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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, 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

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

enjoys considerable 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 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 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

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.

may choose to back the TMC as a solid bloc. However, even

positing non-TMC options before Muslim voters will become

## Farmers dig in heels, Shah reaches out

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

 $A^{
m day}$  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 at borders.



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 have decided to protest at the border as most of the farmers "It is a plan to imprison us are still coming from Punjab,

Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh to join the movement," said Sukhbir Panwar, a farmer from Fatehabad district in Haryana.

Thousands of farmers marching from Punjab as part of their "Delhi Chalo" cam-

paign against the farm laws, braved water cannons and tear gas shells in Harvana 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 talking to them.

Thousands of farmers from Harvana, 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 barricades to maintain law &

## Marine Commandos deployed at Pangong

## **India preparing** for long haul at LAC, bolsters its readiness

PNS NEW DELHI

s several rounds of talks to Adefuse tension at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) have failed so far, India is preparing for a long haul and has bolstered its readiness by deploying crack commandos of the

Navy at some stand-off points. While the Army has already positioned its Special Forces and para-commandos, the elite Marine commandos (MARCOS) of the Navy have also joined in by patrolling the Pangong Tso (lake). This lake in Eastern Ladakh is one of the four or five face-off sites where the Indian and Chinese troops are in eveball to eveball situation for the past seven months.

Having taken positions at

the lake, these commandos may also be rotated at the other flash points, sources said here on Saturday

This will enable them to familiarise themselves with the weather, topography and how to survive in harsh winters. Incidentally, the temperature has already dipped to minus 10 degrees C in several parts of Ladakh and will plummet to minus 30 degrees in the com-

ing weeks. The Army has already supplied more than adequate prefabricated huts for the troops now readying themselves for deployment in the winter months. More than one lakh

troops from India and China are now positioned at the LAC in the 1,700 km long LAC in Ladakh. China has also ramped up its logistical support for its

troops for a long winter there.
The MARCOS commandoes are one of the world's best trained and were seen in action during the initial phase of Mumbai terror attack in 2008.

Some teams of the MAR-COS are already working alongside the Indian Army commandoes in Jammu & Kashmir as part of the anti-terrorist operations. The Navy commandoes are guard some of the key water bodies in Kashmir.

## **216 recoveries bring active** cases down to 2,154 in State

PNS RANCHI

Over 200 Covid-19 patients tested negative for the virus on Saturday, taking the total number of Covid recoveries in Jharkhand close to 1,05,669 figures compiled by the National Health Mission (NHM) stated

Jharkhand's recovery rate further improved on the day and reached 97.13 per cent after only 209 fresh cases of infection surfaced against 216 recoveries, a daily bulletin released by the NHM highlighted. The national Covid-19 recovery rate, as per govern-ment data, was 93.70 per cent on Saturday.

While recoveries outnum bered the number of fresh cases, the Covid toll in the state also increased as one more patient from Ranchi died during treatment in 24 hours. As per government data, as many as 963 people have died of Covid-19 in Jharkhand so far, and at least 194 of them were from Ranchi. The Covid mortality rate in Iharkhand was 0.88 per cent against the national average of 1.50 per



A health worker collects swab samples from a person from from Bokaro, 11 for COVID test at a COVID testing centre in Ranchi on from Deoghar, 26

The count of active cases reduced in Ranchi, East Singhbhum and Jamtara districts as recoveries outnumbered fresh cases in all the three districts. As many as 50 people were found infected in Ranchi on the day against 55 recoveries, while East Singhbhum reported 43 cases against 31 recoveries and Dhanbad reported 26 cases against 32 recoveries, the NHM bulletin highlighted.

Around 774 people were battling the infection in Ranchi, while 313 were undergoing treatment in East Singhbhum

on Friday. So far, the government has collected swab samples of 40.5 lakh people and tested 40.38 lakh of them. Of the over 40 lakh people tested, 1,08,786 were found infected.

Covid toll up

at 963 with

one death in

24 hours

bulletin 24 fresh cases surfaced on Saturday Vinay Murmu | Pioneer from Dhanbad, 1

from Dumka, 43 from East Singhbhum, 4 from Garhwa, 2 from Giridih, 3 Godda, 9 from from Hazaribagh, 8 from Jamtara, 2 from Khunti, 5 from Latehar, Lohardaga 6 from Palamu, 2 from Ramgarh, 2 from Sahibganj, 1 from Saraikela, 1 from Simdega and 5 from West

Singhbhum district. On Saturday, health workers across Jharkhand tested swab samples of 32,389 people and around 0.6 per cent of them were found infected. At least 2154 people were battling the virus across the state by the end of Saturday, government

## Modi reviews vaccine progress first-hand

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

Covid-19 IN INDIA

CASES: 93,90,791

**DEATHS: 1,36,705** 

**ACTIVE: 4,52,688** 

**RECOVERED:** 

87,99,249

TOTAL

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

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

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-

Modi began his day-long

rations, challenges and went around the place and roadmap in India's endeavour to vaccinate its citizens"

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 interacted with the team of scientists behind the ongoing vaccine development effort "to know more about the indigenous DNA based vaccine being developed there".

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



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

**CAPSULE** 

data stated.

#### PAWAN BANSAL MADE New Delhi: Congress president Sonia Gandhi has appointed Pawan Kumar Bansal as the 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 a maximum fine of Rs 50,000 under different categories.

AIR QUALITY SLIPS TO 'POOR' LEVEL AGAIN IN NCR **Noida**: The air quality remained

"moderate" in Faridabad but slipped to "poor" level in Gurgaon, Noida, Greater Noida and Ghaziabad on Saturday.



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Andhra Pradesh

Tamil Nadu

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hand perspective of the prepa-TOTAL CASES DEATHS **RECOVERED** 46,986 18,14,515 16.76.564 11,750 8,46,082 6,981 8,48,511

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Delhi Uttar Pradesh West Bengal Odisha Telangana Rajasthan Chhattisgarh 2,34,553 1,253 2,27,714 2,08,422 Haryana 2,30,713 2,375 2,08,187 Assam 2,12,483 980 Gujarat 2,06,714 3,953 1,88,069

## **HOME THEATRE**



THE CHRISTMAS CHRONICLES: PART

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

f 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

**DOLLY PARTON'S CHRISTMAS ON THE SQUARE** 

\*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

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.

Shalini Saksena



## **Plan Your Day**



or 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 Covid.

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 set to be more riveting than ever, with

our '3 + 3' Black Friday special promotion, we expect the sales to grow by multi-folds alongside 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

Masala Chai flavour 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

offers: 27% off @ ₹6,000 | Use 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 assortment of neck wears and nose 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 heart-warming moments.



### T E L L Y TALE

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 element 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-Fri at 8 nm The show is an incredible journey of a

common man, Veer (Abhishek Nigam) and his quest 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 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



use this superpower for good, making him 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 heart-

warming story that captures the essence of the ever-evolving dynamics of the saas-bahu relationship in Indian society. Titled Hamariwali Good News, it showcases a unique role reversal between the daughterin-law Navva (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 Navya'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 Raghav 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 Raghay 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 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 (Sudhir 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 and her kaatil adaayein.

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

## '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

Yasmine?? 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. I am fortunate to have got a chance to play this

have replaced Avneet, and the character was already wellestablished? 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

the character? More so because you

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 (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, my life changed for the better. My 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 certain things but now they serve as a 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

part of it.

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

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#### **INBRIEF**

#### **VBU GETS A NEW DIRECTOR**

Dr. Kameshwar Prasad, Associate Professor, department of Physics has been appointed as acting Director of University College of Engineering and Technology Vinoba University, Hazaribag vide letter number 2277/ 20 dated 27-11-2020. Dr. Prasad is famous for great contribution in the field of Physics. As per the notification Dr. Prasad will also



engage the classes of Physics department of the University

#### 44 MORE SPL TRAINS GET EXTENSION

For the convenience of the passengers, in the link of extending the duration of operation of Pooja Special trains, the duration of some more Pooia Special trains has been extended. In this order in addition to the 36 trains earlier mentioned, the extension period of 44 trains has been extended. All coaches in these trains will be reserved category and passengers traveling in it will have to follow the standards of Covid-19.

#### JPPC MEETING IN JAMSHEDPUR

An important meeting was held by All India **Professionals Congress** Jamshedpur Chapter at Tilak Library, Congress Bhawan, Jamshedpur on Saturday. Former Chief Minister Madhu Koda, MP of West Singhbhum Geeta Koda, President of JPPC,



Aditya Vikram Jaisawal and District President Vijay Khan were present on the occasion. The meeting mainly discussed the expansion and strengthening of the Professional Congress Committee and a strategy was also formulated at the party level on how the welfare schemes of the Jharkhand government should be benefited to the general public. Jaiswal, who was present as the chief guest in the meeting, said that the Professional Congress Committee is the most important department of the party. This department, with the formulation of the party's strategy, raises all the problems of the common people loudly and tries its best to solve them.

#### INVESTITURE CEREMONY HELD AT DPS, RANCHI A Virtual Investiture

ceremony was conducted on Saturday on the premises of DPS Ranchi under the guidance of Principal Ram Singh, in which the Head Boy (Kingsukh Banerjee of class XII H) and Head Girl (Ayushi Sarangi of class XII J) were called by the



School Management on behalf of School Council body to shoulder the responsibility in this pandemic situation where Principal Dr Ram Singh interacted with the Council body and encouraged them to be safe and take all precautionary measures of COVID -19 and focus on studies to excel. Singh congratulated the students for being selected in the School Council body and gave them his best wishes.

#### STREET PLAY ON NCC DAY



NCC cadets representing three wings of Army, Navy and Air Force staged a street play marking the NCC cum Constitution Day near High Court on Saturday. They described the three pillars of democracy namely legislature, executive and judiciary. The purpose of the play was to make common citizens aware of the democratic system of the union government. Jharkhand Group Commander Brigadier Manish. Tripathi was the chief guest. Other officials present were 3 Jharkhand NCC Battalion Administrative Officer Colonel Amitabh Verma, Subedar Tirkey, Subedar Shyam Singh, BHM Jasvir Singh and Senior Under Officer Vishal Kumar Yadav.

TRAVEL PHOTOGRAPHER INTERACTS WITH SJMC STUDENTS Renowned travel photographer Lopamudra Talukdar interacted with the BJMC and BFM students of SJMC, DSPMU virtually on Friday and explained the various techniques required in capturing photographs. She spoke on the relevance of light, colour texture, shutter speed in travel photography. Benefits of uploading professional photographs on social media were also discussed in the one hour workshop.

## Fierce encounter with PLFI utras at W Singhbhum

Cache of arms recovered, ultras suspected to be injured

PARVINDER BHATIA

fierce encounter took place Abetween security forces and ultras of People Liberation Front of India (PLFI) in West Singhbhum district on Friday night. Acting on a tip off that PLFI leaders Kishan Gope and Jidan Gudiya must be hiding in Manmaru forest, the security forces comprising Chaibasa police and Jharkhand Jaguar opened fire in the forest area under the jurisdiction of Bandgaon police station in West Singhbhum.

Officials informed that the

operation that lasted for half an hour, a few ultras were also injured.

When contacted, Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG), Kolhan Range, Rajiv Ranjan Singh said that an encounter took place between security forces and PLFI ultras in Manmaru forest under the iurisdiction of Bandgaon police station late Friday evening. He informed that after several rounds of firing, the Naxals fled deep inside the forest.

"After search operation, we found blood stains at the area and we suspect a few ultras might have been injured. However, we have not recovered anybody so far. However, we have recovered ammunition like MG rifle, .315 rifle, 6 coun-



Superintendent of Police (West Singhbhum) Ajay Linda alongwith CRPF officials displaying displaying seized arms & ammunitions recovered during an encounter with naxals in the dense forest of Bandgaon area near Chaibasa Headquarters under West Singhbhum district on Saturday

try-made 9 mm pistol and 169 cartridges," said the DIG.

Officials informed that the police team was led by Assistant Superintendent of Police cum Chakradharpur Sub-Divisional

Police Officer Nathu Singh Meena and six other police officials. Soon after the incident, additional police force is seen at the encounter site and security forces are camping at the

Another official said, "The police received secret information that some ultras of banned outfit along with leader Kishan Gope are hiding. Acting on a tip-off we succeeded in surrounding them. After intelligence reports alerted us we formed a team of district police

ultra managed to escape". Sources informed that the police have decided to ensure strict vigil and deploy additional security forces in the fringe areas. "Security has been beefed up in the area and they were keeping strict vigil on movement of the Naxalites. The plan

is to keep a tab on the camps

and other security forces for this

operation and successfully exe-

cuted it. However, the notorious

being operated by ultras," said another official. Police said that the security has been beefed up in the area and they were keeping strict vigil on movement of the Naxlites. There has been a substantial increase in Maoist activities in this. We are not much concerned about small acts of violence because these activities can be controlled by us, but the bigger attacks are worrisome," said a security official.

It may be mentioned here that Bandgaon is a part of rebels' corridor in the district of West Singhbhum. The place is covered with dense jungle, the ultras consider it a safe place for holding meetings or organising training camps on a regular

## RMC, FJCCI jointly start campaign to prevent Covid-19 spread

Tn order to curb the possible spread of the third phase of the global pandemic COVID 19, a special meeting was held on Saturday at the Ranchi Municipal Corporation office under the chairmanship of Mayor Asha Lakra, in which important decisions were taken on these points.

Representatives of the RMC along with Federation of Jharkhand Chamber of Commerce and Industries (FJCCI) participated and decided that they will conduct awareness campaigns to make the common people in commercial establishments and shops comply with physical distance and make the system mandatory for wearing masks and using sanitizer. The RMC is making the

common people aware about the mandatory compliance of physical distance and wearing masks in the haat-bazaars and shops under the municipal areas. Also, the Municipal

s per the directives of Ranchi Deputy

A Commissioner (DC) Chhavi Ranjan,

Land Dispute Resolution Day was

observed on November 28 in all the zones of Ranchi district. Zonal Officer,

Station In- charge, Zonal Inspector and

Revenue Sub- inspector were present on

all over the district in which 137 were exe-

cuted immediately while on the remain-

ing 57 further action will be taken. Most

of the cases were related to forceful inter-

ference, land measuring dispute, mutual

Development Commissioner (DDC)

Ananya Mittal inspected the site of Trench-

cum-Bund scheme spread over 15 acres

under MNREGA of Burmu block. Ranjan

also inspected mango horticulture under

MNREGA on the land of Kameshwar

The DC further inspected the site of

Tiru Fall and gave necessary directions to

Meanwhile, the DC and Deputy

A total of 194 cases were received from

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the occasion.



Ranchi Mayor Asha Lakra, Dy Mayor Sanjeev Vijayvargiya and officials during a meeting in Ranchi on Saturday Ratan Lal I Pioneer

137 cases executed on Land Dispute Resolution Day

Corporation will run the drive for seven days, if non-compli-ance with mask sanitizer and social distancing will be found, action will be taken under the provisions of Jharkhand Municipal Act. Members of the Chamber of Commerce Pavement Shopkeepers Association present at the The member of the Daily

Market, Pandara Bazaar Committee, was also asked to cooperate with the Municipal Corporation.

Action and penalty can

also be imposed under the provisions of Jharkhand Municipal Act-2011, if the mandatory requirement of physical distance and masking is violated in commercial establishments, shops and haat bajar. Under the Jharkhand Municipal Act-2011, there is a provision for fine on those who spit on public places.

Prevention of the spread of the global epidemic COVID 19 infection will be discussed in the standing committee meeting in the first week of December. The final decision

will be taken after discussing the provisions made under the Jharkhand Municipal Act 2011 in the standing committee meeting.

To take action under section -188 of Indian Penal Code, 1860, for the prevention of epidemics under the provisions of Jharkhand Municipal Act and Disaster Management Act on commercial establishments in which physical distance and instructions on wearing of masks are being violated. Provision of Under the action, fines of a minimum of Rs 5000 to a maximum of Rs 25000 can be imposed on the respective business establishments. There is also a provision to seal the respective commercial establishments or shops as per requirement. Amit Sharma of the Chamber of Commerce, Rohit Poddar, Pawan Lohia, 12 members of the Vendor Committee, Pandra Bazaar Committee Member, Daily Market Chairman, Doranda Bazaar Committee Member

State so that the complaining n a good news for ration card vented," said Oraon. Food and Civic Supplies

At its initial stage the

Food and Civic Supplies Minister, Rameshwar Öraon

face any problem, he added. "There are several kinds of

regarding weight could be pre-

Department Joint Secretary, Shantanu Kumar Agrahari informed that the all the ration card will be digitised very soon, the department has already started work to digitalise the ration card. There are cases during the first phase of COVID 19 period that people are not getting food grains from some PDS centers and the Department had taken initiative in this direction and cancelled license of more than 300 dealers across the State, he

added. Agrahari further said the department is also working to link the ration card with the banking system so that the ration card holders should pay through the e-banking system which prevents malpractices in

the payment system.

A total of 2.65 crore peo ple are getting benefit of PDS system in the State which around 90 per cent of total population and around 15 lakh

the District Planning Officer and other officials to increase facilities for tourists

## **Steel City author creates waves** on international platforms

DIVYA MODI RANCHI

rom coping inspiring quotes From coping mapping T ing cut out of write ups to writing anthologies of national and international level, Jamshedpur born 24-year-old Asmita Mohanty feels that writing poems is something which she has inherited from her mother. Her first solo book of poetries 'Endless Moonlight' which talks about the positive aspects of any relationship was released in May 2020 by the publisher Blue

Rose
"At the age of 11, I used to see Maa maintaining a diary where she wrote her poetry and that is how I too started keeping a notebook where I would pen every feeling and experience. I always felt I had a hidden talent and gradually discovered the writer in me. The book 'As you Like it' made me fall in love with literature and that is how I started blogging and posting my poetry on social media during graduation days. My family and friends have always encouraged me to write more often which has helped me to grow into the person that I am today," said Mohanty.

The year 2020 has been one full of achievements for the young poetess. In July Mohanty became the first person from eastern India to receive the Women Empowerment Award by WEAA for her exemplary initiatives for women empowerment and India Independent



Award by India Star Book of Records in August for the same.

"In 2019 my research paper on 21st century women made India stand at the top amongst the 53 countries that participated by the World Organisation of Students and Youth (WOSY) which was chaired by the late Sushma Swaraj. I also work for JAAGO Foundation, teaching and nurturing underprivileged kids who need guidance for which I have been awarded for active participation," added a beaming Mohanty. For this achievement, Mohanty was also felicitated by the Governor of Odisha Professor Ganeshi Lal n 2019. Mohanty's first anthology PoemBag was published under the banner Brain Bag in 2018 while an upcoming anthology titled Nirvana which talks about mental health is slated to release

Aspiring to own a publishing house, the vivacious author has taken the first step towards achieving her dreams by launching a writing community called 'The Orphic' where she is providing amateur and struggling writers a platform to get their

work published. Born in the Steel City,

Mohanty completed her schooling from Kerala Samajam Model School and is an MBA from Siksha 'O' Anusandhan University Odisha. Had it not been writing, Mohanty aimed to be an artist and also holds a Diploma in Kathak from Prayag Sangeet Samiti, Allahabad and a Fine Arts Diploma from Jamshedbur School of Arts. The young author is presently based in Ranchi where she is working as a marketing executive for an MNC. Based in Jamshedpur, her parents Atal Bihari Mohanty is employed with Tata Steel and her mother Kalpana Mohanty is

a home maker. "I cannot thank Maa and Dad enough for supporting me and most importantly for giving me the privacy and liberty to explore my inner passion and work on it. Today when they see me as a young poet achieving my dreams, they are at times unable to express their happiness especially when someone compliments them about my work. My childhood buddies Priya and Jassi have always been the first to read a new poem and help me identify areas of improvement. remarked an emotional

Mohanty. Through her writings, the young poet wishes to convey a message stating that, "The best version of us always involves what we surround ourselves with and we need to increase the amount of self love and keep ourselves and our dreams as top



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APPENDIX- IV [See Rule 8 (1)]

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

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The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to

Name of the, Borrower(s) & Guarantors : M/s Amit Enterprises (Proprietor : Mr. Amit Kumar) Description of Immovable Property: All that part and parcel of of the Property located at Mouza - Telaiya, Khata no. 273, Plot no. 1986, Area 0.04 Acre, Thana no. 244, Ward no. 12, New Khata no. 590, New Plot no. 4081, P.S. Telaiya, District - Koderma, Jharkhand, in the name of Mr. Amit Kumar, S/o Mr. Ganesh Prasad Singh vide Sale Deed no. 1025/7009 dated 17.06.2015. Bounded: On the North by - Niz Vendor, On the South by - Mangal Singh, On the East by

 12 ft. Road. On the West by - Degan Saw Date of Demand Notice: 07/08/2019 | Date of Possession: 23.11.2020 Amount Due: ₹ 20,33,357.06 (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Thirty Three Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Seven and Paisa Six

Name of the, Borrower(s) & Guarantors : Mr. Mantu Kumar Burnwal (alias Mantu Modi), S/o Munshi Modi Description of Immovable Property: 1. All that part and parcel of the property at Plot no. 02, Khata no. 25, Mauza -Sehwadih, Thana No. 74, Thana - Jainagar, Dist. Koderma, Jharkhand, Pin - 825109, measuring 10.00 Decimals, in the name of Mr. Mantu Kumar Burnwal (alias Mantu Modi), S/o Munshi Modi, vide Sale Deed no. 846 dated 16.02.2013 Bounded: On the North by - Pucca Road, On the South by -Plot no. 7, On the East by - Niz Vendor's, On the West by

2. All that part and parcel of the property at Plot no. 07, Khata no. 25, Mauza -Sehwadih, Thana No. 74, Thana - Jainagai Dist. Koderma, Jharkhand, Pin - 825109, measuring 10.00 Decimals, in the name of Mr. Mantu Kumar Burnwal (alias Mantu Modi), S/o Munshi Modi, vide Sale Deed no. 846 dated 16.02.2013. Bounded: On the North by - Pucca Road On the South by -Boundary Mouza Rebhnadih, On the East by - Niz Vendor's, On the West by - Balki Gope & Niz Date of Demand Notice: 29/05/2019 | Date of Possession: 23.11.2020

Amount Due: ₹ 8,21,348.00 (Rupees Eight Lakhs Twenty One Thousand Three Hundred Forty Eight Only) and interest Name of the, Borrower(s) & Guarantors : Mr. Shashank Kumar Singh, S/o Mr. Shyam Kishor Singh

Description of Immovable Property: All that part and parcel of Residential Land measuring area 8.33 decimals located at Mouza - Barwadih, Ward no. 19, Thana no. 251, P.S. Telaiya, Khata no. 85, Plot no. 1190, Sub Regisrty District Koderma, Jharkhand, in the name of Mr. Shyam Kishor Singh, S/o Late Jagdish Singh vide Sale Deed no. 6323/5998 dated 10.12.2015. Bounded: On the North by - Boundary of Panchu Pandit, On the South by - Vendor, On the East by - 20 ft. wide Road, On the West by - Rajendra Verma Date of Demand Notice: 25/02/2020 | Date of Possession: 23.11.2020

Amount Due: ₹ 16,22,505.80 (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Twenty Two Thousand Five Hundred Five and Paisa Eighty Only) Authorised Officer

Date: 23.11.2020 | Place: Jhumritelaiya

Only) and interest thereon



PDS system set to get a

major revamp in State

Ration card holders collect ration at a PDS shop in Ranchi on Saturday Pioneer photo

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holders of the State, the Food and Civic Supplies Department has started a special drive to prevent irregularities in the Public Distribution System (PDS) across Jharkhand.

department has launched the drive in three districts such as Ranchi, Jamshedpur and Dhanbad so that the ration card holders can get the facilities provided by the Government smoothly.

said that the Government is committed towards providing a smooth PDS system to the people of the State. In order to curb the irregularities in the system the department has launched a special drive to inspect and monitor the Public Distribution Centers so that the ration card holder could not

malpractices in the system and the Government is trying to curb them. Some people get less quantity of food grains so that the department is improvstem and weighing system at all the PDS other than this they get facilicenters in all 24 districts of the ty of Kerosene Oil also.

people have ration cards in the Beneficiaries get a total of establishing an electronic PDS system in the State and

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Memo No. VBU/DSW/R/2321/2020, Date: 28.11.2020



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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 under Sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the 24th day of November of the

The Borrower in 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 the UCO Bank, Jhumritelaiya Branch for an amount of Rs. 24,12,395.40 (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Twelve Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Five and Paisa Forty Only) and interest thereon. The Borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asssets

## All that part and parcel of Land and Building situated at Mouza - telaiya, Ward

no. 7, Thana no. 244, Thana - Telaiya, New Khata no. 70, Old Plot no. 3452, New Plot no. 7442 measuring 915 sq.ft. in the name of Late Anil Kumar, S/o Mr. Madan Lal vide Sale Deed no. 2726 dated 30.05.2003. Bounded: On the North by - Durga Mandap Road, On the South by Drain and

Road, On the East by - Niz Vendor, On the West by - Niz Vendor Date: 24.11.2020 | Place: Jhumritelaiya

**Authorised Officer** 



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which four were tested positive. The drive will continue

department

Positivity rate on

The East Singhbhum district

embarked on massive rapid

antigen tests for Covid-19 at the

steel city and in its rural areas

of the district. On Saturday

alone, 5000 tests were con-

ducted. In urban areas 2364

tests were conducted out of

the decline

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carried from 8 am to continue till 4 pm.

East Singhbhum district surveillance officer, Dr Sahir Pall informed that the health department has launched a rapid antigen testing drive. In Patambda 308 tests were conducted out of which two were tested positive, in Baharagora 305 and Potka 301 tests were conducted. On Sunday 7000 tests will be conducted.

normal. But we will put continuous efforts. We want peo-

Fighting Covid: Massive rapid antigen tests kick off

ple to wear masks and continue maintaining social distancing,"said an official.

The health department has "Presently the situation is issued instructions to deputy commissioners of all four districts for effective execution of

use of the testing resources and other protocols have

also been provided. Rapid diagnostic tests (RDT) detect the presence of viral proteins (antigens) expressed by the Covid-19 virus in a sample taken from the respiratory tract of a person. If the target

antigen is present in sufficient

concentrations in the sample, it

will bind to specific antidotes

fixed to a paper strip enclosed

in a plastic casing.

were carried out in Jamshedpur and in 10 blocks across the East

Singhbhum district. The sources said in Jamshedpur 16 sample collection-cum-test centres have been identified for the rapid

antigen tests, whereas in the

rural areas of the district 160

such centres have been set up. About 400 medical personnels, including doctors and technicians are attending the massive test drive, all wearing PPE kits during the day-long programme.

## प्राचार्य का कार्यालय राजकीय पोलिटेकनिक निरसा पो०- देवियाना, निरसा, धनबाद- 828205

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चूँक झारखण्ड सरकार / समाहत्तां को यह प्रतीत होता है कि ग्राम-सोलियावक थाना-सारठ (वितरा), थाना सं०-556, अंचल-सारठ, जिला-देवघर में भूमि सार्वजिनक प्रयोजन, यथा शहरजोरी मोड़ (एम०डी०आर०-222 पर)-आसनवनी-अलगवरा-दुमदुमी -दनरबाद-करौँ तक पथ का चौड़ीकरण एवं मजबूतीकरण कार्य हेतु अपेक्षित है। प्रमावित परिवारों के पुनर्वासन एवं पुनर्व्यवस्थापन के प्रयोजनार्थ अपर समाहत्तां अथवा नियम 2(1)(ख) के तहत् नियुक्त पदाधिकारी प्रशासक के रूप में नियुक्त किए गए हैं। अत्पव अधिसूचित किया जाता है कि ग्राम-सोलियाचक थाना-सारठ (वितरा), थाना सं०-556, अंचल-सारठ, जिला-देवघर में उपयुक्त कथित परियोजना के लिए कार्योज 0.130 एकड़ मानक माप का भूखंड, जिसका विरक्त विवरण निम्नलिखत है, अर्जनाधीन है :-

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	1	47	रैयती	बाड़ी-2	0.18	टीमी देव्या पति स्व० विश्वान महतो वो हीरा महतो पे० टुम्मा महतो वो दानी महतो वो अनील महतो वो वानी महतो वो अनील महतो वो गुल्ली महतो वो रामिकशोर यादव पे० स्व० झलकु महतो वो सुरेन महतो पे०स्व० वेगरू महतो वो नुनवन महतो माता स्व० सवना देवी अंश समान वो सन्त पे० जरीफ महतो साठ वेह।	बुधनाडीह, 560	दुन्दुआ जोरी, 55	सतुयाबाद, 557	अणि रकव का शेष अंश
2	1	54	रैयती	बाड़ी-2	0.08					
3	1	230	रैयती	गड़िया	0.005	तथैव। टीभी देव्या पति स्व० विशन				
4	1	54/393	रैयती	बाड़ी-2	0.04	महतो वो हीश महतो पे० टुम्मा महतो वो हीश महतो वो अनील महतो वो गुल्ली महतो पे० स्व० झाड़ी महतो वो सान्त महतो पे० जरी महतो अंश समान सा० देह।				
5	1	342	रैयती	बाड़ी-1	0.015					
6	1	343	रैयती	म० स०	0.01					
7	1	173	रैयती	बाडी-2	0.09	नुनचन महतो माता स्व० सवना देवी				
8	1	299	रैयती	धानी-3	0.02	टीभी देव्या पित स्व० विशन महतो वो हीरा महतो पे० स्व० दुम्मा महतो वो दानी महतो वो				
9	4	48	रैयती	बाड़ी-2	0.06	वो दल्लु महतो वो रघु महतो वो चुना महतो पे०स्व० चमटु महतो वो शंकर महतो वो गोरी महतो पे०स्व० झाबू महतो वो सुरश महतो पे०स्व० छबी महतो पोश्यपुत्र अंश समान सा०देष्ठ।				
10	4	52	रैयती	बाड़ी-2	0.08					
11	4	235	रैयती	धानी-3	0.02	भरत महतो वो तीरथ महतो वो दल्लु महतो वो रघु महतो वो चुना महतो पे० स्व० चमटु महतो सा०देह।				
12	4	247	रैयती	म० स०	0.005					
13	4	312	रैयती	धानी-2	0.02	तथैव।				
14	4	360	रैयती	बाड़ी-1	0.01					
15	4	361	रैयती	बाड़ी-1	0.01					
16	4	368	रैयती	म० स०	0.015	तथैव। शंकर महतो वो गोड़ी महतो				
17	4	332	रैयती	धानी-3	0.005	पे० स्व० झाबू महतो				
18	4	359	रैयती	म० स०	0.01					
19	4	365	रैयती	म० स०	0.015	झाब्बु महतो				
20	6	53	रैयती	बाड़ी-2	0.08	अरूण महतो वो लखन महतो पे० स्व० पुरन महतो वो माधुर महतो वो बहादुर महतो थे० स्व० सीत् महतो वो भुमिलाल महतो पे० स्व० सुवलाल महतो अंश समान सा०देह।				
21	6	236	रैयती	बाड़ी-1	0.02					
22	6	290	रैयती	धानी-3	0.01	अरूण महतो वो लखन महतो पे० स्व० पुरन महतो सा०देह।				
23	6	367	रैयती	म० स०	0.015					
24	6	341	रैयती	बाड़ी-2	0.005	मुझा महताईन ज० रै०				
25	6	366	रैयती	म० स०	0.015	नाथु महतो वो बहादुर महतो पे० स्व० सीतु महतो वो भुमिलाल महतो पे० स्व० खुवलाल महतो अंश समान सां० देह।				
26	7	49	रैयती	बाड़ी-2	0.09	लक्ष्मीनारायण राय मूल रैयत वल्द गुही राय वो गगाराम राय वो उचित राय पे० बेनी राय वो देवी राय वल्द गोन्दो राय वो (ज०रै०)				
27	7	51 171	रैयती रैयती	बाड़ी-2 बाड़ी-2	0.05	तथैव। तथैव।				
29	7	234	रैयती	पोखर		तथैव।				
30	7	237	रैयती	म० स०	0.01	तथैव।				
31	7	238	रैयती	बाड़ी-1	0.01	तथैव।				
32	7	239	रैयती	बाड़ी-1	0.005	तथैव ।				
33	7	244	रैयती	म० स०	0.01	तथैव।				
34	7	245	रैयती	धानी-3		तथैव।				
35 36	7	298 305	रैयती जैग्राती	धानी-3		तथैव।				
36	7	305	रैयती रैयती	धानी-1 धानी-1	0.02	तथैव। तथैव।				
38	7	331	रैयती	बाड़ी-2	0.005					
39	1	340	रैयती	बाड़ी-2	0.005	राम किशोर यादव पे० स्व० झलकू महतो वो सुरेन महतो पे० स्व० बेगरू महतो अंश समान सा०देह।				

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यह अधिसूचना भू—अर्जन, पुनर्वासन एवं पुनर्व्यवस्थापन में उचित प्रतिकर एवं पारदर्शिता अधिकार अधिनियम—2013 (अधिनियम संख्या 30/2013), की धारा—11 (1) के उपबंधों के अधीन सभी संबंधित व्यक्तियों के लिए जारी की जाती है ।

भूमि की योजना का निरीक्षण जिला भू—अर्जन पदाधिकारी, देवघर के कार्यालय में किसी कार्य दिवस को कार्यावधि में किया जा सकेगा।
झारखण्ड सरकार/समाहर्ता—सह—समुचित सरकार उक्त अधिनियम की धारा 12 में यथा उपबंधित एवं यथाविनिर्दिष्ट कार्यों के समुचित
निष्पादन हेतु अपेक्षित किसी भूमि का सर्वेक्षण एवं उसकी प्रविष्ट करने, किसी भूमि के किसी स्तर को मापने के लिए, अवभूमि खोदने या
भू—वेचन—छिद्र करने सहित सभी अन्य कार्यों के संचालन करने हेतु जिला भू—अर्जन पदाधिकारी, देवघर और उनके कर्मचारियों को प्राधिकृत करती है।

अधिनियम की धारा 11(4) के अधीन कोई व्यक्ति जिला समाहत्तों के पूर्विक अनुमीदन के बिना इस अधिसूचना के प्रकाशन की तिथि से
प्रारंभिक अधिसूचना में विनिर्दिष्ट भूमि का कोई अंतरण यथा क्य/विकय नहीं करेगा या ऐसा कोई अंतरण करवाएगा या ऐसी भूमि पर कोई
अवभार नहीं उत्पन्न करेगा। अधिनियम की धारा 15 के अधीन यथाउपबंधीत इस अधिसूचना के प्रकाशन की तिथि से 60 दिनों के अंतर्गत
भू—अर्जन की बाबत किसी प्रकार की आपत्तियों हितबद्ध व्यक्ति द्वारा जिला भू—अर्जन पदाधिकारी, देवघर के समक्ष दर्ज की जा सकेगी।

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## Prize distribution ceremony held at DVC BokaroThermal SURESH NIKHAR ■ BOKARO THERMAL prize distribution ceremony was

Aheld on Saturday in the plant conference hall wherein prizes were awarded to the four employees of BTPS by the Chief Engineer and project head Supriyo Gupta and Chief Engineer Abhimanyu Prasad Singh. Four employees of BTPS namely

Dinanath Sharma, Asstt controller, Santosh Kumar, Jr Engineer, Kanhaiya Prasad Singh, Estate officer, and Deepak Kumar, principal accountant, bagged trophies for first, second, third and fourth positions in activities like essay competition, which was organized by Bokaro Steel plant.

The e-Éssay Competition, organized under the theme Vigilant India, Prosperous India', was organized during the Vigilance Awareness Week - 2020 by the Bokaro Nagar Official Language Implementation Committee among its members and organiza-

On this occasion CE & PH Suriya Gupta and Abhimanyu Prasad Singh,

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CE, congratulated the winners and acknowledged their sincere efforts. They motivated others also to shed their inhibitions and explore their talents. The Adl Director Niraj Sinha of the BTPS congratulated the all four officials for their sterling performance and exhorted them to continue replicating the success story Other officials, who were present

on the occasion are DyCE Sunil Prasad, Vijaya Nand Sharma, S.R. Panda, Gulab Ansari, SE Mritunjay Prasad, Dheeraj Kumar Vishwakarma, Balwant Pankara, Deepak Kumar, H.M. Prajapati, SDE Kundan Kumar, Manager (Chemicals) B.K. Singh, EE Abhishek Kumar, Executive (Safety) Gopal Halladar etc. were present.

वन पर्यावरण एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन विभाग पदाधिकारी–सह-वन प्रमण्डल पदाधिकारी, जमशेदपुर वन प्रमण्डल, जमशेदपुर।

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एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि अवैध पातन एवं परिवहन के क्रम में जप्त वाहनों एवं वन पदार्थों के विरूद्ध राज्यसात की कार्रवाई की अगली तिथि दिनांक 04.12.2020 को निर्धारित की गई है। दिनांक 04.12.2020 को पूर्वाहन 11:00 बजे निर्धारित तिथि एवं समय पर प्राधिकृत पदाधिकारी—सह—वन प्रमण्डल पदाधिकारी, जमशेदपुर वन प्रमण्डल, जमशेदपुर के न्यायालय में आप स्वयं एवं अधिवक्ता के माध्यम से उपस्थित होकर अपना पक्ष रखें तथा कारण पृच्छा समर्पित करें, अन्यथा वाद में एक तरफा निर्णय ले लिया जाएगा।

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## Interaction with steel workers on 'Nayi Sochha-Nayi Disha'

Bokaro: A program of interaction of the top management of the plant with the personnel of BSL was organized in online mode. In this program named Nayi Šochha-Nayi Disha, BŚL Director in-charge

Amarendu Prakash, Executive Director (Medical and Health Services) Dr. AK Singh, Executive DirectorR. Kushwaha, Executive Director ( Materials Management) VK Pandey, Executive Director (Operations) AtanuBhowmik, Executive Director (Finance & Accounts) DK Saha and other senior officers including Workers of various departments joined on-line .

At the outset, the members and participants of the top management were welcomed by the Chief General Manager (HRD) BS Popli and gave information on the background of the discussion. Thereafter, Santosh Kumar (EMD) and NK Verma (PPC) produced the data related to the production of SAIL and

In his address, Directorin-charge Mr. Prakash called upon the steel workers to move forward with a new vision for the progress of the plant. He encouraged the personnel and said that the team BSL has great potential to perform better and take

the plant to new heights. Addressing the workers, Mr. Prakash specifically underscored the importance of innovating in functionalities, better time management in the workplace, proper utilization of resources and taking advantage of available opportunities to take the plant to the pinnacle of progress. Executive directors also addressed

the personnel and gave them a message to take the plant to greater heights through new thinking and teamwork. During the discussion in the last section of the program, the personnel shared some important suggestions related to their work area with the senior officials. on which the Director-in-charge and the senior officials expressed their

## ESL launches Mushroom Production unit

Bokaro: Aiming to empower women ESL Steel Limited, a Vedanta Group Company, has launched a Mushroom Production Unit, run by women SHG, here on Friday.

The unit was inaugurated by Pankaj Malhan, CEO ESL in the presence of Anita Kerketta, District Program Manager, Jharkhand State Livelihood Society.

Our motto is to empower women so that they can earn their livelihood and become independent through Project IIVIKA in association with Drishtee Foundation, informed ESL Public Relations official.

SHGs will be involved initially as beneficiaries for mushroom productions and this number will gradually rise and another primary customers of the spawn unit producers, said the official. Speaking on the occasion

Malhan said, the Mushroom Production Unit will help the SHG to work and grow together as one unit. The entire project would be run by women to make them self-sufficient.

"This is a progressive step in making the women independent and confident enough to run their families. ESL is proud to make rapid progress towards community development and



shall continue to do so," he added.

The spawn production unit concept is based on the idea of making women entrepreneurs by producing spawn for the mushroom cultivators. The unit includes making of spawn using several raw materials under the watchful eyes of women already Under this initiative, 30 trained by mushroom experts.

This is yet another initiative by ESL towards the community and its well-being. The Mushroom Production Unit is ın tne right dire it enables women to lead a more respectable life and have a secure future. After getting trained by experts, they have already gained knowledge and completed the first round of spawn production, said Anita Kerketta, District Program Manager, Jharkhand State

Livelihood Society. "ESL has always shown compassion towards women and I wish that this new project proves to be as fruitful as the previous ones," she added.**PNS** 

#### State police comes out with handbook on cyber security awareness

DALTONGANJ: Jharkhand Police Headquarters' novel initiative 'Cyber Security Awareness Handbook' printed both in Hindi and English is unputdownable for people who have managed to survive cyber fraud and for those too who have succumbed to it and lost their fortunes.

Sources in the PHQ said on an average 500 cases of cyber crimes are coming a year in Jharkhand.

Sources said DGP M V Rao had asked officers to work on the handbook which got readied in one month and was released by the DG Headquarters Ájay Kr Singh on Friday in Ranchi.

Inputs for the handbook were obtained from cyber police stations located across the State. The handbook is on Jharkhand police website said sources. The Pioneer which accessed

a copy of the handbook today found its cover page simply eye catching as there is a crowd of coinages on it like stalking, network, hardware, pornography, access tool, crime, computer, fraud, victim and so on and so forth.

The handbook is of 35 pages and team of police officers which authored it has tried hard to avoid police terse lingo as far as possible.

## Constitution Day celebrated in BSL



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onstitution Day was cele-Plant. On this occasion Amarendu Prakash, Directoradministered the oath of office to the Preamble of the Constitution of India in a ceremony held at Ispatbhawan Bokaro.

In this program, Executive Director (Medical and Health Services) Dr. AK Singh, Executive Director (Project) R Kushwaha, Executive Director (Materials Management) VK Executive Pandey, Director (Operations) Atanu Bhowmik, Executive Director (Finance & Accounts) DK Saha, Chief General Managers of various departments, other

senior officers and personnel

were present. During the function, Deputy General Manager (Liaison Administration) Shanta H Sinha also gave the background information of the Constitution

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## **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-

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 proimportant, he called for col-

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

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

"Additionally, bicycles can



urban planners and policymakers to have a re-look at their plans and policies and earmark exclusive cycling

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

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 cycling tracks.

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 this was the right time to pro-

noise pollution, improves road

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

USD 24.3 billion. However, the absence of a 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, Mission Director, Smart Cities Mission, Kamal Kishore Yadav, CEO and Commissioner, Chandigarh Smart City and trips in most towns, he said other dignitaries were pre-

## ED attaches ex-babu's properties worth ₹27.8 cr under PMLA

The Enforcement Directorate on Saturday Enforcement attached properties worth ₹27.86 crore of former IAS officer Babulal Agrawal under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act 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 Agarwal and his family members.

The ED initiated investigation under PMLA on the basis of FIR registered by Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), Chhattisgarh under Prevention of Corruption Act, leading to disclosure of the disproportionate assets amassed by Agrawal and his family members 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 members.

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 Prevention of Corruption Act.

"Investigation under 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

accounts and several other accounts, 13 shell companies owned and operated by CA Sunil Agrawal, 26 Delhi and Kolkata-based other shell companies as well as the sister concerns of Prime Ispat Limited (a company owned and managed by family members of Babu Lal Agrawal) were used in placement and layering of this cash generated from corrupt means which was finally integrated in the form of share capital 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.

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

went down.

Thiruvananthapuram and carrying out an extensive

search and rescue mission on the spot where the plane said here on Saturday.

fighter jet crashed during routine sortie. These aircraft operate from the INS Vikramaditya aircraft carrier.

This is the third mishap involving the MIG-29K in the 45 jets manufactured by Russia

were inducted into the Navy some years back for flying from the aircraft carrier.

Giving details of the 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 operations and advanced air 1700 hrs on 26 November. defence exercises by MIG 29K One pilot has been recovered fighters of INS Vikramaditya and search by air and surface units in progress for the second

pilot. An inquiry has been ordered to investigate the incident," 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 Indian Navy and Nimitz Carrier Strike Group of the US Navy. The two carriers, along with other ships, submarine

MIG-29K traceless even after 24 hours and aircraft of the participating navies carried out high intensity naval operations over four days from November 17 onwards. These exercises also included cross-deck flying

> 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 the Navy are based at its base in Goa and operate from the lone aircraft carrier INS

## Plea in SC against 'retrospective' change in tenure of SK Mishra as

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Apetition 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

The petition, filed by advocate 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 stricty in accordance with the law".

Vigilance Commission (CVC) Act, 2003.

ly 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

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

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



rectly what could not have been done directly under the

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 illegalities in the appointment of the Director of Enforcement will shake the confidence of citizens

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 influ-

ED director's appointment is governed by the CVC Act which provides that no person

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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

After Nivar, another cyclone forming over Bay of Bengal

alert for Pathanamthitta and districts December1 and

Kollam districts on December IMD also forecasts isolated heavy to very heavy rainfall with moderate thunder-

storm and lightning over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal during this period. Isolated heavy falls with

moderate thunderstorm and lightning was also very like-Pradesh during December 1 and 2 and over Rayalseema and Lakshadweep area on

### influence, various parts in southern States were likely to receive rainfall starting very likely to concentrate into December 2, it said. December 1, the IMD said in

a depression during next 48

further thereafter," it said. It is likely to move nearly westwards and reach south

CBI raids 45 locations in

Karaikal, Kerala, Mahe,

Under its influence, scatactivity was "very likely" over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry,

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**IMD** also

Andhra Pradesh and south Rayalaseema on Tuesday and Wednesday, the IMD said.

## Panwan Bansal appointed interim treasurer of Cong

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Congress 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 of demise veteran Congressman and sitting Rajya Sabha MP from Gujarat, Ahmed Patel earlier this month.

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

A four-time Lok Sabha MP from Chandigarh, Pawan Kumar Bansal also served one term as a Rajya Sabha MP for Punjab. 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.

The 72-year old Congress leader handled the Minister of

State (MoS) portfolio in Parliamentary Affairs, Finance 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.

Towards the beginning of his political career, Bansal entered the limelight when he was appointed president of the Punjab 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 endeavour."

#### Hawala dealer Naresh Jain moves court seeking bail in money laundering case December 2.

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

The bail application is likely to be heard on

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.

## be harassed: Delhi HC PNS ■ NEW DELHI

the country, deserve special treatment and are not to be harassed unnecessarily and "made ping pong of" by being sent from one forum of adjudication to another, the Delhi

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

# **Enforcement Directorate director**

appointment order itself.

a period of "three years", it said. "The Centre has done indi-

#### PNS ■ NEW DELHI has invited them for another tions behind these changes round of talks on December 3. for the benefit of the farmers, Union Minister Piyush Goyal on Saturday "I appeal to them to leave and for a better future for our agitation in view of COVID-19 farmers," Goyal said. expressed confidence that the and winter. I am hopeful the He said that if pen or therfew "misguided" farmers, who farmers will agree to task," he mos manufacturers do not are protesting against the Centre's three farm laws, will have any restriction on where Thousands of farmers startand to whom to market their understand the well-meaning

Few misguided farmers will soon understand

rationale behind Centre's farm laws: Goyal

ed entering the national capital goods, farmers too deserve on Friday as part of their 'Delhi the same independence. Chalo' march against the The Government, he said, Centre's new farm laws.

is working at strengthening "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 undercommerce and industry min-

the hands of farmers by unshackling them from the constraints of the past. "We are preparing the country and

our farmers to become stronger, to get the ability to market their own products anywhere in the country," the

## stand the well meaning inten-Commander Nishant Singh of crashed

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

intentions behind these

Agriculture Minister Narendra

Singh Tomar on Saturday said

that the Government is await-

ing a proposal from the protest-

ing farmers and then will make

every day asking the farmers to

call off the protests. He said that

the Government is ready to

hold talks with the farmers and

The Minister has been

a decision based on that.

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while Union

pilot who along with Singh ejected from the jet before it Scores of warships, helicopters and aircraft of the Navy and other agencies were

managed to rescue the other

crashed into the sea, officials The twin-seater MIG-29K

## Members of armed forces deserve special treatment, should not

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High Court has said. The high court observed that the oath required to be



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

The petition, which is like-

However, the Central

statute," the plea said. The petition contended that the ED handles a large

> in the institution of Enforcement Directorate." "Such an action will be

ences, as enshrined by the Supreme Court...," it said.

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 years from the date on which he assumes office, the plea



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motional events. Terming the webinar theme as timely and Stating that the pandemic lective global efforts to make the planet greener and safer. Observing that the pan-

walk or ride bicycles. Pointing out that cycling

PNS ■ NEW DELHI A fter 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

"A Low Pressure Area lies over South Andaman Sea SE

(south east) Bay of Bengal and Equatorial Indian Ocean. It is

4 States in coal theft case

The 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

security personnel of Eastern Coalfields Ltd (ECL) for the The searches were spread across West Bengal, Bihar,

general managers and three

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

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

theft of coal in the leasehold area

of ECL in "connivance" with the



help of large excavation machines and vehicles for trans-

portation 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 recov-

recoveries were also made from other locations. "It is learnt that this illegal activity is being run at Railway sidings by the criminals with

ery of over nine MT of stolen

coal from the Railway siding of

the Pandaveswar area. Similar

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.

the active connivance of

unknown Railway officials,"

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 manner, the CBI said. It alleged that the accused

officials and security officers

of ECL and CISF, in con-

nivance 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

was underway, they said. He was rushed to a hospi tal where he died, they added.

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thunderstorm and

## 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 college votes.

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 previous ruling that dismissed the Trump campaign's request for an injunction in the case in Pennsylvania to challenge the election results and slammed the lawsuit.

"Free, fair elections are the lifeblood of our democracy. Charges of unfairness are serious, but 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 Republican president George

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

on November 7 after flipping 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 538member 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 allegations 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 Trump tweeted. counted or cast.

'Voters, not lawyers, choose the president. Ballots, not briefs, decide electionsâ⊠¦ 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 relentless barrage of lawsuits filed by the Trump campaign and its supporters, but even so, the Third Circuit's ruling was particularly blunt.

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 election and unsubstantiated claims of voter fraud.

"Biden can only enter the

ran's supreme leader on

Saturday demanded the

"definitive punishment" of

those behind the killing of a

scientist who led Tehran's dis-

banded military nuclear pro-

gram, as the Islamic Republic

blamed Israel for a slaying that

has raised fears of reignited ten-

sions 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.

killing Iranian scientists a

decade ago amid earlier tensions

over Tehran's nuclear program,

has yet to comment on

Fakhrizadeh's killing Friday.

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

Iran's Supreme Leader

Israel, long suspected of

After years of being in the

AP TEHRAN

Iran's supreme

leader vows revenge

over slain scientist

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 78year-old Biden as the 46th US

Under the US electoral system, voters do not directly choose the president. Instead, they vote for 538 officials, who are allocated to American states based on their population size.

Earlier this week, Trump 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.

sination of Martyr Fakhrizadeh in a proper time," Rouhani said.

"The Iranian nation is smarter

than falling into the trap of the

Zionists. They are thinking to

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% purity 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

Manhattan Project in World

War II that created the atom

so-called AMAD program that

Israel and the West have alleged

was a military operation look-

ing at the feasibility of building

a nuclear weapon. The

International Atomic Energy

Agency says that "structured

program" ended in 2003. Iran

long has maintained its nuclear

appeared unnamed on state

television in a black

Fakhrizadeh's widow

programme is peaceful.

Fakhrizadeh headed Iran's

Both Rouhani and

create chaos?

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

**PTI** ■ WASHINGTON

U<sup>S</sup> 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 people 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 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

mend groups to receive the vaccine 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 and older people in their population, 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 recommendations to the states?" he said. Typically, the ACIP meets after a vaccine is authorised by the FDA to make recommenproactively 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 Friday marked the 25th day in 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 country's Vice President.

## **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

and the EU If there is no deal, New

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.

# committee for immunization

coronavirus.

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 negotiate 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

## 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, Jam Department Jammu on behalf of Lt. Governor of Union Territory of J&K invite tenders by e-tendering mode from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K Union Territory Govt. upto 1800 Hrs on 03-12-2020 for the following work.

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 thick SDBC. (Under Languishing Scheme)

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.):- 205980/-, Time Allowed for completion :- 0 month, Time & date of opening of tender: - 04-12-2020 1400 hours

Class of Contractor :- Hot Mix Plant Holder/ "A" Class Contractor 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 ailing 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  $\underline{http://jktenders.gov.in} \ from \ on \ \underline{27\text{-}11\text{-}2020} \ to \ \underline{03\text{-}12\text{-}2020} \ (\underline{1800} \ Hrs).$ Sd/- Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Const. Div. No. II Jammu

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# 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

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and Joint Stock Company Elecon

in Russia for transferring sensi-

tive technology and items to

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-

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poses. Pompeo said all countries

need to be vigilant to efforts by

Iran to advance its missile pro-

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

to advance its missile pro-

Game consoles, cookware,

robotic vacuum cleaners, slip-

pers and pajamas were popu-

lar 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

owner, camped outside a store

on Black Friday for the first

time in his life, trying to score

"They've done everything they

Eric Kelly, a boxing gym

ones after a tough year.

gramme," Pompeo said.

Iran insists its nuclear pro-

ondary sanctions.

President Donald Trump

Iran's missile programme.

## US imposes sanctions on Russian, Chinese companies for supporting Iranian missile programme

The US has imposed sanc-I tions on four companies from China and Russia for supporting Iran's missile programme that remains a "significant 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 continuing their activities related to nuclear arms.

"The US has sanctioned four entities in China and Russia for their support of Iran's missile programme, which remains a significant 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

The 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-

Crowds at stores were dramat-

ically diminished as shoppers

In normal times, Black

## inoculations China and Nilco Group, which

**AP** ■ LONDON

within days.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson said Conservative lawmaker Nadhim Zahawi will oversee the country's biggest vaccine programme

tor is currently assessing two vaccines — one developed by Pfizer and BioNTech, the other by Oxford University and AstraZeneca — to see if they

in decades

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.

had to do in school and outside

of school, so I have to award

them for being exceptional

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.

top of each other" in the line.

At a Garden State Plaza mall in

coming in on Black Friday. But

Kelly said "people were on

Before Black Friday,

kids.'

would keep trying online. sure wary customers about

## vaccines minister to oversee Covid

# **UK appoints**

The British Government ■ appointed a vaccines min-

ister on Saturday as it prepares to inoculate millions of people against the coronavirus, potentially starting

The UK medicines regulaare safe and effective.

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 punishment of the perpetrators and those who ordered it." He did not elaborate. Speaking earlier Saturday,

response to the killing.

President Hassan Rouhani

blamed Israel for the killing.

"We will respond to the assas-

shopping digitally by moving

lines and the crowds you typ-

said Stephen Lebovitz, CEO of

CBL, which operates about

100 malls and filed for Chapter

11 bankruptcy in November.

ically see on a Black Friday,

chador, saying his death would spark a thousand others to take up his work. "Ĥe wanted to get martyred and his wish came true,"

Hard-line Iranian media has begun circulating memorimages showing Fakhrizadeh standing alongside a machine-gun-cradling likeness of Revolutionary Guard Gen. Qassem Soleimani, whom the US killed in the January drone strike.

## Virus keeps Black Friday crowds thin, shoppers shift online

their doorbuster deals online "It feels good, and it's the right thing to do to keep every-body safe," Renslow said and ramping up curbside pickup options.
"We have been intention-"Everyone is shopping a little differently but that's OK." al to try to not create the frenzy, the doorbusters, the long

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-

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.

Control and

ping in crowded stores during dent of business development. the holidays a "higher risk activity and says people should limit any in-person shopping. The National Retail

Prevention has labeled shop-

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 year 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

#### Friday is the busiest shopping day of the year, drawing mil-Paramus, New Jersey, police a PlayStation 5 for his 13-Several hundred shoppers lions of people eager to get A Christmas tree towered monitored a crowd outside a lined up ahead of opening at year-old twin sons as a reward started on their holiday spendfor persevering through remote GameStop, but few people kept Mall of America in learning during the pandemic. Bloomington, Minnesota, their distance. GameStop said it was tak-But these are not normal "They've been away from which normally attracts severtheir friends," said Kelly, who times: A spike in coronavirus ing several safety precautions, al thousand on Black Friday. cases is threatening the econfailed to get the console at a including contactless pickup. The mall spread out the Black omy's fitful recovery from the GameStop in New York City's Many retailers beefed up Friday deals over eight days, sudden plunge in the spring. Union Square but said he their safety protocols to reasand many retail tenants pivot-

ed more to online and curbside The U.S. Centers for pickup, said Jill Renslow, Mall

they owe it to themselves and their families to have a betterthan-normal holiday," said NRF Chief Economist Jack

## **Q2 GDP surprising resilience:** Is it good enough to last?

The surprise resilience I shown by the manufacturing sector that restricted GDP 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

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 showed recovery.

"The most astonishing number is the positive growth in manufacturing Q2. Despite being the worst affected sector in Q1(due to lockdown), it is quite puzzling how manufacturing 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 consumption. "Additionally, there is evidence of inventory buildup that could act as a drag on future manufacturing growth."

Interestingly, government

consumption expenditure has also nosedived in Q2, that is 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

"Is it because of behavioural changes during pandemic like massive transport of goods once the economy opened up and a massive boost 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 intermediate demand.

## Retail inflation for industrial workers rises to 5.91% in Oct

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

 $R^{ ext{etail}}$  inflation for industrial 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) 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 (+) 1.29 percentage points to the

At item level, arhar dal, poultry (chicken), eggs (hen), goat meat, mustard oil, sunflower 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 level, Doom-Dooma Tinsukia, Patna and Ramgarh recorded the maximum increase of 4 points each. Among others, 3 points increase was observed in 9 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

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

"Government of Puniab 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

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 lead ing 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

The bull run in the equity 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 cur-

rent 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 investigation 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

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 payment of applicable GST and cess," the ministry said in being cleared clandestinely

a late night statement on Friday. The total tax evasion of

more than Rs 129 crore is pegged to have been committed by the accused, it added. Investigation conducted across Delhi and Haryana revealed that Sharma manu-

factured and supplied cigarettes under his registered brands 'Nidhi Black' 'Gold queen' and 'E-10. "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 trade-

marks owned by other compa-

nies. All these cigarettes were

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 arrested by DGGI officers on

Demand for holiday

homes gains traction

## 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://chi.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 Ganj, 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. 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:



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

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

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

P.S. Tilak Marg, New Delhi. Ph. No. 011-23382100, 23385571

## **Manufacturing GVA** growth in Q2 'surprising': SBI Report

IANS NEW DELHI

The 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 GVĂ 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

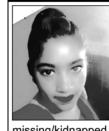
Kanti Ghosh, Group Chief Economic Adviser, State Bank of India, said: "Though the whole press release is full of surprising numbers, the most astonishing number is the positive growth in manufacturing in Q2."He noted that despite being the worst affected sector in Q1 (due to lockdown), it is quite puzzling how manufacturing turned itself around. 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 (average July/August/September) while manufacturing GVA grew by

New Delhi:As the pandemic has significantly impacted operations of businesses and 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, CEŎ & Director Axis Ecorp, the need for a perfect balance between work and personal life has fuelled the concept of a weekend 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

amid pandemic also noted that from the invest-

ment 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 alternative 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 of 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 missing/kidnapped from her house since 09.11.2020 at

12:00 PM. In this regard a FIR No. 604/2020 U/S 363 IPC, 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 the girl but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about her please inform undersigned.

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

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

#### SEARCH FOR MISSING



Ganesh Sahu

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.

The description of missing person is as under: Name: Ganesh Sahu, Age: 23 Years, Height: 5'7, Face:

Web: http://cbi.nic.in, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in

Round, Complexion: Fair, Built: Medium, Wearing: Orange Shirt, Blue Jeans and Hawai Chappal in feet.

f anyone have any information about this missing person please inform P.S. Alipur, Delhi

Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639 Police Station Alipur, Delhi

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Ph: 011-27202265, 7065036325

## APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

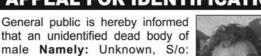
General public is hereby informed that one male was found dead on 11.11.2020 at Govt. Toilet, S.N. Marg, Delhi in the area of PS Lahori Gate, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 84A u/s 174 CrPC, Dated 11.11.2020 has been lodged at P.S. Lahori Gate, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved in mortuary of Subzi 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, Whte 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

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



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,

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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. Sd/- SHO

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

## Total FDI inflow during Q2 FY21 stands at \$28.1 bn

IANS NEW DELHI

The total foreign direct investment (FDI) during the second quarter of financial year 2020-21 stood at \$28.10 billion, out of which FDI equity 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.

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

IANS ■ NEW DELHI

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, education, livelihood and even basic food supplies are the new normal for the vast majority of India's differently-abled community. At this time especial-

ly and in the near future, access

to support has become a sur-

vival issue.

longer a constraint," he said. He

Among its recommendations, 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

## 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

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 breakwaters, rail line/yard and road connectivity, power and water line, internal roads and common amenities, as per JNPT.

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# Time running out for India

## 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** 

PTI SYDNEY

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 turbocharged 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 allrounders that will give Virat Kohli and Ravi Shastri numerous points to ponder.

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 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 promises to be a belter.

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

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

Saini, on the other hand, has back spasms and Thangarasu Natarajan has been inducted in the 50-over squad as a cover.

In case they are ruled out, Shardul Thakur, with decent batting abilities could replace Saini and Kuldeep Yadav's inclusion will be a forced

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

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 desired.

Especially Shreyas Iyer, whose dismissal was an embar-rassing sight as he fended awkwardly 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

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 at the SCG.

An equaliser on Sunday will be easier said than done.

#### कार्यालय:- उपायुक्त-सह-जिला दण्डाधिकारी, लातेहार (सामान्य शाखा)

#### प्रेस विज्ञप्ति

सरकार के अवर सचिव, गृह कारा एवं आपदा प्रबंधन विभाग, झारखण्ड रांची के पत्रांक 311 दिनांक 20.01.2020 द्वारा प्राप्त Arms Amendment Act 2019 No- 48 of 2019 दिनांक 14.12.2019 के कंडिका 3 के अनुसार पूर्व में कोई भी शस्त्र अनुज्ञप्तिधारी जो दो से अधिक शस्त्र रखने हेतु विधिपूर्वक प्राधिकृत था अब वह इस संशोधन के फलस्वरूप मात्र दो ही शस्त्र धारण कर सकता है।

उक्त के आलोक में इस कार्यालय के प्रेस विज्ञप्ति ज्ञापांक 164 / सा0 दिनांक 12.03.2020 के द्वारा लातेहार जिला के वैसे सभी शस्त्र अनुज्ञप्तिधारी जिनके पास वर्तमान में 03 (तीन) वैध शस्त्र हैं, उनमें से कोई एक शस्त्र राजपत्र (Gazette) प्रकाशन की तिथि 14.12.2019 से एक वर्ष के अन्दर स्थानीय थाना / ओपी / सरकारी माल खाना अथवा अधिकृत शस्त्र एवं कारतूस विक्रेता दूकान में जमा करते हुए संबंधित शस्त्र अनुज्ञप्ति को मूल रूप में जिला सामान्य शाखा, लातेहार में जमा कर पावती रसीद प्राप्त करने का निर्देश दिया गया था, परन्तु अभीतक किसी भी शस्त्र अनुज्ञप्तिधारी के द्वारा शस्त्र जमा करने की सूचना

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2019 से एक वर्ष के अन्दर निश्चित रूप से उपरोक्त उल्लेखित स्थानों में जमा करना सुनिश्चित करेंगे। अनुज्ञप्तिधारी शस्त्र जमा करने के पश्चात् संबंधित शस्त्र अनुज्ञप्ति को मूल रूप से जिला सामान्य शाखा, लातेहार में जमा कर पावती रसीद प्राप्त करेंगे।

सभी संबंधित थाना प्रभारी/ओपी प्रभारी/मालखाना प्रभारी अथवा शस्त्र एवं कारत्स विक्रेता दुकान ऐसे मामलों में जमा शस्त्र का एक अलग से पंजी संधारित करेंगे जिसमें अनुज्ञप्तिधारी का नाम एवं पता, अनुज्ञप्ति संख्या, शस्त्र का प्रकार एवं संख्या तथा मोबाईल नं0 अंकित हो।

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उपायुक्त-सह-जिला दण्डाधिकारी, लातेहार

झारखण्ड राज्य आदिवासी सहकारी विकास निगम लिमिटेड (झारखण्ड सरकार का उपक्रम)

प्रथम तल, कल्याण कॉम्प्लेक्स, बलिहार रोड, मोराबादी, रॉची—834008 दूरभाषः(0651)2552398 ईमेल—tcdc.jharkhand@gmail.com

<u>पिछड़ा वर्ग(BC) के बेरोजगार युवक / युवतियों के लिए आवश्यक सूचना</u>

झारखण्ड राज्य आदिवासी सहकारी विकास निगम लिमिटेड के माध्यम से झारखण्ड राज्य के पिछड़ा वर्ग(BC) के बेरोजगार युवक / युवतियों को राष्ट्रीय पिछडा वर्ग वित्त एवं विकास निगम, नई दिल्ली द्वारा स्वीकृत सावधि ऋण पर आधारित निम्नॉकित योजनाओं को लेने हेतु इच्छुक पिछड़ा वर्ग के अभ्यर्थियों से विहित प्रपत्र में आवेदन आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं। आवेदन जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि 07.12.2020 है।

योजना् का नाम् :--सामान्य ऋण् योजना, लघु-ऋण वित्त योजना, व्यवसायिक वाहन ऋण योजना, महिला समृद्धि योजना, सूक्ष्म ऋण योजना, शिल्प सम्पदा, कृषि सम्पदा।

<u>नोट</u> : इस योजना के संबंध में विस्तृत जानकारी झारखण्ड राज्य आदिवासी सहकारी विकास निगम लिमिटेड, रॉची के प्रधान कार्यालय या किसी भी शाखा कार्यालय से कार्याविध में प्राप्त की जा सकती है।

<u>आवेदन प्राप्त एवं जमा करने हेतु प्रमण्डलीय कार्यालय का पता</u> जिला का नाम निगम का प्रमण्डलीय शाखा कार्यालय दुरभाष रॉची / खुॅटी / सिमडेगा / लोहरदगा / गुमला रॉची शाखा— बलिहार रोड मोराबादी रॉची 8084622679 2 हजारीबाग / रामगढ़ / चतरा / कोडरमा / धन हजारीबाग शाखा-बहुउद्देषीय भवन, नियर 7004600628 बाद / बोकारो / गिरिडीह ट्रेकर बस स्टैंड, हजारीबाग। लातेहार/पलामू/गढ़वा डालटेनगंज शाखा–गुलाबझरी भवन, 9031825488 बाईपास रोड, डालटेनगंज। पूर्वी सिंहभूम/पश्चिमी सिंहभूम/ चाईबासा शाखा– यूरोपियन क्वाटर, वार्ड 9934134105 नं.-9, चाईबासा दुमका शाखा- कचहरी हाता, कॉपरेटिव जामताड़ा / देवघर / दुमका / गोड्डा , 9905187885 बैंक के सामने, दुमका। साहेबगंज / पाकुड़

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झारखण्ड राज्य आदिवासी सहकारी विकास निगम, रॉची

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#### देवघर समाहरणालय (जिला भ्रू अर्जन शास्त्रा) समाहर्ता या समृचित सरकार

-: प्रारंभिक अधिसूचना :-

(अधिनियम-30/2013 की धारा-11(1) के अधीन)

अधिसूचना संख्या 1457/भू अ० दिनांक : 22.10.2020

खाता सर्वे स्वामित्व भूमि का अर्जन के हितबद्ध व्यक्ति का नाम व पता सं. भूखंड का प्रकार अधीन क्षेत्रफल

चूँिक झारखण्ड सरकार/समाहर्त्ता को यह प्रतीत होता है कि ग्राम-परसबनी, सं०–475, अंचल–पालोजोरी, जिला–देवघर में भूमि सार्वजनिक प्रयोजन, यथा बासुकीनाथ से चितरा नई बी०जी० रेल लाईन परियोजना हेतु अपेक्षित है। प्रभावित परिवारों के पुनर्वासन एवं पुनर्व्यवस्थापन के प्रयोजनार्थ अपर समाहर्त्ता अथवा नियम 2(1)(ख) के तहत् नियुक्त पदाधिकारी प्रशासक के रूप में नियुक्त किए गए हैं। अतएव अधिसूचित किया जाता है कि ग्राम-परसंबनी, थाना-सारठ, थाना सं०-475, अंचल-पालोजोरी, जिला-देवघर में उपर्युक्त कथित परियोजना के लिए कमोवेश 5.425 एकड़ मानक माप का भूखंड, जिसका विस्तृत विवरण निम्नलिखित है, अर्जनाधीन है :-

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	14	430	रैयती	बाड़ी-2	0.235	पुष्पा मंडल वो सुष्मा राय पे० सदानंद मंडल वो देविषकान्त मंडल वो प्रदीप कुमार मंडल पे० दुर्गाचरण मंडल वो पार्थ सारथी मंडल पे० महादेव मंडल जाति सुदी निवासी सालदाहा।	शिमला 473	पहरीडीह 610	खेरवा 441 एवं 481	उपरवा- 611
2	14	431	रैयती	बाड़ी-2	0.34	तथैव।				
3	14	472	रैयती	बाड़ी-2	0.77	तथैव।				
4	14	477	रैयती	बाडी-2	0.21	तथैंव।				
5	14	437	रैयती	बाड़ी-2	0.19	मनोज कुमार राय वो सरोज कुमार राय पैठ अवदबिहारी राय वो वासुदेव राय पैठ काशीनाथ राय वो लोकेश राय वो परमेश्वर राय वो मनमोहन राय वो मनन कुमार राय पैठ ताराचन्द्र राय जाति सुद्धी निवासी सलदाहा।				
6	14	453	रैयती	बाड़ी-2	0.07	तथैव।				
7	14	470	रैयती	बाडी-2	0.575	पुष्पा मंडल वो सुषमा राय पे० सदानंद मंडल वो देविषकान्त मंडल वो प्रदीप कुमार मंडल पे० दुर्गाचरण मंडल वो पार्थ सारशी मंडल पे० महादेव मंडल वो मनोज कुमार राय वो सरोज कुमार राय पे० अबद बिहारी राय वो वासुदेव राय पे० काशिनाथ रायवो लोकेश राय वो परमेश्वर राय वो मनमोहन राय वो मदन कुमार राय पे० तारा चन्द्र राय वो जाति सुढ़ी निवासी सलदाहा।				
. 8	16	438	रैयती	बाडी-2 बाडी-2	1.44	गौबर्द्धन मंडल वो समीर मंडल वो पंचानन्द मंडल वे शिवनारायण मंडल वो मंजू देवी पति प्रविण मंडल वो मंजू देवी पति प्रविण मंडल वो प्रलाद मंडल वो नुनी गौपल मंडल वो प्रलाद मंडल वो नुनी गौपल मंडल वो तो निवास मंडल वो तिया मंडल वो तिया मंडल वो तिया मंडल वो विवास मंडल वो दिलीप मंडल वो तिया मंडल वो दिलीप मंडल वो सुखेन मंडल वो निवुर मंडल पे० अरुण मंडल वो जियाराम मंडल पे० अरुण मंडल वो जियाराम मंडल वो पुत्तनाथ मंडल वो तियाराम मंडल वो मुतनाथ मंडल वो कन्हाई मंडल वो मुतनाथ मंडल वो प्रताय मंडल वो व्याप मंडल वो प्रताय मंडल वो निवास मंडल वे प्रताय मंडल वो प्रता				
9	16	471			0.24	JOSEPH .				
10	16	487	रैयती	बाड़ी-2	0.24	तथैव।				
11	18	476	रैयती	बाडी-2	1.075	सुबोध राय वो निमाय धन्द्र राय पेठ नरेंद्र राय वो धन्डी राय वो विधान राय पेठ अधर राय वो मानीक राय वो हिरालाल राय पेठ अदत राय वो श्रीचरण राय वो नारायण राय पेठ पुर्णचन्द्र राय वो मुतनाध राय पेठ अतुल राय जाति सुद्धी निवासी सलदाहा। बिनोद महतो पेठ हरियोल महतो वो				
12	25	468	रैयती	धानी-3	0.04	सहदेव महतो वो सुबल महतो पे० काली				
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			क	ल रकवा:-	5.425					

(अधिनियम संख्या 30 / 2013), की धारा-11 (1) के उपबंधों के अधीन सभी संबंधित व्यक्तियों के लिए जारी की जाती है।

भूमि की योजना का निरीक्षण जिला भू-अर्जन पदाधिकारी, देवघर के कार्यालय में किसी कार्य दिवस को कार्यावधि में किया जा सकेगा। झारखण्ड सरकार / समाहर्त्ता-सह-समुचित सरकार उक्त अधिनियम की धारा 12 में यथा उपबंधित एवं यथाविनिर्दिष्ट कार्यों के समुचित निष्पादन हेतु अपेक्षित किसी भूमि का सर्वेक्षण एवं उसकी प्रविष्ट करने, किसी भूमि के किसी स्तर को मापने के लिए, अवसूमि खोदने या भूँवेधन-छिद्र करने सहित सभी अन्य कार्यों के संचालन करने हेतु जिला भू-अर्जन पदाधिकारी, देवधर और उनके कर्मचारियों को प्राधिकृत करती है।

अधिनियम की धारा 11(4) के अधीन कोई व्यक्ति जिला समाहर्त्ता के पूर्विक अनुमोदन के बिना इस अधिसूचना के प्रकाशन की तिथि से प्रारंभिक अधिसूचना में विनिर्दिष्ट भूमि का कोई अंतरण यथा कय / विकय नहीं करेगा या ऐसा कोई अंतरण करवाएगा या ऐसी भूमि पर कोई अवभार नहीं उत्पन्न करेगा। अधिनियम की धारा 15 के अधीन यथाउपबंधीत इस अधिसूचना के प्रकाशन की तिथि से 60 दिनों के अंतर्गत भू—अर्जन की बाबत किसी प्रकार की आपत्तियाँ हितबद्ध व्यक्ति द्वारा जिला भू—अर्जन

समाहर्त्ता–सह–उपायुक्त,

देवघर।

पदाधिकारी, देवघर के समक्ष दर्ज की जा सकेंगी।

## VAR drama at the Amex

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



**AFP** BRIGHTON

iverpool were frustrated by LVAR as Pascal Gross's controversial late penalty rescued dramatic 1-1 draw for Brighton at the Amex Stadium on 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 decision.

Gross converted from the spot, leaving Klopp sarcastically applauding 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 It was one of those days for

Liverpool, who also saw goals correctly 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 half.

With Virgil van Dijk and Joe Gomez injured and Joel Matip rested, Klopp's makeshift defence were 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

Connolly's runs were causing Liverpool problems and when the Brighton forward made another well-timed incursion in the 20th minute, he was tripped in the penalty area by the panicked Neco Williams

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

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

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

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

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 Liverpool.

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 Jota has enjoyed a superb

start to life with the Premier League champions, scoring nine times in 14 games since signing from Wolves in September. 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 unexpected point.

झारखण्ड राज्य अल्पसंख्यक वित्त एवं विकास निगम (अनुसूचित जनजाति, अनुसूचित जाति, अल्पसंख्यक एवं पिछड़ा वर्ग कल्याण विभाग, झारखण्ड सरकार, का उपक्रम) प्रथम तल, कल्याण कॉप्लेक्स, बलिहार रोड, मोराबादी, राँची–834008

अल्पसंख्यक समुदाय के लिए आवश्यक सूचना झारखण्ड राज्य अल्पसंख्यक वित्त एंव विकास निगम, राँची के द्वारा राष्ट्रीय अल्पसंख्यक विकास एंव वित्त निगम, नई दिल्ली के सहयोग से सावधि ऋण योजना के तहत् सस्ते दर पर ऋण उपलब्ध कराने हेतु दिनांक 12.12.2020 तक आवेदन आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं। इच्छुक अल्पसंख्यक समुदाय के सदस्य जो इस योजना का लाभ लेना चाहते हैं और निम्न वर्णित अर्हत्ताएँ रखते हैं वे निगम कार्यालय के पते पर अपना आवेदन स्पीड पोस्ट, निबंधित डाक अथवा सीधे निगम कार्यालय में जमा कर सकते हैं। आवेदन पत्र का प्रारूप www.jsmfdc.com से डाउनलोड कर सकते हैं अथवा निगम कार्यालय से प्राप्त

कर सक	न्ते हैं।			
क्र० सं०	योजना का नाम	अनुमान्य योजना की इकाई लागत	ब्याज दर (वार्षिक)	पुनर्भुगतान की अवधी
1.	सावधि ऋण (Term Loan)	10 (दस) लाख रूपये तक।	6%	5 वर्ष

1. आवेदक झारखण्ड राज्य के स्थायी निवासी तथा अल्पसंख्यक समुदाय (मुस्लिम, ईसाई, सिख, जैन, बौद्ध एवं पारसी) का होना

2. आवेदकों द्वारा कुल योजना लागत का 5% स्वंय वहन / उपलब्ध कराना होगा एंव स्वीकृति से पूर्व बैंक खाता में समरूप राशि उपलब्ध होना अनिवार्य होगा।

3. आवेदक की आयु 18 वर्ष से 45 वर्ष तक ही अनुमान्य होगा।

4. आवेदक सरकारी / अर्द्धसरकारी सेवा में न हों। 5. आवेदक किसी प्रकार का कोई सरकारी / अर्द्धसरकारी संस्थान से ऋण / अनुदान का लाभ पूर्व में नहीं लिया हो और वे किसी बैंक अथवा वित्तीय संस्थाओं का डिफॉल्टर न हो इस आशय का स्वघोषणा पत्र उपलब्ध कराना अनिवार्य होगा।

6. आवेदक का पारिवारिक आय ग्रामीण क्षेत्र में 1,50,000 / — रूपये तथा शहरी क्षेत्र में 3,00,000 / — रूपये से अधिक न हो । 7. आवेदक को आय / आवासीय प्रमाण पत्र. उम्र संबंधी प्रमाण—पत्र एंव आधार कार्ड की छायाप्रति. योजना प्रस्ताव तथा हाल का

खींचा हुआ दो पासपोर्ट साईज फोटो आवेदन के साथ अनिवार्य रूप से देना होगा। 8. योजना से संबंधित कार्यानुभव अथवा किसी मान्यता प्राप्त संस्थान से प्राप्त प्रशिक्षण का प्रमाण पत्र।

9. वाहन के आवेदकों के लिए कम—से—कम 1 (एक) वर्ष पहले का बना हुआ व्यवसायिक ड्राईविंग लाइसेंस की छायाप्रति संलग्न 10.आवेदक को 50.000 /— रूपये तक की राशि के ऋण के लिए गारण्टर की आवश्यकता नहीं है। 50.000 /— रूपये से उपर एंव 2,50,000 / – रूपये तक की योजनाओं हेतु एक गारन्टर जो सरकारी / अर्द्धसरकारी क्षेत्र / बैंक / सरकार के अधीन बीमा

कम्पनी कर्मी हो तथा जिनकी सेवा कम-से-कम 5 वर्ष बची हुई हो अथवा उतनी राशि का विक्रयशील अचल सम्पत्ति गारण्टी के रूप में देना आवश्यक है। 2,50,000/- रूपये से अधिक की योजनाओं हेतु दो गारन्टर जो सरकारी / अर्द्धसरकारी क्षेत्र / बेंक / सरकार के अधीन बीमा कम्पनी कर्मी हो तथा जिनकी सेवा कम—से—कम 5 वर्ष बची हुई हो अथवा जतनी राशि का विकयशील अचल सम्पत्ति को गारन्टी के रूप में देनी आवश्यक होगी। 11.प्राप्त आवेदनों की निगम द्वारा जाँच की जाएगी एंव जाँच का फलाफल सभी आवेदकों को मान्य होगा।

12.आवेदन निम्न पते पर डाक द्वारा भेज सकते हैं अथवा सीधे जमा कर सकते हैं :-

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चूंकि झारखण्ड सरकार / समाहर्ता को यह प्रतीत होता है कि सार्वजनिक प्रयोजनार्थ यथा परियोजना– मधुपुर (सरवन मेन रोड) कजरा से घसको मोड़ भाया बागजोरा बंशटोली बेरहन तक पथ का चौड़ीकरण एवं मजबुतीकरण हेतु ग्राम-मोहबदिया, थाना-देवीपुर, थाना सं०-324, अंचल-देवीपुर, जिला-देवघर के कुल-0.65 एकड़ भूमि अपेक्षित है। इसलिए अधिघोशणा किया जाता है कि उपर्युक्त परियोजना के लिए अर्जन के अधीन एक भू-खण्ड है, जो मानक माप से कमोवेश 0.65 एकड़ है और जो ग्राम-मोहबदिया, थाना-देवीपुर, थाना संo-324, अंचल-देवीपुर, जिला-देवघर में है, जिसका विवरण निम्नलिखित है:-

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Mind balance is the key

It is important to work upon our mindstate before pursuing spiritual process, otherwise it will not offer desired results



opportunity to exploit new vulnerabilities that emerged from a large numbers working from home, writes AJAY SINGH, as he explains various cyber risks faced by individuals and groups and suggests ways to tackle them

he Covid-19 pandemic has led to lockdowns across the world and made working from home an inevitable necessity. While this allows businesses to remain operational, it has exposed organisations to several new risks, particularly for those who fail to take the proper precautions. Even as the world got busy battling the effects and impact of the virus, hackers saw this as an opportunity to exploit new vulnerabilities that emerged from a large work force working from home.

Various reports around the world indicate a sharp increase in cybercrime even as Covid-19 has caused major disruptions and forced changes in the way we work. During this crisis, there has been a sudden surge in cybercrime in many countries with cybercriminals preying on new factors and vulnerabilities related to

information systems that have come into play. Scams, phishing websites, maps loaded with malware, and spam messages linked to the Coronavirus have been reported the world over. Dominic Raab, the British Foreign Secretary observed in early May that 'There will always be some who seek to exploit a crisis for their own criminal and hostile ends. We know that cyber criminals, and other malicious groups are targeting individuals, businesses, and other organisations by deploying Covid-19 related scams and phishing emails.' Since then cyber threats and attacks have only increased.

The lockdowns have not only made us work from home, but also shop-from-home, study-from-home, bank-from-home, attend meetings from home and so on. Studies have also shown a dramatic increase in the amount of time people are spending on-line. Fortunately, technologies like video conferencing, BYOD (Bring Your Own Device), VPN (Virtual Private Network), and collaborative platforms exist today that enable working from home. However, the exposure to cyber risk has grown exponentially and rather suddenly and existing security standards have been compromised. Cybercriminals have been quick to discover that employees working from home have weaker cybersecurity than when they operate from their offices. They have exploited new weaknesses in the various technologies used and have incessantly launched attacks.

Given that we are spending (and will continue to spend) a major part of our lives on-line, a comprehensive assessment of the cyber risks that we are exposed to as individuals, families, and businesses, is key to survive and thrive.

A large number of organisations have already announced that some office-based employees will be working from home in some form for the foreseeable future and perhaps even permanently. This shift to a work from home environment which initially was

considered as a temporary solution may become a regular practice. This necessitates a complete rethink on cyber risks and involves moving away from traditional cybersecurity approaches. Any policies and protocols related to cybersecurity which were introduced when companies switched to work-from-home may have served them in the short-term, but when it comes to long-term measures, a thorough reevaluation needs to be conducted. With the easing of lockdown restrictions, when employees will no longer be confined to working from home, the larger questions of dealing with cyber risks of working-fromanywhere will become more relevant. The top of the cybersecurity agenda for individuals, businesses, and governments in the aftermath of coronavirus should therefore be to mitigate cyber risks and build a safer and more resilient cyber environment.

#### **INDIVIDUALS AND CYBER RISKS**

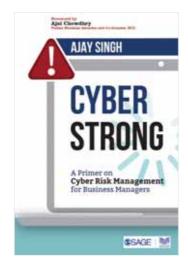
We have all been a target of cyber-attacks in some form or the other, for instance phishing attacks, phone calls or SMSs from cybercriminals, among others. They are after your personal data, passwords, social ids, bank information and social contacts... basically anything that can either fetch them a price for your data or can help them launch bigger attacks. Escaping a cyber-attack means that you have been vigilant, prepared or simply lucky enough to avoid one.

There are fortunately many things we can do as individuals to make our online existence safer while working from home or for that matter working from anywhere. Before looking at what we can do, consider the findings of the latest Norton Cyber Security Insights Report which suggests that:

- 30% of people cannot detect a phishing attack and another 13 percent cannot tell the difference between a real message and a phishing email. This implies that four in 10 are vulnerable
- Eighty-six percent of people said they may have been a target of a phishing incident.
- 70% of consumers wish that their home Wi-Fi network could be made more secure. However, a mere 27% consider it likely that their home Wi-Fi network could be susceptible to attack.

This goes to show that cyber threats are greatly enhanced by the fact people are largely unaware of the cyber risks that they have to contend with and the counter measures they must adopt to mitigate the risks. Some of the basic things that contribute to maintain better cyber hygiene while working from home are:

- Instead of using personal devices, companyprovided computers and laptops should be
- A VPN software can be utilised to connect
  - the organisation network Using different devices for work and leisure



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Stopping remote access unless it is a

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- Default passwords should be changed Devices and online accounts should have strong passwords. For both personal and business accounts multi-factor authentication wherever available, should
- Meeting links should strictly not be shared publicly or through social media platforms
- Trusted apps or those recommended by one's employer should be used for work involving collaboration
- Regularly updating operating systems, antiviruses and other applications on
- computers and other devices Home Wi-Fi and admin passwords should be changed regularly, while avoiding open/free Wi-Fi networks
- Cyber-hygiene guidelines as laid out by one's employer should be strictly followed

## **ORGANISATIONS AND CYBER RISKS**

Today, almost all businesses regardless of the industry they are in and their size are vulnerable to cyber-attacks which can happen at any time, without warning. This is true across sectors and geographies. The pandemic has only accelerated the need to implement comprehensive cybersecurity programs after a thorough assessment of existing, new, and emerging cyber risks. The concept of a cyber 'perimeter' which was once confined to the walls of an organisation or a data centre has completely eroded. Security professionals have been forced to abandon the traditional castleand-moat strategy used so effectively in the past due to the arrival of cloud computing and the use of portable devices by organisations coupled with the integration of personal devices into organisational systems. The cyber perimeter has interminably moved from the walls of the enterprise to what is today a flexible and extended virtual perimeter. This calls for a reassessment of cyber risks and requirements across the following four

- Technology dimension: securing IT systems, applications, networks, data, and
- People: employees and others who are users and have access an organisation's system Policies, Procedures and Processes that are
- used to run business operations Laws, regulations, and compliance

In the near future as the pandemic continues, there are a few types of cyberthreats companies must specifically be prepared for and safeguard against:

Ransomware: Ransomware is a type of malware that is used to deny access to a computer system or data by encrypting the information and keeping it hostage until the ransom is paid. There has been an alarming rise

in Ransomware attacks in recent months. The deployment methods include socially engineered emails packed with malware, or a weblink that triggers a drive-by download. Some of the ways to protect your systems from Ransomware attacks include changing default passwords at all access points, training employees in identifying suspicious email links, keeping air-gapped up-to-date data back-ups, prohibiting the use of USB drives, and updating all operating systems and software in time.

**Phishing:** This is a type of social engineering attack where hackers attempt to steal login credentials such as passwords or deceive people in multiple ways into installing malware. Employee training to recognise phishing emails and the use of multi-factor authentication can help to prevent or mitigate damage from a cyber-attack which may result from a phishing exploit.

Business email compromise: During this pandemic, a large number of cases of business email compromise instances have been reported. Here, cybercriminals spoof emails (usually making them look like they are from legitimate sources) to redirect a payment intended for one of the company's suppliers to their own bank accounts. In a work from home scenario, where employees are not in front of each other to seek clarifications, these kinds of cyber-attacks are on the rise. Preventing such attacks calls for a high degree of vigilance and situational awareness among employees (especially those processing payments). Employees must be advised to be careful and alert to such attempts and double check before they initiate action. Organisations must also implement additional controls to prevent any mistakes in this regard. Bring Your Own Device (BYOD): The

use of personal devices like phones, laptops and tablets for office work has become common nowadays. As employees switched to working from home, there are many who also started to use their home devices for day to day work. While companies may have policies for onboarding these devices into the corporate network, there is often laxity and carelessness in observing the protocols. More so, during the pandemic. The absence of specific organisational cybersecurity protocols makes them a cyber risk. If any of these devices are compromised, they can provide hackers with an opening into a corporate's network and data which can be accessed and exploited. If employees continue to work from home and rely on personal devices for the foreseeable future, then a more robust protocol must be established which mandates the installation and updating of security software on personal devices that are used for office work.



Goa and Portuguese colonisation of India are almost synonymous. Few know that Goa has a past that dates back to the saga of Parshuram in Hindu mythology and India's pre-Islamic era, writes SOMEN SENGUPTA. **UNESCO World** Heritage Week was recently celebrated in India from November 19 to November 25

estled between the Western Ghats and Sahayadri Hills, and watered by two beautiful rivers named Mandovi and Zuari, this land was long isolated from the Indians. It was isolated not because of any physical feature or inaccessibility, but for its distinctive history and heritage that was seemingly "foreign" for British-ruled Indians. Goa, the coastal territory of Konkan heartland, was always a hidden nearl and a priced colonial nest a hidden pearl and a priced colonial nest for Portugal, a country that traded and ruled at many parts of the globe for several centuries.

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Hindu mythology says that this land was created from sea by Parashuram the 6th incarnation of Vishnu. Parashuram, according to mythology, excavated this surface from sea with his arrow and gifted it to the Brahmins. In the ancient times, it was known as Govapuri and later

In 3rd century BC, it was a part of Maurya Empire and after that till the end of 750 AD almost all Hindu dynasties of Western India like Satavahanas, Chalukya Western India like Satavahanas, Chalukya and Rashtrakuta ruled this land. It fell into the hands of Muslims in 1312 and again in 1370, Hindu king of Vijaynagar conquered it. Hindu rule ended in 1470 when Adil Shah of Bijapur gained Goa.

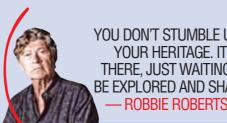
This was the time when the fragrance of Goa's exotic spices began to attract the Portuguese, who had already arrived in Kerala in 1498, like a magnet. In 1510, 12

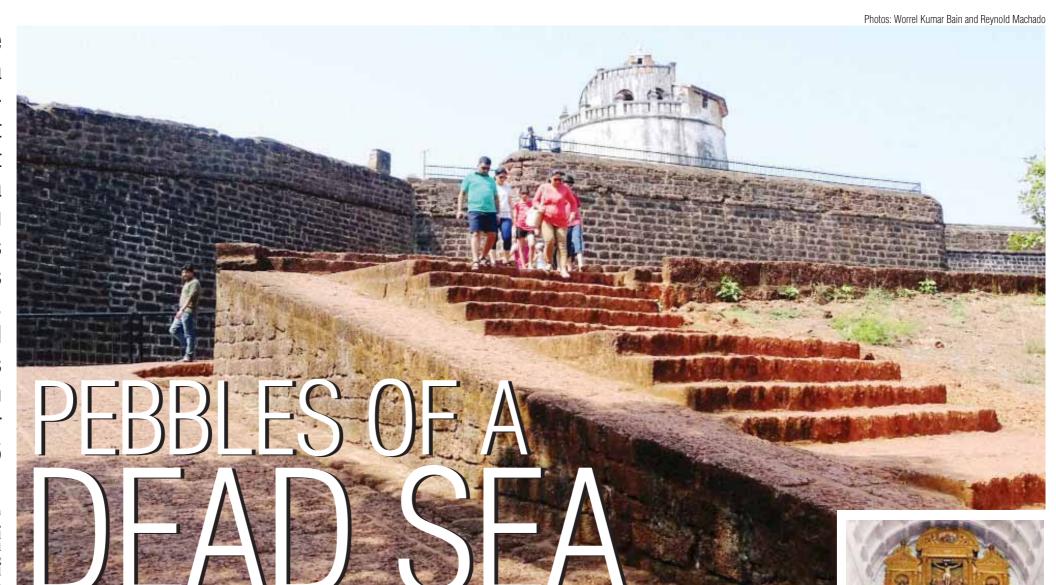
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Soon after, they took over Diu in 1534 and Daman in 1559. A large part of Bengal was already under the Portuguese and with the new territory, they cemented a foundation of India's Portuguese colonisation. This prevailed till 1961, following which India reclaimed it after a soft military operation.

The conquest of Goa was perhaps the beginning of Portuguese dream to imprint their colonial stamp upon India. As a tyrannical race they soon got into conflict with local Indians, resulting in demolition of temples and forceful religious conversions. This was also the time when they tried to stop the practice of sati cult but failed. Soon the need was felt to protect Goa from other European powers, like British and Dutch East India Company, and even from the Maratha warrior, Shivaji, who attacked the Portuguese

of Goa. The need for military competence pushed Portuguese to go for massive fortification They got





support from Lisbon to expand their activities in India, such as expansion of Christianity, through the missionaries landing from Europe. Soon there was a visible change in the entire demography of Goa and tangible changes in architecture, language, food, dress, music and sports Goa came about. Goa gradually

came a unique place within India.

This little Portugal of India gradualboomed in its own style and pace. Majestic churches, forts, printing press and above all a legend named "St Francis Xavier" turned Goa into an unparalleled place to which no other Portuguese colonies of India (be it those in Bengal or Gujarat) came a close match.

Towering among the past relic of that fascinating time is Fort Aguada that was built from 1609 to 1612 and still stands a living testimony at north Goa. This is one of the few forts of India, that was

one of the few forts of India, that was never conquered by enemies.

Built in sturdy brown laterite stone for the sake of combating the British, Dutch and Marathas, this is perhaps the best sample of Portuguese military architecture in India. *Aguada* means water, and this fort once had several sweet water streams flowing inside it, offering a great provision of drinking water both for its habision of drinking water both for its habitants and sailing ships that used to anchor near it. The fort strategically faces The upper part of the fort was used as water station and fort where as the lower part was used to berth Portuguese war ships. The huge water reservoir is assumed to store not less than 23,76,000 gallons of

The 1.3 metre thick fortification

wall skirts the seashore and ascends

the edge of bare rocky island. The

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appears in many movies. St Lawrence church built in 1630 is situated inside the

Though a large part of the fort is now dilapidated and submerged in water, its remains give enough idea of typical Portuguese style of fortification. Its well planned moats, gunpower room, bastions, light house and escape passage all are still visible and very clearly mirror mystic timeline of the history.

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Goa witnessed a silent revolution when India's first printing press was set up ing to note that the first book printed in India was not in Bombay or Bengal Presidency, where historically almost all modern wonders landed from Europe.

It was in September 1556 when a printing press machine, which was originally meant to be delivered at Abyssinia or Ethiopia, arrived in Goa and placed in St Paul's college. From that machine, for the first time, a Spanish technologist named Juan De Bustamante printed a book of Theology named Conclusions Philosophic.

This machine was actually shipped from Portugal to Abyssinia of Africa. When the ship anchored at Goa on its way to Abyssinia, the relations between the two countries had declined as the king of Abyssinia detested the fact that Christian missionary had come to his country. So the machine was abandoned at Goa and it was sheer luck that India, as the first country of Asia, got to see the magic of printing machine. Unfortunately, after 1660, the machine went traceless. Today, a printing museum in Goa tells the story without showing any tangible relics.

Portuguese touch is palpable in every corner of old Goa, especially in its massive churches and cathedrals. Two most significant of those are Se Cathedral de Santa Catarina and Basilica de Bom Jesus. Both are UNESCO world heritage monuments and both are filled with stories of exciting history of Portuguese conquest of Goa and its religious history.

Se Cathedral is perhaps the most celebrated religious building of Goa. This is the largest church of India and even bigger than any in Portugal.

A classical example of Gothic Portuguese Manueline style of architec-

ture, this massive church of 250 ft in length and 187 ft wide was built between 1562 to 1619 during the golden era of Portuguese.

Dedicated to the feast of St Catherine of Alexandria, it was built to commemorate the victory of Portuguese over Muslims in 1510. The church exterior bears a Tuscan touch while the interiors are much of Corinthian. Its extraordinary Iberian façade, colourful mosaic floors, typical European ceiling and exotic wood carvings, all put together, create an outstanding piece of European architecture which is matchless on many counts. The laterite plinth and lime plaster of the

church have survived the test of time. Earlier, the church had two towers. One of which was grounded in 1776. The church has a bell called the Golden bell and a chapel known as Cross of Miracles. It is believed that in 1619, the vision of Christ had fallen there. This legend attracts a huge crowd all across the globe. It is the Cathedral of Arch Bishop of Goa. A convent adjacent to it houses a small yet good archaeological museum.

If Se Cathedral is famous for Cross of Miracle then Basilica de Bom Jesus (a smaller monument) is a bigger crowd puller as it holds the legend of St Francis Xavier, the man who is considered the "greatest figure in Asia after St Thomas the

Goa's emergence as one of the holiest place in the Christian world is largely because of its association with a holy relic

of a man who died in 1552 in China.

Born in Spain and sent to India in Born in Spain and sent to India in 1542 by both the King of Portugal and Pope the third, Francis Xavier, spent 10 years in Goa serving leprosy cursed people and spreading the message of Christ. From 1510 to 1540, when Portuguese brutality over Indian masses was at its apex, he landed there as an apostle of peace and first gained confidence of local people by serving them. It was he who attracted a huge mass to Christianity that finally changed Goa to a very different demo-

After his death in China, his body which was still intact after many months of his demise, was brought back to Goa on March 14, 1554 and kept in a casket gifted by Queen of Portugal Maria Sophia in 1560 at Basilica de Bom Jesus. The relic is placed on the right wall of the church and can be seen from a distance.

This attracts thousands of pilgrims across the world. Every 10 years the casket is taken down and people are allowed to get a closer look of the relic.

Over a period of time, however, several distortions have taken place. One finger of its feet was vandalised by a lady in 1554 and the right hand of the body was sent to Vatican in 1914, as demanded by Pope himself. This was a year after Xavier was crowned as Saint.

Basilica De Bom Jesus is a gem of architecture and perhaps, the most famous Portuguese footprint in Goa. Its bare exterior, made of brown laterite, offers an irresistible charm to mingle with history. Built between 1594 and 1605 in late Rene structure, it blends Doric, Ionic, Roman and Corinthian style of architecture. The facade contains Iesuit motif embalm "HIS" an abbreviation of Latin "Iesus Hominum Salvator" meaning "Jesus. Saviour of Men". The monument enshrines statue of St Ignatius Loyala and infant

Cathedral, fort, lighthouse and old colonial buildings are now open to public and Government alike. The general panorama of old Goa runs like a motion picture visualising a saga much different from India's general history. Even though Portuguese are long gone the profound footprints are alive in every edifice of Parashuram's land.

## Working From Home? Beware of that cyber attack

ocussing on the softer aspects of cybersecurity: Thus far, discussions around cyber security have largely focused on IT infrastructure, and the risks that software and hardware can pose to businesses. However, the pervasiveness of cyber threats like Ransomware, stealing of passwords, social engineering attacks like phishing

and Business Email, Compromise among others are forcing businesses to consider the softer and less tangible aspects of cyber security such as awareness, training and a security first culture. A heightened level of situational awareness in the context of responsible online behaviour, maintaining basic cybersecurity standards and

training is also necessary to ensure both new and existing employees are well versed in cyber risks.

#### **GOVERNMENT AND CYBER RISKS**

Governments around the world have taken note of the alarming rise in cybercrime in recent months which coincide with the spread of the pandemic. Indian citizens, commercial and legal entities faced nearly seven lakh cyber-attacks till August in the current year according to Government data. Recognising the rapidly increasing cyber risks, the Government of India issued guidelines for Chief Information Security Officers (CISOs) relating to their key roles and responsibilities for securing

applications/infrastructure and compliance. All Ministries/ Departments of the Central Government, State Governments (and their organisations) and all critical sectors are implementing a 'Cyber Crisis Management Plan for countering cyber-attacks and cyber terrorism'. Mumbai suffered a major power outage on October 12 which lasted several hours

Today, authorities are investigating whether this was a cyber-attack.

Cyber risk is real, and it is potent. For all digital citizens and entities, it is a reality that will outlast the pandemic. The specific cybersecurity security challenges across industry sectors, governmental systems, public utilities are wide ranging. As cybersecurity experts say, you are never done as far as cybersecurity is concerned.

Cyber risks and threats keep evolving and so should cybersecurity measures and systems. This is one game you have to keep winning to survive and thrive in the digital world.

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## Development at the cost of forest: An ethical concern

Decision to give away 243 acres of Shivalik Elephant Reserve forest land for the expansion of Jolly Grant Airport in Dehradun is a matter of grave concern, triggering a debate on development and



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m he}$  Uttarakhand Government's decision to give away 243 acres of Shivalik Elephant Reserve forest land for the expansion of Jolly Grant Airport in Dehradun is a matter of serious concern which once again opens the debate on development and environment.

The State Government, considering the development motives in terms of economic and technological growth, has taken the decision of using the forest land. The encroachment is predicted to harm a cluster of things, yet certain immediate observable damage can be cited like the loss of 10,000 trees which can't be compensated, limiting the free movement of wild animals due to shrinkage of forest area. Moreover, the proposed, expanded airport will be under the 10 kilometres eco-sensitive zone of the Rajaji

Protesting against this decision, different polemics have been made, such as: Forest and wildlife are sources of revenue generation in the form of tourism and thus employment generation and this infringement will dismay the fragile ecosystem of Doon.

Nonetheless, all these arguments seem to be repetitively ordinary and thus anthropocentric, on the account of human benefit. There is a need for deeper analysis, based on ethical concerns.

Concerning the issue, the fundamental question needs to be raised at two different levels: How essential is to expand the airport and should environmentalists fight against this proposal for the well-being of humans or the well-being of the wilds or trees or for the entire environ-

On the first question, the necessity of the expansion of the airport in the name of development seems to be obscure. The Government's developmental plans should encompass the views of native indigenous of the area where the plan is supposed to be executed. However, here this has

This leads to a further question on development for whom and at what cost? From a purely human-centric calculation cutting down of 10,000 trees doesn't necessarily enhance the economic status of the local people. Moreover, one can imagine the level of pollution that would harm them in future because of the deforestation and so-called modernity. Often major invisible harm is disguised in minor visible benefit. A developmental plan of the rule of power is imposed following solely technocratic conditions that in turn lead to the agony of humans as well as animals. Thus, morality is brought to fight against the unjust planning. Humans, animals and plants become the victims of the development project and it is essential to ethically examine the means (plans) and ends (consequences) before processing to execute it. In doing so, the Government can get a path to develop a new way of governing through which universal welfare can be achieved.

The second-level question is underpinned on the protection of the environment. Defending the protest of local people let's begin with invoking a stance of social ecologist in terms of "regional turn in environmental thinking" because as social ecologist L Mumford says a strong regional centre of culture can be "the basis of active and securely grounded local life".

The local life is a broader concept that includes humans, animals and plants, all of them create a niche to accommodate each other for their wellbeing. Thus, protesting at an individualistic level grounding on the ethical concern directing towards individuals only would not be beneficial because it precludes either one of them — humans or animals or trees. Further, if we fight against the Government's decision to protect the forest for the wellbeing of humans, then the instrumental value is credited to the forest and thus the day is not far it to be used for a different purpose.

Rejection of anthropocentric option paves a path to ascribe intrinsic value to the forest through which absolute protection of forest can be demanded. However, the ascription of intrinsic value is in question to whom it should be ascribed — to individual animals or species/particular animal species or the entire ecosystem.

Supposed attribution of inherent value to individual animals precluding environment or to forest, excluding animals, leads to unpleasant consequences since both complement each other for their sustainability. Thus, there is a requirement for a holistic approach towards Doon's valley to protect native indigenous and the forest.

Implementation of an unexamined developmental project in the process of deforestation fails to satisfy all types of moral standards. Chopping thousands of trees and leaving innumerable animals homeless shows a lack of sense of "goodwill" and thus serves no adequate duties of humans towards the environment.

It also fails to bring an overall balance of good over evil — human suffering due to pollution and the scary behaviour of wild animals, as well as animals suffering due to the lack of food and dwelling place. Thus, this encroachment leads, in turn, to dire consequences. Furthermore, it prevents to show the virtuous character trait of the human.

The conditions of flourishing human life are not necessarily limited within the intra-human species, it needs the ethical capability as well to consider the entire ecosystem as an end in itself.

Arguing in favour of destroying natural "wild", which is not humanised, based on creating new forests through planting trees ignores the intrinsic value of natural wild which is unacceptable.

Instead of being driven by the instrumental reason to achieve instant non-sacrosanct ends, we humans, including the Government, ought to do actions involving rules, rights, compassion, etc, to protect the environment, including ourselves.

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# India must meet US on equal footing

India? This is pertinent especially after Trump's tight embrace of India. Though Trump-Modi friendship might not have translated into a trade pact — in all areas, particularly on the foreign policy and geostrategic fronts in dealing with China or Pakistan, it supported India in becoming the alternative supply chain supplanting China, strengthening military relations, while refraining to interfere in India's internal matters.

Any change in the US policy towards India is unlikely, save some prodding on the Western understanding of human rights issues in the region, something which New Delhi should be prepared to deal with.

A little uncertainty exists on Biden's approach towards Pakistan, while he is strong on anti-terrorism front, the need of Islamabad for peace negotiations with Taliban will bring in a working relationship between the two nations, though a reappearance of bonhomie is unlikely.

On the trade front, Arun K former Indian Ambassador to the US, has summed up the position, "era of post 1990s globalisation effectively ended with Trump's election in 2016". On climate change, New Delhi will be asked to do more from the Biden Administration, an approach he has indicated towards other nations.

Besides, there is strong probability of Republicans holding the Senate should also not be lost on us.

#### India's significance for the US

It is insignificant to think if the Democrats or the Republicans will be more supportive to the Indian cause. It's the US national interest which

What does the Joe Biden Administration's occupation of the Oval Office mean for India. With 17.7 per cent of the to Trump to deepen ties with India. With 17.7 per cent of the world's population, fifth largest economy, India is important for

the US economy.

As the world's largest liberal democracy — among the few in the non-Western world even rare so in Asia — a responsible player in global politics, largest troop contributor to the UN peacekeeping missions, a nation which is looked at with trust and respect in comity of nations, all the more so by the developing world, India today stands at a formidable position with which every global player wishes to partner.

So, in the Asian century when the focus of the world has shifted to the Indo-Pacific economically, politically as well as on the geo-strategic front, while the US power wanes and is increasingly challenged by the rising China in all possible domains: trade and economy, technology, intelligence, military modernisation and in international institutions, who does the US look to?

If a decade or two back India could not be ignored, today, the US can simply not do without India; and Washington DC is well aware of that. Nobody knows this better than the 46th President of the US, a seasoned diplomat. In 2006, he argued India-US relationship is the single most important relationship that the US has to get right for its own safety's sake, declaring his dream of having India and the US as two closest nations in the world in 2020.

In 2008, he led the charge in the US Congress on approval India-US Nuclear Agreement. As the Vice President in the Obama Administration, he further deepened ties with India.

In a policy paper during campaigning, Biden called India and the US as natural partners, while declaring the

no common global challenge can be resolved without India and the US.

It pledged support to India in fight against terrorism, crossborder or otherwise, confronting "new threats" India faces in its own region and along its own borders, not allowing China to threaten India with impunity, while supporting a larger role for India in international institutions, including pushing India to become a permanent member of the UNSC.

#### Chinese threat to the US

In the 2020 US report on China's military, which outlines the fast-paced military modernisation and capacity enhancement of PLA as it moves towards its goal to become a "world class military" by 2049 — understood to mean equal or superior to the US military — it's pointed out that the PLA is not intended to be 'merely a showpiece of China's modernity. The report pointed out that China is not only going to keep the PLA focused solely on regional threats" but to have "an active role in advancing" China's foreign policy, particularly with respect to its "increasingly global interests and its aims to revise aspects of the international order.

In the World Economic Output report 2020, the IMF declared China has overtaken the US to become the world's largest economy in PPP terms. In China's recently concluded fifth plenary session, it seemed assured about reaching "high income level" in the next five years and doubling economic output by 2035, which is also the deadline for China to emerge as a global leader in innovation, becoming technological independent of the West by mobilising all of the nation's resources to make

breakthrough in key technolo- ting in prisons of the US allies gies from AI to quantum computing and semiconductor manufacturing.

To contain China is the topmost priority for the US, and the Biden Administration is going to achieve this by making a multilateral coalition of its allies and partners in Europe and Asia. And of them India is the most important peg in it. Indeed, the US ought to be thankful for the present situation brewing at the Indian border with the dragon, because a scenario where Indian interests with China converge can still be imagined, the same for the US is now impossible.
India might be China's

immediate irritant, its real adversary is the US. So, to worry about the US support on China is in vain.

## Human rights, Kashmir

and CAA In his campaign, Biden had mentioned his disappointment with the Assam's NRC, CAA and need for full liberties to be returned in Kashmir. The progressive faction has been all the more critical on the front, Vice President Kamala Harris herself being vocal, so, questions will be raised.

In 1993, US political scientist late Samuel Huntington wrote that there is a widespread anti-western sentiment rising all over the world because of West's universal enforcement of its values. The East Asian nations had

created a united front against this, with the Japanese Prime Minister of the time Hosokawa saying western human rights concepts can't be "blindly applied to Asia". The West's hypocrisy on the

human rights front has also been time and again raised by the developing world. Why the US is not questioned over arrests of Muslims without charge after 9/11, Guantanamo Bay prisoners that are still rot-

in West Asia, most horrible abuses of human rights in Abu Ghraib prison, Iraq, or over the police brutalities on the blacks, or how the UK suppressed the Irish and Scottish national movements?

While India embraced the Western liberal democracy and human right regime, it continues to suffer the destabilising and violent after-effects and grave unresolved issues of the externally created borders and gory partition, unlike the peaceful territories of It is difficult, therefore, to

enforce the same level of liberties to the region bearing the scourge of externally funded and supported terrorism for decades, which threatens the security of the whole nation, with even the temple of Indian democracy not been spared. A discouragement towards democratic process is still being made in Kashmir by terrorists targeting political members. Similarly, a resolution of the post-partition refugee situation had to be undertaken.

India is a free and fair democracy with an independent judiciary, and it must confidently, firmly and calmly draw its red lines over non-interference in internal matters, something that rest of the Asia has been doing for long.
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Minister demonstrated it by not meeting a panel, including Congresswomen Pramila Jayapal. Were it done by even a middle level power, nobody would bat an eyelash. It's time India takes its rightful position in the world, with respect, it deserves, and as Huntington puts it: the US well knows when to concede to maintain "good relations" with friendly

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## **PERSPECTIVE**

# new civil war in Ethiopia

Ethiopia, located in the Horn of Africa, is popularly known as the "Mecca of Coffee". Today it has seen one of the bloodiest conflicts in its northern region of Tigray wherein the federal forces are fighting with the local Tigray regional forces. The fierce fight that broke out in early November is simply a war between Addis Ababa, the central capital city, and the regional capital town of Mekele. It's a show of strength of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Ali against combative Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) based in the restive region.

Further, it is straight fight between the majority Oromo community (around 34.6 per cent) represented by the PM Abiy and the minority Tigryans, barely 6 per cent of the total population of the country. Initially, the war in the Northern Province was planned for a limited scale, directly to target the TPLF, a militia cum political party, but now more than two weeks of military campaign has hinted a severe fight, showing no signs of talk, withdrawal and negotiation between the two warring groups.

The current crisis in Ethiopia has its roots in the recent past of the country. The TPLF was established in February 1975, more than 45 years ago in the Tigray Province. A year before i.e. 1974 witnessed a tumultuous political situation in the country as Emperor Haile Selassie was overthrown by the military.

Afterwards, a new military junta, popularly known as "The Derg", came into power in the country. The subsequent years brought home a devastating conflict, leading to the killing of thousands of young man and woman across the country. However, the Tigrayan region had to largely bear the brunt of the so-called "Red Terror", unleashed by the Leftist Derg junta. Sadly, Derg continued in power in Ethiopia till 1991, when it was finally ousted by the armed rebels. And incidentally, the TPLF was an integral part of a coalition of resistance forces that finally moved out the junta from the power corridors of

Then TPLF leader Meles Zenawi became the interim President later and

also holds the historic record of being the first elected Prime Minister of the country in 1995. What it demonstrates is the consolidation of power by the minority Tigryans over the majority of the public institutions of Ethiopia.

And the rest is a new history for this emerging African nation. The Tigryans ruled the country for almost three decades from 1991 to 2018 by becoming an alliance partner of the ruling coalition known as the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front (EPRDF).

This coalition was the brainchild of the veteran Meles to bring together likeminded groups to capture power in Addis Ababa. The EPRDF earned both reputation and severe criticism from the Ethiopians in its entire period in power and even after. Many say that during its time, child mortality rate fell, and the famine was prevented. But others argue that the Tigrayan-led EPRDF was no other than an absolute authoritarian regime that ruled the country with an iron hand.

Unfortunately, the other coalition partners had hardly any voice in regard o making critical policy decisions and deciding future course of actions.

A new era has begun with the coming of Abiy to power in 2018 who is the first Oromo leader to come to occupy the seat of the head of the Ethiopian Government. He was a former military intelligence officer of the Government. In fact, years of protest that started after the departure of Tigray's powerful leader and former PM Meles in 2012, forced his successor Hailemariam Desalegn to finally resign after six years of misrule and anarchy across the country. He was the chairman of the Southern Ethiopian People's Democratic Movement. From the very beginning of his tenure, his role was ambivalent as he could hardly keep the powerful alliance partners under his

And most importantly, since he did not belong to the powerful Tigray community, it was absolutely difficult for him to exercise administrative control over them. Over the years, the Tigray ethnic group has massively expanded its sway

over the army, secret services and the bureaucracy. These circumstances offered an opportune moment for Abiy to get elected as the leader of the EPRDF. For years, the Ormos have been marginalised by the EPRDF, led by the Tigray community and its powerful leaders in Addis Ababa.

From the very beginning, he spoke the language of unity and promised his countrymen peace, development and progress. And this earned him praise even from his arch rivals in the Opposition political parties.

After assuming power, he released thousands of prisoners, unblocked a large number of media channels and privatised many Government owned enterprises. He reached out to Eritrea, Ethiopia's old rival on the northern border, and made peace with that country. And as a result, he was awarded the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize which had brought home a chance of reclaiming Ethiopia's position in the African continent once again.

However, gradually his reform package has altered the long-drawn power relations of the country. And in the last two years, the Tigrayans have registered their displeasure with Addis Ababa. They say that they are being targeted for the wrongs committed in the past and the current Government is fast trying to marginalise the community and its leadership. Last year, Abiy dissolved the EPRDF, and formed the Prosperity Party, but the TPLF refused to join the new coalition. Thus, formally, the dominance of the TPLF has come to an end and it was made possible by the shrewd adership of Prime Minister Abiy.

What has finally triggered the current crisis in Tigray is no other than the regional election that took place in the province in September. Actually, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Abiy Government postponed the much anticipated general election on August 21 across the country. But the TPLF leadership accused Abiy of unconstitutionally extending the term of his Government. In defiance of the federal Government's order, the TPLF conducted the election in its province. This incident has raised tension between the Central Government and the regional Government of Tigray

And on November 4, the forces loyal to the TPLF suddenly attacked the Northern Command of the Ethiopian National Defence Force based in Mekelle. After two days, the Abiy Government launched a massive military strike, saying the TPLF has crossed the "Red Line". And since then the war is on the restive region.

Meanwhile, as a precautionary measure, Sudan has closed down the border with Ethiopia to avoid immediate clash and refugee movement. Around the same time, Addis Ababa has declared the regional Government of Tigray as illegal and proposed to form an interim Government out there as per the country's Constitution.

The UN is urging for a peaceful and swift resolution of the conflict in Ethiopia. It seems impossible for now as TPLF leader Debretsion Gebremichael has remained defiant. By now more than 25,000 refugees have crossed over to neighbouring Sudan. On November 14, the TPLF forces launched multiple rocket attacks on Asmara, the capital city of neighboring Eritrea. And interestingly, Gebremicahel has stated that Asmara was a "legitimate target" as its airbases are being used by the Ethiopian forces to carry out attacks on the TPLF fighters. This indicates that there is little chance of the warring parties to come down to the negotiation table unless there is a powerful mediating

This landlocked East African country is surely careening for a bloody civil war. And this might escalate to a broader regional conflict involving Eritrea and Sudan. The best course of action for Abiy could be an early dialogue and engagement of the regional leadership of Tigray province. Else, the new war could involve much more people, forces and the old militias of the region and across. It's better to avoid a chaos and settle for immediate peace.

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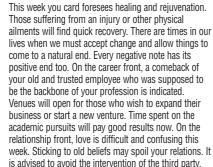




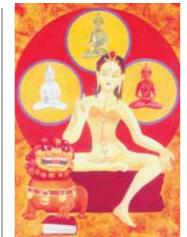




ARIES March 21-April 19



Lucky number 19 Lucky colour Sky Blue Lucky day Friday



**LEO** July 23-Aug 22

Those putting on weight must put their health on priority. You will finally understand the value of money and good health, and work out a plan to be in harmony with nature to maintain good health. Focus on walking, breathing and prayers for mental and physical healing. On the career front, unrelated issues would occupy mind space. You either have little time or are feeling lethargic about work. Hard work and efforts put in the last week are not so rewarding. This is a temporary phase. On the personal front, something special is likely to be celebrated this week. You feel emotionally contended and find a healthy relationship. You have full faith in your partner. This is the time when mutual understanding between the two is great and strengthening of relationship is indicated.

Lucky number 13 Lucky colour Blue **Lucky day** Thursday



**SAGITTARIUS** Nov 22-Dec 21

You will feel healthy and free and may experience a change of perspective. Negativity replaces optimism. New possibilities are foreseen. You will learn the importance of solving your problems with rational and thorough thinking. This is also a time to utilise your creative energies. Professionally, a promotion is indicated which will make you confident and secure. You are selfdisciplined and energetic. Those in business, your ideas and views are being respected and followed. This is the time when your intelligence, wisdom and experience will pay you rich dividends. On the personal front, your relationship will grow. You are romantic and love is in the air. Other relationships too are nurturing, and meaningful

Lucky number 9 Lucky colour Green Lucky day Friday



**TAURUS** April 20-May 20

This week your inner and outer conflicts may bring upon negative effects to your healthy lifestyle and routine. Challenges are foreseen on the career front. This is a perfect time to clear the fog. This is also a good time to set your goals and targets and work towards them in the system. The win will come after a struggle. Your great insight may work in your favour. A break-through success is on the cards. On the relationship front, you will follow tradition instead of your heart. The conventions and traditions are overpowering you and you will try and seek answers from a guru or a senior person with regard to your emotions. This week you may be more inclined spiritually and worldly pleasures, love and emotions would take a back seat.

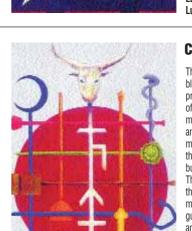
Lucky number 10 Lucky colour Brown Lucky day Tuesday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

There is a balance between mind, body and soul this week. You will be energetic, enthusiastic and full of life. Your farsightedness will pay you rich dividends. This is the time to enjoy good food and live a healthy life, both mentally and physically. On the career front, new job offers and opportunities in business will help you broaden your horizon. If expansion in the business is the plan, this is the right time. Go for it! Good finances, income and gains through the ancestral property are indicated. On the relationship front, those contemplating marriage may start browsing the market for a suitable bride or groom. Guard against temptations and addictions. A step towards spirituality may prove to be the saviour.

Lucky number 3 Lucky colour Peach Lucky day Wednesday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

This week you may enjoy the nature's bounty and blessings of the Almighty. Cure of a very old or prolonged illness is on the cards. Those in urgent need of motivation and inspiration to lead a healthy and meaningful life will find a mentor. You feel empowered and embark on a new journey which is progressive and makes you feel comfortable. On the work front, this is the time to keep counting the blessings. You may be busy organising an auspicious ceremony at home/office. The career will boom and so will be your interaction with the outside world. On the personal front, confusion, misunderstanding with the partner is likely. You need to guard yourself against selfish motives, aggression and any haste decisions in this period. Patience is the key.

Lucky number 4 Lucky colour Red Lucky day Wednesday



#### **GEMINI** May 21-June 20

This week you will possess the power and energy to create a fresh lifecycle for yourself. You will have control over your desires and temptations that may harm your health. You realise the importance of the balancing factor in your life and your body is in tune with the five elements of nature. On the career front, you may have experienced setbacks that make you suspicious of the others. The turning point will come when you can leave the past behind you and develop a more open mind about the future. This is the time to think positive and move ahead. On the personal front, confrontation is likely between lovers. Do not let emotion get in the way. Rather, use fact and logic to make your decisions.

Lucky number 6 Lucky colour Pink Lucky day Friday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

This week cards indicate excessive fear, phobia, and worry. Mental tension will remain, and this may reflect on your health. Headache, insomnia, and sleeplessness may cause unrest. Be careful of cold, cough and seasonal ailments too. This is the time to meditate, join yoga and take a break from the hectic schedule. On the career front, a little indiscretion may put your reputation in the firing line so be careful. At the work area, you may go unnoticed and feel neglected. This may cause tension and hamper your growth. Do not run away from responsibilities and commitments. Do not disclose your working plans till you accomplish them. On the personal front, your partner will be filled with an abundance of energy and enthusiasm while you feel demoralised, or hold low self-esteem

Lucky number 12 Lucky colour Golden **Lucky day** Sunday



**AQUARIUS** Jan 20-Feb 18

This week your satisfaction and contentment will play an important role for you to be in good health. You will enjoy worldly pleasures and relax. 'All is well' feeling gives you cool mind, contentment, positive aura and a glow on the face. On the work front, there is generosity in your temperament and ability to convince others with your communication. You care for the emotional wellbeing of others and respect your colleagues and juniors. They follow you, admire you, and respect your magnanimity. On the relationship front, there is love, fun and entertainment. You spend time together and present an expensive gift to your beloved and partner. Time is right to bring your romantic relationships out in the open, the family will accept your choice.

Lucky number 18 Lucky colour Orange **Lucky day** Saturday



#### **CANCER** June 21-July 22

This week you will adopt a moderate approach to life and be true to your commitments. You have understood that you need a routine and a careful regime if you want to achieve your goals. It is not necessarily a very interesting or exciting period. You are not hesitant to spend money in a gym, meditation, following nutritive diets etc to be in good health and fitness. These efforts will pay you well. On the work front, you will feel stability in your profession. Use experience and skills to achieve your desired goals. Advice from a senior person in job/business will be very helpful. On the personal front, you may get too emotional or possessive in your relationship, and that may become the cause of irritation and separation. You will be compassionate towards

Lucky number 21 Lucky colour Magenta Lucky day Wednesday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

In keeping with the ongoing festive spirit, you will be active and vibrant. Self-knowledge and mastery are the keys to success. You possess the inner light and consciousness, and sheer faith and experience from the past would help you become self-reliant. Through meditation, you are on the path to attain spiritual fulfilment and share this light with others. On the professional front, your wisdom and leadership will help you establish a niche for yourself. Your plans are now well underway and you are beginning to consider more opportunities to expand your current plans. On the personal front, you will find your relationships growing and developing to a satisfactory level. There is faith, understanding with each other.

Mind balance is the key

Lucky number 2 Lucky colour Indigo Lucky day Tuesday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

Fatigue may take a toll this week. Issues — domestic or professional — will leave you disturbed. Restlessness or problem related to Blood Pressure may bother. Consult a doctor. You may require proper sleep and support of near and dear ones. A positive approach will help put life into you. On the career front, there is nothing new happening. Things are moving as usual. Fear of stagnating career or profession may bother you. This is a temporary phase. As the week progresses, you will find the positive results. With your wisdom and experience, you keep moving ahead and achieve the desired results. On the relationship front, you will enjoy the quiet powers inherent in you. You will be able to influence your partner by diplomatic

Lucky number 11 Lucky colour White Lucky day Monday

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omeone concerned about not being

Sable to contain his wavering mind and habit tendencies, despite seri-

ous efforts towards that end, connected

with me for necessary guidance. "Sir, for

almost a decade now, I have been reli-

giously pursuing Yoga-asana and meditation as guided by two acclaimed teach-

ers in the field. So far, I have been able

to just identify my fault lines. I have

been trying to address them, with no

sign of tangible success in immediate

domly flirting with varying thoughts

and ideas, and so I fail to do justice to

my priority preferences. I don't know

how to go about further. Kindly guide."

to understand the living realities of life,

realms of mind help in making reasoned

choices in life and conduct with ease and

comfort. What is the fun in pursuing

spiritual process, if it has not helped

reform your thought process?" I asked.

"Remember, all actions on your part, be

it pursuing spiritual process or targeting

material desires are conducted by mind. Better, give me an account of how you

are pursuing the process so that the

which when absorbed in the deep

"Well, the purpose of spirituality is

future. My monkey like mind keeps ran-

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missing link in the process could be figured out," I said. Looking at the account he shared, it appears that he keeps chanting mantra with focus on his energy centres. So, he has been mechanically working on energy plane. He, however, has cared the least to work upon his thought process. He has been reading many books written by realised people for necessary guidance, which makes him academically aware. But his mind, intensely engaged in wanton thoughts that don't allow him the mind-space and time necessary to absorb the educative inputs, but for which it will not find

reflection in his conduct. Here I recall the saying of a realised spiritual master: "You may enjoy the grace of the God, the holy men and teachers. But if you lack the grace of mind, you may go to rack and ruins". That makes it incumbent upon us to work upon our mind-state before pursuing spiritual process, otherwise it will not offer desired result. It may not be out of place to mention that there are five states of mind — Darkening, Scattering, Gathering up, One pointed and Concentrated. Ignorant minds are the darkening type. Minds flirting with



random thoughts are the scattering type. Those who realise that only a focused mind can lead to success, try to contain their wavering mind, which comes under gathering up type. As you graduate in the process further, you may become one pointed. They still remain subject to pushes and pulls. But relatively they are able to remain focused to their priority preferences for long. Those who are able to effortlessly remain focused for long is the call of a concentrated mind.

Those who wish to evolve spiritually, and even grow materially, preparatory to that, at least they should try to graduate to the stage of one pointedness, if not concentrated. I then suggested him to follow the three stage meditation process as suggested in my book titled: "God or No God; Awareness enriches life."

The man then asked: "Sir, I will purchase your book and follow the method you have suggested. But tell me, is my present mental predicament reflected in my chart? Do I have the potential to evolve spiritually?'

Look at the astrological pointers. You are born in an airy sign Libra with fiery planet Mars conjunct headless Ketu there in the lagna. Mars is also adversely

placed with respect to the two luminaries — the Sun and Moon. Moon is illdisposed to Venus, which makes you too touchy and sensitive. You may get overexercised even on trivial issues and blow it out of proportion as would fiery Mars flaring up the air element mean. Read together with the implications of the ill-disposed luminaries, it speaks of a temperamental, moody, irritable, impulsive, and rash character, having a disoriented mind.

Now coming to spiritual potential, benevolent Jupiter over the head in the birth chart speaks high of your spiritual quotient. Seen at subtle level, lagna sublord Rahu, happens to be the lord of 5th cusp identified with merits accrued from the past. 9th sub-lord identified translation of acquired merits into fruits happens to be Moon, which occupies the sub-lordship of Rahu. All put together indicates seed of spiritually deeply ingrained in your mind. Positioning of Moon, however, calls for concerted efforts to organise your mind before expecting the desired results.

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