calling for the Government to step down and reforms to the constitution and the monarchy, despite legal charges being filed against them and the possibility of violence from their opponents or a military crackdown

Company and Santers Holding

and Joint Stock Company Elecon

in Russia for transferring sensi-tive technology and items to

Iran's missile programme.
President Donald Trump

withdrew the US from the

landmark Iran nuclear deal in

2018. After withdrawing from

the Iranian nuclear deal, Trump has asked all countries to

reduce their purchase of oil

from Iran to zero or face sec-

gramme is for peaceful purposes. Pompeo said all countries

need to be vigilant to efforts by

gramme. "These measures are

part of our response to Iran's malign activities. These deter-

minations underscore the con-

tinuing need for all countries to

remain vigilant to efforts by Iran

Iran insists its nuclear pro

ondary sanctions.

US imposes sanctions on Russian, Chinese companies for supporting Iranian missile programme China and Nilco Group, which is also known as Nil Fam Khazar

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

The US has imposed sanctions on four companies from China and Russia for supporting Iran's missile programme that remains a "sig-nificant proliferation concern," Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has said.

The announcement was made on Friday as the US continues to take tough measures against Iran for continu-ing their activities related to nuclear arms.

"The US has sanctioned four entities in China and Russia for their support of Iran's missile programme, proliferation concern. We will continue to use all our sanctions tools to prevent Iran from advancing its missile capabilities," Pompeo said.

The companies are Chengdu Best New Materials Co Ltd and Zibo Elim Trade Co, Ltd. in gramme," Pompeo said.

UK appoints vaccines minister to oversee Covid inoculations

AP ■ LONDON

The British Government appointed a vaccines min-ister on Saturday as it prepares to inoculate millions of people against the coronavirus, potentially starting within days.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson said Conservative law-maker Nadhim Zahawi will oversee the country's biggest programme in decades

The UK medicines regulator is currently assessing two vaccines — one developed by Pfizer and BioNTech, the other AstraZeneca — to see if they are safe and effective.

The Guardian newspaper reported that hospitals have been told they could receive the first doses of the Pfizer shot the week of December 7, if it receives approval.

"The Iranian nation is smarter than falling into the trap of the Zionists. They are thinking to Both Rouhani and Khamenei said that Khamenei said that Fakhrizadeh's death would not

stop the nuclear program. Iran's civilian atomic program has continued its experiments and now enriches a growing urani um stockpile up to 4.5% puri-ty in response to the collapse of Iran's nuclear deal after the U.S. 2018 withdrawal from the accord. That's still far below weapons-grade levels of 90%, though experts warn Iran now has enough low-enriched ura-nium for at least two atomic bombs if it chose to pursue them. Analysts have compared Fakhrizadeh to being on par with Robert Oppenheimer, the scientist who led America's Manhattan Project in World War II that created the atom

Fakhrizadeh headed Iran's so-called AMAD program that Israel and the West have alleged was a military operation looking at the feasibility of building nuclear weapon. The International Atomic Energy Agency says that "structured program" ended in 2003. Iran long has maintained its nuclear programme is peaceful. Fakhrizadeh's widow

appeared unnamed on state television in a black chador, saying his death would spark a thousand others to take up his work.

"He wanted to get martyred and his wish came true,"

has begun circulating memorial images showing Fakhrizadeh standing alongside a machine-gun-cradling likeness of Revolutionary Guard Gen, Oassem Soleimani, whom the US killed in the January drone strike.

UK, EU resume face-to-face trade talks with time running out

AP ■ LONDON

Teams from Britain and the European Union resumed face-to-face talks on a post-Brexit trade deal Saturday, with both sides sounding gloomy about striking an agreement in

the little time that remains. EU chief negotiator Michel Barnier returned to London to meet his U.K. counterpart David Frost, Talks have been held virtually for the past week as Barnier completed a spell of self-isolation after a member of his team tested positive for the

COVID-19 is just one complication in negotiations that remain snagged over key issues including fishing rights and fair-competition rules. Barnier said Friday that the remote talks had made little progress and the "same significant divergences persist."

The U.K. left the EU early

this year, but remained part of the bloc's economic embrace during an 11-month transition as the two sides tried to nego tiate a new free-trade deal to take effect Jan. 1. Talks have already slipped past the mid-November date long seen as a deadline to secure a deal in time for it to be approved and ratified by lawmakers in Britain and the EU.

Year's Day will bring huge disruption, with the overnight imposition of tariffs and other barriers to U.K.-EU trade. That will hurt both sides, but the burden will fall most heavily on Britain, which does almost half its trade with the EU

OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) CONST. DIV. NO. II, JAMMU

SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER
e-NIT No. 108 of 2020-2021/Div-2 Dated 27-11-2020
Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Construction Division No. II, Jammu.
Department Jammu on behalf of Lt. Governor of Union Territory of J&K nvite tenders by e-tendering mode from approved and eligible contractor egistered with J&K Union Territory Govt. upto 1800 Hrs on 03-12-2020 fo

S.No. 1 Name of Work :- Construction of road from Kanna Chargal to Dhoon by way of laying of Wet Mix Macadam, 50mm thick BM, 25mm

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Name of Division: - PWD (R&B) Const. Div. No. II Jammu

Estimated Cost (Rs. in lacs): - 102.99, Cost of document (in Rs.): -6000

Earnest Money (in Rs.): -20580/r. Time Allowed for completion: -01

month, Time & date of opening of tender: -04-12-2020 1400 hours

Class of Contractor: - Hot Mix Plant Holder! "A"Class Contractor

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NOTE: Contractors who have got Contractors cards issued from Kashmir Province, it is mandatory for them to upload their verification certificate of Crime Branch alongwith other qualifying documents failing which their tenders will be declared non-responsive. 1/ Date of Publishing from :- 27-11-2020

2/ The Bidding documents can be downloaded from the website

http://jktenders.gov.in from on 27-11-2020 to 03-12-2020 (1800 Hrs).

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Dated: 28.11.2020 PWD (R&B) Const. Div. No. II Jammu

<u>IMPORTANT NOTICE</u>

It is notified for the information of all concerned that the 02823/02824 Bhubaneswar-New Delhi - Bhubaneswar (via Tatanagar) Rajdhani Special Express will run four days in a week instead of daily as per the following detail:-

Train No. & Name	Frequency	of Run	Originating Stations		
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New Delhi Rajdhani	a week	Thu, Fri			
02824 New Delhi -	4 days in	Tue, Wed,	02.12.2020		
Bhubaneswar Rajdhani	a week	Thu, Sat			
02823/02824 Bhubaneswar - New Delhi - Bhubaneswar					

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Train No. 02823/24 Bhubaneswar-New Delhi-Bhubaneswar Rajdhani Special Express will run in the existing timings & stoppages of regular Time Tabled train No. 22823/24.

Note: All norms of the State and Central Governmen regarding COVID-19 including Social distancing, sanitization etc., may be followed in the trains and at the Railway stations. All other precautions associated with COVID-19 should also the ensured.

Railway Travel Agents only Note : For any kind of information passengers are requested to contact Railway Enquiry No. 139 or visit Indian Railways website www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in



Virus keeps Black Friday crowds thin, shoppers shift online

AP ■ NEW YORK

 $T^{\text{he raging coronavirus pandemic kept crowds thin at}}$ malls and stores across the country on Black Friday, but a surge in online shopping offered a beacon of hope for struggling retailers after months of slumping sales and businesses toppling into bank-

In normal times, Black Friday is the busiest shopping day of the year, drawing millions of people eager to get started on their holiday spend-

But these are not normal times: A spike in coronavirus cases is threatening the economy's fitful recovery from the sudden plunge in the spring. Crowds at stores were dramatically diminished as shoppers shifted online.

Game consoles, cookware, robotic vacuum cleaners, slippers and pajamas were popular among shoppers preparing to spend a lot of time indoors this winter. Many were still eager to get into the holiday spirit and delight their loved nes after a tough year.

Eric Kelly, a boxing gym owner, camped outside a store on Black Friday for the first time in his life, trying to score a PlayStation 5 for his 13year-old twin sons as a reward for persevering through remote learning during the pandemic.

"They've been away from their friends," said Kelly, who failed to get the console at a GameStop in New York City's Union Square but said he would keep trying online. "They've done everything they had to do in school and outside of school, so I have to award them for being exceptional kids."

Before Black Friday GameStop teased that it would have a limited supply of the new \$500 PlayStation 5 game console for sale only at its stores, in contrast to other retailers that sold it only online.

Kelly said "people were on top of each other" in the line. At a Garden State Plaza mall in Paramus, New Jersey, police monitored a crowd outside a GameStop, but few people kept their distance.

GameStop said it was taking several safety precautions, including contactless pickup. Many retailers beefed up

their safety protocols to reassure wary customers about coming in on Black Friday. But stores also catered to those shopping digitally by moving their doorbuster deals online and ramping up curbside pickup options.
"We have been intention-

al to try to not create the frenzy, the doorbusters, the long lines and the crowds you typically see on a Black Friday said Stephen Lebovitz, CEO of CBL, which operates about 100 malls and filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in November. Several hundred shoppers

lined up ahead of opening at Mall of America in Bloomington, Minnesota, which normally attracts sever-al thousand on Black Friday. The mall spread out the Black Friday deals over eight days, and many retail tenants pivoted more to online and curbside pickup, said Jill Renslow, Mall

dent of business development. "It feels good, and it's the right thing to do to keep everybody safe," Renslow said Everyone is shopping a little differently but that's OK."

of America's senior vice presi-

Only a trickle of shoppers showed up at Macy's Herald Square in New York an hour after it opened, offering 50% off handbags and 60% off women's and men's coats. Workers sanitized door knobs and win-

A Christmas tree towered over the largely empty streets around The Domain, the most popular outdoor mall in Austin, Texas. Store employees counted masked shoppers trickling in to stay within the state's 75% capacity limit.

Disease Control and

the holidays a "higher risk" activity and says people should limit any in-person shopping.
The National Retail

Prevention has labeled shop-

ping in crowded stores during

Federation, the nation's largest retail trade group, predicted that shoppers will be looking for reasons to celebrate. The trade group expects sales for the November and December period to increase between 3.6% and 5.2% over 2019, compared with a 4% increase the vear before. Holiday sales have averaged gains of 3.5% over the past five years.

"We think there's going to be a psychological factor that they owe it to themselves and their families to have a betterthan-normal holiday," said NRF Economist Jack Kleinhenz.

Q2 GDP surprising resilience: Retail inflation for industrial **Is it good enough to last?**

 $T_{\text{shown by the manufacturing sector that restricted GDP}}^{\text{he surprise resilience}}$ contraction to only 7.5 per cent in September quarter could be a result of massive purge in costs such as employee cost by corporates and businesses which could turn a potential headwind in future, econo-

mists at SBI wrote on Saturday. India's July-September (Q2 of 2020-21 fiscal) GDP growth showed surprising resilience with contraction of only 7.5 per cent in real terms, while the market consensus was higher, wrote Soumya Kanti Ghosh, Group Chief Economic Adviser, State Bank of India, in

Ecowrap.
With improvement in manufacturing, due to lifting of lockdown measures GDP contraction has slowed down significantly. Agriculture sector continued to perform well with growth at 3.4 per cent. Services remained in the negative territory, although the decline was contained as trade, hotels, transport, communication and services related to broadcasting

number is the positive growth in manufacturing Q2. Despite being the worst affected sector in Q1(due to lockdown), it is quite puzzling how manufac-turing turned itself around," he wrote in the Ecowrap issue. The IIP manufacturing and

manufacturing GVA growth are highly correlated (almost more than 0.90) and this correlation collapsed in Q2 when IIP manufacturing declined by 6.7 per cent (average of July-September) while manufacturing GVA grew by 0.6 per cent."We believe one possible reason for this could be stellar corporate GVA numbers in Q2 on the back of massive purge in costs. Further, we observed small companies, with turnover of up to Rs 500 crore, are more aggressive in cutting cost, displaying reduction in employee cost by 10-12

per cent," Ecowrap said.

This, it said, could turn a potential headwind in future in terms of a drag on consump-tion. "Additionally, there is evidence of inventory buildup that could act as a drag on future manufacturing growth."

Interestingly, government

difficult to explain, as such expenditures are typically pro cyclical, Ecowrap said.

SBI economist said the absolute numbers of services sector in Q2FY21 is Rs 17.19 lakh crore, while in Q3FY20 it was Rs 17.35 lakh crore, only Rs 15,000 crore less. This indicates that the services sector has reached the pre-COVID-19 level.

"Is it because of behav ioural changes during pandemic like massive transport of goods once the economy opened up and a massive boos to communication and broadcasting with people mostly working from home?" it asked. One good thing is that the

investment demand has improved with resumption in COVID-19- induced stalled projects. However, the patchy growth across sectors reflects in domestic demand figures, which are showing modest recovery sequentially. The falling imports and

continued contraction in investment suggest a poor domestic absorption and inter

workers rises to 5.91% in Oct

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Retail inflation for industri-al workers rose marginally to 5.91 per cent in October from 5.62 per cent in September this year mainly due to higher prices of certain food items.

"Year-on-year (retail) "Year-on-year (retail) inflation based on all-items stood at 5.91 per cent for October, 2020 as compared to 5.62 per cent for the previous month and 7.62 per cent during the corresponding month of the previous year," a labour ministry statement said.

Similarly, it stated that food inflation stood at 8.21 per cent in October against 7.51 per cent of the previous month (September 2020) and 8.60 per cent during the corresponding month (October 2019) a year

The all-India Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (CPI-IW) for October 2020 increased by 1.4 points and stood at 119.5 points.

On one-month percentage change, it increased by (+) 1.19 per cent between September and October, 2020 compared to (+) 0.93 per cent



increase between corresponding months of the previous year.The maximum upward pressure in the current index came from the food & beverages group contributing (+) percentage points to the total change.

At item level, arhar dal, poultry (chicken), eggs (hen), goat meat, mustard oil, sun-flower oil, brinjal, cabbage, carrot, cauliflower, chillies green, gourd, lady finger, onion, peas, potato, electricity domestic, doctor's fee, bus fare, etc. Are responsible for the increase in index. However, it said that this increase was checked by wheat, fish fresh, tomato, apple, etc., putting downward pressure on the index. At centre

Patna and Ramgarh recorded the maximum increase of 4 points each. Among others, 3 points increase was observed in centres, 2 points in 24 centres and 1 point in 33 centres. Rest of 19 centres' indices remained stationary. Commenting on the index, Labour Minister Santosh Gangwar said, "The increase in CPI-IW will have a positive effect on wages/salaries of industrial workers engaged in the organized sector besides government employees and pensioners."The CPI-IW is the single-most important price statistics which has financial implications. It is primarily used to regulate the dearness allowance of government employees and workers in industrial sectors.

Punjab accepts Centre's borrowing option to meet GST shortfall

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Congress-ruled Punjab has accepted the Centre's bor-rowing proposal and will get Rs 8,359 crore through the special window to meet GST revenue shortfall.

"Government of Punjab has communicated acceptance of option 1 to meet the revenue shortfall arising out of GST implementation. The number of states which have chosen this option has gone up to 26. All the 3 Union Territories with Legislative Assembly (i.E. Delhi, Jammu & Kashmir and Puducherry) have also decided in favour of option 1," a finance ministry statement said.

The Centre has already borrowed Rs 24,000 crore on behalf of the states in four instalments and has passed it on to 23 states and three Union Territories on October 23, November 2, November 9 and November 23. From the next round of borrowings, Punjab, Kerala and West Bengal too would receive funds raised through this window. Earlier

this week, Kerala and West Bengal too had communicated to the Centre about accepting the borrowing option to meet GST revenue shortfall.

Under the terms of option 1, besides getting the facility of a special window for borrow ings to meet the shortfall arising out of GST implementation, states are also entitled to get unconditional permission to borrow the final instalment of 0.50 per cent of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) out of the 2 per cent additional borrowings permitted by the Government of India, under 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' mission. This is over and above the special window of Rs 1.1 lakh crore.On receipt of the choice of option 1 from the Government of Punjab, the Government of India has granted additional borrowing permission of Rs 3,033 crore to Punjab (0.5 per cent of Punjab's GSDP), the ministry added. Separately, Punjab will get Rs 8,359 crore through special borrowing window to meet the GST implementation short-

Sany India celebrates new milestone

New Delhi: Sany India, a leading manufacturer of construction equipment & heavy machinery which has been advocating and practising "Vocal for Local", has rolled out its 15000th machine from the company's India facility. Sany India South Asia managing director Deepak Garg said, "Rolling out the 15000th machine is a remarkable achievement that reaffirms our commitment to the domestic construction equipment mar-

Market's bull run may stay, 'too strong' derivatives data a concern

 $T^{\text{he bull run in the equity}}_{\text{market is likely to continue in days ahead, but the only}}$ concern at this point is the "too strong" derivatives data, which may lead to a rapid sell-off in case of a course reversal according to a report by Motilal Oswal Retail Research.

The report said that at current juncture, market is in bulls grip and dips are getting bought into quickly. Nifty's derivatives data is also positive

and it indicates continuation in ongoing momentum.

It however said FIIs index futures data signifies they are overbought in Indian market and any unwinding of longs or fresh shorting may lead to a correction in the market. Thus, some cautious

approach should be adopted at these levels it said.

"As far as levels are concern, index is moving in uncharted territory and 13,500 would a hurdle as per options data. On the flipside, major

support exists at 12,700 then

12,350 zones.

The only concern at current juncture is too strong derivatives data and in case of any reversal, the sell-off can be fast," said the report.

It was a historic month for the market as Nifty posted highest ever series on series gains (in absolute term).

Bulls were aggressive from the start of the November series and kept the ball in their court throughout the series, said the report.

GST officers arrest one for ₹129 cr tax evasion through illegal manufacture, supply of cigarettes

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Officers of GST investiga-tion arm DGGI have arrested a Haryana resident on charges of manufacturing and supplying cigarettes illegally and thereby evading taxes of over Rs 129 crore, the Finance Ministry has said.

"The Directorate General of GST Intelligence (DGGI) Gurugram Zonal Unit (GZU), Haryana has arrested one Satyender Sharma, resident of Haryana, on charges of manufacturing and supplying illegally manufactured cigarettes without the requisite tax paying documents and without

a late night statement on Friday. The total tax evasion of more than Rs 129 crore is

pegged to have been commit-ted by the accused, it added. Investigation conducted across Delhi and Haryana revealed that Sharma manufactured and supplied ciga-rettes under his registered brands 'Nidhi Black' 'Gold

"Apart from these, the investigation also revealed that Sharma was illegally manufacturing cigarettes under the brand names of 'Paris', Pine' 'Black Djarum' Esse Lights' which are international trademarks owned by other compapayment of applicable GST and cess," the ministry said in being cleared clandestinely

without payment of applicable GST/ cess," the ministry said. Sharma transported these

illegally manufactured cigarettes to New Delhi for further supply across India, it added.
"Based on documentary
evidence and statements

recorded of all persons during investigation, it was ascertained that Satyender Sharma is the key person in running this racket of manufacturing cigarettes without payment of applicable GST as well as illegally manufacturing

cigarettes under international brand names," the ministry added. Sharma was arrest ed by DGGI officers on

Another increase in prices of petrol, diesel

New Delhi:Petrol and diesel prices were increased by oil marketing companies on Saturday as global oil prices remained firm, reaching its highest levels this fiscal.Petrol prices increased by 24 paise to Rs 82.13 per litre on Saturday from Rs 81.89 per litre the previous day.Diesel prices, on the other hand, increased by a higher margin of 27 paise to Rs 72.13 a litre, up from Rs 71.86 a litre on Friday. Oil companies began increasing pump prices of the two petroleum products from last Friday after a nearly two-month-long hiatus in fuel price revision.

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Chandni D/o Subodh R/o** H.No.Boby Ka Makan, Alipur, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since 11.11.2020 from her house the area of P.S. Alipur, Delhi. In this regard a case vides FIR No. 542/20 U/s 363 dated 13.11.2020 has been registered at PS. Alipur, Delhi

The description of missing/kidnapped girl is

Name: Chandni, Father's Name: Subodh, Age: 17 yrs. Height: 5'0", Built: Thin, Face: Oval, Complexion Wheatish, Hairs: Black Wearing: Red Colour Suit & Salwar. ID Mark: Bali in Nose.

If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned.

Website: http://cbi.nic.in e-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in Fax : 011-24368639 Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 DP/622/ON/2020

P.S., Alipur, Delhi Ph.: 011-27202290 27202265, 7065036325

SEARCH FOR MISSING

The general public is hereby informed that a girl namely Akhtari Khatoon D/o Mohd. Momirul R/o Village- Bari Lal Gan, PS Etahar, District – Uttar Dinajpur, West Bengal. Presently at Vanijya Bhawan, Man Singh Road, New Delhi has been missing since 12.11.2020 from the present address at about 6:00 p.m. In this regard, DD No. 34A, dated 14.11.2020 has been registered at PS Tilak Marg, New Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing girl, but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing girl is as under: Name: Akhtari Khatoon, Gender: Female, Age: about 19 years, Height: 5'2", Face: Round, Complexion: Shallow, Built: Medium, Wearing: Blue colour with white colour dotted suit, blue colour pajami, yellow colour dupatta and black colour slippers on her feet.



If anyone has any information regarding this missing girl, kindly inform SHO/ Tilak Marg, New Delhi.

E-mail : clc@cbl.gov.in

Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641

Fax: 011-24368639

P.S. Tilak Marg, New Delhi.

P.S. Tilak Marg, New Delhi. Ph. No. 011-23382100, 23385571 DP/165/NDD/2020

Manufacturing GVA growth in Q2 'surprising': SBI Report

 $T^{
m he\ manufacturing\ sector}$ played a major role in narrowing down the India's GDP contraction in Q2 of FY21. An SBI Ecowrap report, however, dubbed the growth in manufacturing GVA as "astonishing" as the IIP manufacturing for the same period declined by 6.7 per cent.India's GDP in the July-September period contracted 7.5 per cent, compared with 23.9 per cent in the preceding quarter.The GVA in Q2 2020-21 from the manufacturing sector grew 0.6%, as compared with a degrowth of 0.6% in the corresponding quarter of the previous fiscal.

The report by Soumya

Total FDI inflow

during Q2 FY21

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stands at \$28.1 bn

The total foreign direct investment (FDI) during

the second quarter of financial year 2020-21 stood at \$28.10 billion, out of which FDI equi-

In rupee terms, the FDI equity inflows of Rs 2,24,613

Kanti Ghosh, Group Chief Economic Adviser, State Bank of India, said: "Though the whole press release is full of surprising numbers, the most astonishing number is the positive growth in manufacturing in Q2."He noted that despite being the worst affected sector in Q1 (due to lockdown), it is quite puzzling how manufac-turing turned itself around. The IIP manufacturing and manufacturing GVA growth are highly correlated (almost more than 0.90) and this cor-relation collapsed in Q2 when IIP manufacturing declined by (average July/August/September) while

manufacturing GVA grew by

Demand for holiday homes gains traction amid pandemic

New Delhi:As the pandemic has significantly impacted operations of business people's working model, housing preferences also have changed and the demand for holiday homes or second homes has increased in the past few months. According to Aditya Kushwaha, CEO & Director Axis Ecorp, the need for a perfect balance between work and personal life has fuelled the concept of a week-end retreat in a holiday home."Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the concept of a holiday home or a second home has gained widespread acceptance. With most of the corporate professionals working from home, geography is no longer a constraint," he said. He

also noted that from the investment perspective, second homes in non-metro cities are a relatively safe investment option with higher capital appreciation compared to homes in metros, especially during COVID-19, when alter native options such as mutual funds, shares have seen diminishing returns. These properties can be rented out to homestays and tourism businesses, a booming market promising an assured and stable source income to investors, Kushwaha said.He noted Axis Ecorp has witnessed a rise in demand from NRIs and has around Rs 50 crore worth of stock at its project 'Axis Blues' in Goa. since lockdown was announced

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General public is hereby informed that one girl namely Najma, D/o Mohd. Aabid, R/o H.No. A-1201, J.J. Colony, Bawana, Delhi, Age: 17 years, Height: 5'2", Complexion: Fair, Face: Long, Built: Strong, Hair: Black, wearing Navy Blue Suit & Pink colour Salwar, Blue Duptatta and Hawai Chappal in feet, has been

dated 13.11.2020 has been registered at P.S. Narela Industrial Area, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out

12:00 PM. In this regard a FIR No. 604/2020 U/S 363 IPC.

the girl but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about her please inform undersigned.

E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in Fax: 011-24368639 P.S. Narela Industrial Area, Ph. No.: 011-24368638, 24368641 Ph. No.: 011-27787592, 27787593 DP/625/ON/2020

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that a person namely Ganesh Sahu, S/o: Shambhu Sahu, R/o: H. No. 104, Near DAV School, Gym Wali Gali, Budhpur, Delhi has been reported missing since 11.11.2020 at 08:50 AM from his house. In this regard DD No. 47A, dated 15.11.2020 has been registered at P.S. Alipur, Delhi.

of missing person is as under Name: Ganesh Sahu, Age: 23 Years, Height: 5'7, Face: Round, Complexion: Fair, Built: Medium, Wearing: Orange Shirt, Blue Jeans and Hawai Chappal in feet.

If anyone have any information about this missing person ease inform P.S. Alipur, Delhi

Web: http://cbi.nic.in, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639

Police Station Alipur, Delhi Ph: 011-27202265, 7065036325 DP/627/ON/2020

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one male was found dead on 11.11.2020 at Govt. Toilet, S.N. Marg, Delhi in the area of PS Lahori Gate, Delhi, In this regard a DD, No. 84A u/s 174 CrPC. Dated 11.11.2020 has been lodged at P.S. Lahori Gate, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved in mortuary of Subzi Mandi, Delhi for 72 hrs for identification. The description of the dead body is given as under: Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o:



Unknown, Age: about 60 years, Height: 5'6" Feet, Face: Long, Complexion: Shallow, Built: Thin, Wearing: Black Colour Jacket, White Colour Kurta and Grey Colour Dhoti.

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

DP/748/N/2020

P.S. Lahori Gate, Delhi Ph.: 011-23953776, 23958234

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male Namely: Unknown, Ś/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: approx. 35 years, Height: 5' 6", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Long, Built: Thin, ID: Rajesh is written on his right hand, Wearing: Blue colour linedar Shirt and saleti/ cream colour pant, who was found dead at Nepali Park Kashmere Gate

DP/751/N/2020(UIDB)



Delhi. In this regard a case DD No. 46-A U/s 174 Cr. P.C. Dated 20.11.2020 has been registered at P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi. Any person having any information or clue about the

deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos

P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi Tel.: 011-23967889

ty inflows were \$23.44 billion. "This takes the FDI equity inflows during the financial year 2020-21 up to September 2020 to \$30,004 million, which is 15 per cent more than the corresponding period of 2019-20," said an official statement.

crore are 23 per cent more than the last year. August 2020 was a significant month when FDI equity inflow of \$17.48 billion was reported in the country.

According to data from

the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Mauritius and Singapore were the biggest sources of FDI in India with 29 per cent and 21 per cent contribution respectively.

NCPEDP pushes for hike in Union Budget allocation for differently-abled

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The National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People (NCPEDP) has said the budgetary allocation for people with disabilities has been too low in the past few years. It has urged the Central government to increase the allocation in the upcoming

Union Budget.
In a letter to Union Finance
Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, te NCPEDP said,"Over the past few years the budgetary allocation for person with disabilities has been 0.04 per cent which is disheartening and inadequate to meet the needs of this particularly vulnerable and marginalised section of society."

It noted that people with disabilities have been the worst-hit by the Covid-19 pandemic this year.

"Loss of access to health-

care, support systems, educa-tion, livelihood and even basic food supplies are the new normal for the vast majority of India's differently-abled community. At this time especially and in the near future, access to support has become a survival issue."

Among its recommenda-tions, the rights' body for the disabled people said the Union government should ensure inclusive tax policy measures

for the differently-abled.
The NCPEDP said no GST should be levied on aids and appliances for persons with disabilities and no tax should be imposed on the purchase of cars and wheelchairs available in the national and international markets.

It also sought an increase in Standard Deduction under Section 80 U and 80 DD of Income Tax for persons with disabilities.

JNPT says it is adhering to all green norms for Vadhavan port development Mumbai: The country's leading

container port JNPT on Saturday said it is adhering to satureay said it is adhering to the terms of reference issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change for prior environmental clearance for development of Vadhavan port. The Govt had in February approved a proposal to set up a new major port at Vadhavan near Dahanu in Maharashtra at an investment of ₹65,544 crore.The new port will be developed on a landlord model under a special purpose vehi-cle with Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust as the lead partner with equity participation equal to or more than 50% to implement the project. Of this, ₹16,140 crores will be implemented by the SPV in constructing basic infrastructure like breakwa-ters, rail line/yard and road connectivity, power and water line, internal roads and common amenities, as per JNPT.

Time running out for India India missing 'skill and character' of Dhoni: Holding

With no Plan B in place, Men in Blue need their 'A' game to save ODI series

Australia vs India SONY TEN 1, 3 & SIX NETWORK

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ndia's battered bowling unit will have little time to ▲regroup and limited resources at its disposal in a desperate bid to perform a redemption act and save the ODI series against a turbo-charged Australia in the second game here on Sunday.

It wasn't just about the margin of defeat — by 66 runs — but the manner in which the home team exposed India's vacant cupboard of all-rounders that will give Virat Kohli and Ravi Shastri numerous points to pon-

Hardik Pandya's 76-ball-90 was at best a good innings but just like the Champions Trophy final in 2017, the sparkling knock was never going to help India win the contest.

Adding insult to injury the was Pandya's frank admission that he is not bowling anytime soon and even if he rolls his arm over, it is likely to be in 20-over

World Cups So with no back-up allrounders or a plan B in place, India will have to execute their

plan A perfectly.
That leaves Kohli with bowlers who can't bat and a top-order where none can bowl. Kohli did bowl an over or two but that is history as far as the

skipper is concerned.
With Australia's top three—
captain Aaron Finch, David



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HIGHEST INNINGS TOTALS

FOR THE RECORD

appear in 250 or more ODIs

Warner and Steve Smith - hitting the straps right away, Jasprit Bumrah and company will have no option but to pick up the pieces and give a better account of themselves on a strip that romises to be a belter.

It is highly unlikely that India's combination will change unless both Yuzvendra Chahal and Navdeep Saini are declared

The duo collectively conceded 172 runs in 20 overs between them and the wiry wrist-spinner did leave the field after sustaining an on-field injury just after the completion

Saini, on the other hand, has

the 50-over squad as a cover. In case they are ruled out, Shardul Thakur, with decent bat-

ting abilities could replace Saini and Kuldeep Yadav's inclusion will be a forced change. For Australia, it is possible

that highly-rated all-rounder cameron Green will be rewarded with an ODI cap as Marcus Stoinis picked up a side strain during the first game.

While a five-bowler theory is certainly hurting India, some of the shot selections at the top of the order left a lot to be

Especially Shreyas Iyer, whose dismissal was an embarrassing sight as he fended awk-wardly to a well-directed bouncer from Josh Hazlewood.

For Mayank Agarwal too, extra bounce became his undoing but he is too good a player to fail consistently

Skipper Kohli, the man who is revered by the Australian team, media and public at large, would love to play a signature ODI knock, glimpses of which were on display during his 21 in the first ODI.

The lack of a sixth bowling option will put tremendous pressure on Bumrah, whose erstwhile ODI form has deserted him since he came back from his stress injury.

While he was brilliant in the IPL, just like the New Zealand series in February, the Gujarat slinger looked pedestrian at best

An equaliser on Sunday will be easier said than done.

West Indies fast bowling great Michael Holding feels that despite a star-studded batting line-up, the Indian team is missing the "skill and charac-ter" that the peerless Mahendra Singh Dhoni used to display during big run chases.

The Indian team looked completely out of sorts as a unit in the opening ODI against

After a listless bowling display that helped the home side reach 374 for 6, the Men in Blue crumbled under pressure, slumping to a 66-run defeat.

"It was always going to be difficult for India to chase that down. One thing India will struggle with is the loss of Mahendra Singh Dhoni," Holding said in a YouTube chat show Holding Nothing Back.

The 66-year-old further said that India missed the composure and control of Dhoni, who retired from international cricket in August this year.

"Dhoni comes in to this Indian batting order halfway down and he usually takes con-trol while chasing. India have chased so well in the past with MS Dhoni in the team.

"This batting line-up that they have got is still very talented — we saw some talented players and fantastic strokeplay. Hardik played a beautiful knock but they still need a player like Dhoni. Not just his skills but his strength of character," he added.

Holding said the Indian team felt more confident going about run chases with Dhoni in the side.

"They have never been

the opposition because they know what MS Dhoni is capable of and their batting is capa-ble of." Dhoni's calmness was a big factor in run-chases.

"We never see Dhoni pan-icking at any stage while India are chasing. He usually paces that chase so well because he knows his ability and he knows how to go about the chase."

The former pacer added that Dhoni not only assessed the situation well but also provided support and insights to the person batting alongside him.

"Whoever is batting with him, he is always talking with

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New Zealand tour.

December 18.

A seventh Pakistan cricketer tested positive for Covid-19

as the team remained confined to their hotel in Christchurch on

Saturday, unable to train and with a question mark over their

arrived four days ago, are already on a "final warning" for breach-ing New Zealand's tight quaran-

tine restrictions, with the growing number of coronavirus cases

adding pressure to preparations for their opening match on

Despite all members of the

The Pakistanis, who only

them and helping them. Fantastic batting line-up, but MS Dhoni was a special man in the run-chase," Holding said.

The former cricketer turned mmentator also slammed India's sloppy display on the

. "India didn't help themselves with their fielding. The SCG is a big ground but the boundary rope was still in from the extremes of the boundary."

Kohli and company dropped at least four catches, missed a run out opportunity apart from several sloppy field-

7th Pak cricketer

India cop 20% fine for slow overrate

The Indian cricket team was fined 20 per cent of its match fee for maintaining a over-rate against Australia in the series opening

first ODI in Sydney.

India took an unprecedented four hours and six minutes to complete their 50 overs during their 66-run loss in the first ODI. ICC match referee David

Boon imposed the sanction after India was ruled to be one over short of the target after time allowances were taken into consideration.

Even Steve Smith after the match conceded that it was the longest 50-over game he had been part of.

"It was the longest 50 overs in the field I've ever had,

that's for sure. "I don't know what to put that down to. Obviously a few people came on the field in the first innings which took a bit of time and I think they (India) went 45 minutes over the scheduled time and we were something similar," Smith

replacement? asks Gambhir

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rmer India opener Gautam FGambhir feels Virat Kohli's team will keep facing the prob-lem of imbalance till it finds a suitable replacement for a halffit Hardik Pandya as his nearest competitor Vijay Shankar is not

Pandya is playing currently as a specialist batsman and is not sure when he would be fully fit

to bowl in ODI cricket.

Asked if there is a problem of balance, the hero of two World Cup triumphs couldn't agree more. "Big time and this has been happening what — since the last World Cup. If Hardik is not fit (to bowl),

where is your sixth bowling

option," Gambhir was quoted as saying by ESPNCricinfo. "It's only Vijay Shankar that I can think of but does he have

the same impact batting at No 5 or 6. Can he give you seven or 8 overs, I have my doubts," the

According to Gambhir, this is the kind of problem which can't be sorted even if a opener of Rohit Sharma's calibre comes back. "You can talk (about) putting in Manish Pandey, even if and when Rohit comes back in the XI, the problem you are facing now you will be facing then. There is no one in the top six who can actually give you a coupe of overs," he said.

While Marcus Stoinis and Glenn Maxwell are already in the playing XI as pace and spin bowling all-rounders respec-tively, Australia have a number of back-up men with multiple skill-sets, including rookie Cameron Green, who is set to make his international debut

"And if you see the Australian side, there is Moises Henrqiues, who can give you couple of overs, there is Sean Abbott who is bowling all-rounder. They have Daniel Sams

who can both bowl and bat. "From Indian point of view if Hardik is unfit where is the

If Hardik is unfit where's the Bairstow takes Eng home

ODIS AT SYDNEY

376-9 in 50 overs vs Sri Lanka 331-4 in 49.4 overs vs Australia

David Warner who scored 907 runs in 19 innings of 20 matches.

needs 93 runs to become 11th Australian to score over 1000 runs

onny Bairstow powered England to a five-wicket win T20I at Newlands in Cape Town on Friday.

Bairstow smashed 86 not out off 48 balls as England chased down a victory target of

Success%

68.42

26.19

86.11

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180 with four balls to spare. England were struggling at 34/3 before Bairstow and Ben

Stokes (37) changed the momentum of the match with a fourth wicket stand of 85. Even so, South Africa still had a realistic chance of win-ning as England went into the

last four overs needing 51 runs. But left-arm fast bowler Beuran Hendricks conceded 28 runs in the 17th over, including three wides which cost eight runs, as Bairstow and

England captain Eoin Morgan went on the attack. Morgan said the win was "extremely pleasing, given that we were pretty average apart

from two or three players. Morgan said England's wlers "missed areas", although left-armer Sam Curran claimed a career-best three for 28 in South Africa's innings of 179/6.

And he was disappointed with the batting start, although he praised Bairstow and Stokes.



"Jonny and Ben rebuilding the way they did set up the win nicely," he told SuperSport tele-

Bairstow batted at number four instead of opening as he often does in white-ball crick-

"It's something you've got to enjoy," he said. "You learn to craft your innings in different

Bairstow hit nine fours and four sixes, finishing the match in style with his fourth six which sailed into a building sight on the northern end of the ground.

Former captain Faf du evening. South Africa's first interna-

tional match since March was staged without spectators because of Covid restrictions. South African captain Quinton de Kock refused to

one over. It was the way Jonny and Ben played. We didn't play

Plessis top-scored for South Africa with 58 off 40 balls after his side were sent in on a cool

blame the Hendricks over. "I don't think it was just the

badly. They played really well. The teams meet again in a day game in Paarl on Sunday.

negative."

squad returning negative tests before flying to New Zealand, six came up positive after testing on day one in the country.
"One additional member

of the Pakistan cricket squad has today tested positive," the Ministry of Health said in a statement on Saturday, confirming the seventh patient.

"The remainder of the results from the squad's daythree swab testing, apart from the six who have already returned a positive result, are

All overseas arrivals to New Zealand must spend two weeks in quarantine.



The 53-man squad will undergo further tests on Monday and in the meantime they remain confined to their rooms after permission to train while in isolation was revoked by New Zealand authorities.

The ministry said exempthe liminstry said exemp-tions allowing teams to train while in managed isolation "are very difficult to obtain" and Pakistan's exemption was put on hold after several players were caught flouting social distancing protocols inside the quarantine

hotel.

LAMICHHANE ALSO +VE HOBART: One of T20 cricket's well-known journeymen, Sandeep Lamichhane has tested positive for Covid-19, the Nepalese leg-spinner said on Saturday, less than two weeks before the start of Big Bash League in which he'd signed to play for Hobart Hurricanes.

AFP BRIGHTON

iverpool were frustrated by VAR Las Pascal Gross's controversial late penalty rescued a dramatic 1-1 draw Saturday.

Jurgen Klopp's side took the lead through Diogo Jota's second half strike after Brighton's Neal Maupay had missed a penalty in the first half.

But Liverpool were stunned in stoppage-time when Andrew Robertson's challenge on Danny Welbeck was ruled a penalty after Stuart Attwell overturned his initial Gross converted from the spot,

leaving Klopp sarcastically applaud-

ing the officials at the end of a disappointing week for Liverpool after their shock Champions League defeat at home to Atalanta. Liverpool went back to the top of the table as a result of their draw, but the champions are just one

point ahead of previous leaders Tottenham. Tottenham would regain pole position if they avoid defeat at Chelsea on Sunday, while the Blues

will go top if they win.
It was one of those days for Liverpool, who also saw goals cor-rectly disallowed by VAR for offside against Mohamed Salah and Sadio Mane.

There was more bad news for injury-ravaged Liverpool as James Milner was forced off in the second

With Virgil van Diik and Joe Gomez injured and Joel Matip rest-ed, Klopp's makeshift defence were

VAR drama at Amex

Liverpool saw two goals disallowed by VAR before the Seagulls were awarded a late penalty to clinch 1-1 draw



exposed when Maupay's pass sent the unmarked Aaron Connolly racing through on goal.

But with just Liverpool 'keeper Alisson Becker to beat, Connolly lost his nerve and timidly guided his shot well wide.

Connolly's runs were causing Liverpool problems and when the Brighton forward made another well-timed incur-sion in the 20th minute, he was

wrong way.

tripped in the penalty area by the panicked Neco Williams after he was caught out of position.

Maupay stepped up to take the spot-kick, but his side-foot effort went wide despite Alisson diving the

It was a lucky escape for Liverpool and Maupay's misery was compounded when he limped off injured moments later.

Liverpool thought they had hit back with a sucker punch when Salah sprinted onto Firmino's pass and scuffed his shot past Brighton keeper Mat Ryan.

But VAR curtailed Salah's celebrations as he was ruled offside by the tightest of mar-

After a spluttering first half, Klopp's men finally found some rhythm following Jordan Henderson's introduction at the

In a warning that Brighton failed to heed, Jota turned to flash a shot narrowly wide and in the 60th minute the Portugal forward put Robertson found Salah and his

pass teed up Jota on the edge of the Brighton area. Skipping past two Brighton defenders, Jota cleverly drilled low

shot back into the bottom corner. Jota has enjoyed a superb start to life with the Premier League champions, scoring nine times in 14

games since signing from Wolves in Salah was substituted just after the goal, but he didn't seem happy with Klopp's move, gesticulating with his hands and ignoring the German when he walked past him

to the bench Liverpool were seconds away from three points when Robertson went to clear in his own area as Welbeck closed in.

Robertson's foot made contact with Welbeck, but there were few appeals from Brighton before Attwell awarded a contentious penalty after consulting the pitchside monitor.

With Maupay off the pitch Gross took this one and fired down

the middle to salvage an unexpect

CWI team arrives Dhaka to inspect Covid-19

PTI DHAKA

two-member Cricket West Aindies (CWI) team arrived in Dhaka on Saturday to take stock of the Covid-19 management plans put in place by the Bangladesh Cricket Board ahead of their series in

January. CWI director Dr Akshai Mansingh and the board's security manager Paul Slowewill, who arrived here to inspect the BCB's bio-security plans and health protocols, are also expected to travel to Chattogram. The duo will stay in the country till December 3

They arrived to come and see our Covid-19 management plan and the security plan ahead of their scheduled tour in January," BCB cricket operations chairman Akram Khan told *Cricbuzz*.

The two officials are likely to undergo a Covid-19 test on Saturday and begin their inspection, subject During the tour, West Indies are

scheduled to play a full series com-prising three Tests, as many ODIs and two T20Is. The development comes close

on the heels of CWI president Ricky Skerritt's recent statement that West Indies are keen to tour Bangladesh as scheduled, in January

I'm in race for Olympics: Saina

on Saturday said she's definitely in the race for the Tokyo Olympics but before that she has to get back to her rhythm and win tournaments.

The 2012 London Olympics Bronze medallist, who has slipped to 22nd in Badminton World 22nd in Badminton World Federation's Tokyo Olympics qualification rankings, has recently struggled with niggles and is likely to return to action in next year's Asian Tour "I know Olympics is in everyone's head. It's something very big but before that you have to think about so many tournaments. I've to get back

to my rhythm and win against the players who are in top-20," Nehwal said on Saturday. "There's some two-three months' of training before that. You have to be perfectly fine and play seven-eight tournaments, after that only I will think about the Olympics. But yes, I'm definitely in the race. I want to do well

and I'm working hard for that."

A big fan of tennis superstar
Roger Federer, the 30-year-old Saina said if the Swiss ace along with the likes of Novak Djokovic, Rafael Nadal and Serena Williams can go strong at

not so a young age, she too can. "I can see great examples in Djokovic, Federer, Nadal, Serena doing so well. Why not you have to see how it goes? I'm a fighter and I will get back. When he can do it, why can't I?" she said.

"Yes, there were times when I felt



I have to 'stop playing' and 'I can't win anymore'. But then I thought I could

"I love to fight. What will I do sitting at home. This is my life, this is my job," she added. The former world number one,

who recently pulled out of the Denmark Open that restarted the international calendar post Covid-19 pandemic halt, further said she can ecome the best in the world again. "I'm doing well. Injuries play a big role and that happened to me. As of now, I feel good. I can do it, I can be the best in the world. It's always been

there in my head. I've to correct my niggles. Improvement is definitely

happening.
"That's how I play. I don't want to how badly I lose, if I'm not capable of playing anymore," she signed off.