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West Bengal politics
is at a crucial stage

Unlike some Western democracies where the attachment to political parties tend to be lifelong, there is considerable fluidity in political affiliations for activists. This is partly because — with the exception of the Congress, the BJP, Communists and a handful of regional parties — the party system in India is still evolving and is disproportionately dependent on individuals. Additionally, since politics is all about the quest for power and influence — and I don't mean this in a pejorative way — individuals see political parties as vehicles for the fulfilment of their goals. Consequently, the political eclipse of any political party invariably sees a movement of people between parties. Today, to take an example, the erstwhile followers of Ram Manohar Lohia are to be found in nearly all the political parties. That is because the Indian socialists have a terrible record of creating and nurturing political parties.

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

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

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

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

There are still many problems that the BJP has to overcome if it is to upstage the TMC in next summer's Assembly election. The most important of these is to ensure that the 40 per cent support it received in 2019 is not only intact but supplemented by additional votes. This is a challenging prospect because regional parties such as the TMC tend to perform better in Assembly elections than in elections to the Lok Sabha. The Left, which performed disastrously in 2019 and failed to win any Lok Sabha seats from the State — the first occasion since 1952 — is also 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 Ghatat 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 Suwendu Adhikari needs the BJP to demonstrate his political relevance in the State, the BJP needs to prevail all over East and West Midnapore to add to its pre-existing strength. Those in the BJP who believe that defectors from other parties should be discouraged because the party is well placed to win on its existing strength are clearly being unrealistic. There are important gaps in support the BJP must fill — the urban cluster around Kolkata being important examples — if it hopes to form a Government in 2021 in Kolkata.

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

These are the reasons why the next few acts in the Suwendu Adhikari drama need to be closely observed. West Bengal politics is at a very crucial phase.

Farmers dig in heels, Shah reaches out

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

SHEKHAR SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

Farmers after holding parleys 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.

"It is a plan to imprison us



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

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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 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 Haryana to reach Delhi on Friday. They were, however, not allowed into the national Capital. As the protests continued, the Centre, which looks after the national Capital's

law and order, relented and fixed a place for their agitation.

Hundreds of the protesters, however, refused to go to the outer Delhi protest venue and have remained camped at several places on the outskirts of the national Capital.

Marine Commandos
deployed at PangongIndia preparing
for long haul at
LAC, bolsters
its readiness

PNS ■ NEW DELHI



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 coming 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 MARCOS 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.

Modi reviews vaccine progress first-hand

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

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-hand perspective of the prepa-

rations, challenges and roadmap in India's endeavour to vaccinate its citizens".

Modi began his day-long three-city tour in the morning by flying first to Ahmedabad and thereafter heading to Zydus Cadila's Vaccine Technology Centre located at Changodar Park, where he

went around the place and interacted with the team of scientists behind the ongoing vaccine development effort "to know more about the 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

PTI

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 Haryana, Punjab and Rajasthan on Saturday stayed put at the Delhi-Haryana Singhu and Tikri border points on the third consecutive day.

The farmers on Saturday also refused to move towards the Nirankari ground to hold demonstration. Following the rise in number of farmers at Tikri and Singhu border, the Delhi Police re-installed barricades to maintain law & order.

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 government data, was 93.70 per cent on Saturday.

While recoveries outnumbered 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 Jharkhand was 0.88 per cent against the national average of 1.50 per



A health worker collects swab samples from a person for COVID test at a COVID testing centre in Ranchi on Saturday

Vinay Murmu | Pioneer

cent.

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.

As per the NHM bulletin 24 fresh cases surfaced on Saturday from from Bokaro, 11 from Deoghar, 26 from Dhanbad, 1 from Dumka, 43 from East Singhbhum, 4 from Garhwa, 2 from Giridih, 3 from Godda, 9 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 data stated.

CAPSULE

PAWAN BANSAL MADE
CONGRESS TREASURER

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 in-charge 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.

HOME THEATRE

Only for the kiddies



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

If 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 crackers.

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 one a miss

— Shalini Sakseena

Feel good family treat

DOLLY PARTON’S CHRISTMAS ON THE SQUARE
Netflix
***ing: Dolly Patron, Jenifer Lewis, Josh Segarra, Jeanine Mason, Treat William, Jenna Hathaway**
Rated: 5.5/10

Those 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 her credit.

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

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

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

— Shalini Sakseena



TELLY 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 pm.

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 only be worn and owned by someone who has the inherent virtues of kindness, courage, selflessness, nobility and empathy. At the same time, it also has the power to corrupt and degrade the weak hearted making them vicious. But Veer decides to



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 live 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 Samridhi as sisters Sweetie & Meethi along with a host of other stars in the show’s galaxy.

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 kareng 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 *Hamarwali Good News*, it showcases a unique role reversal between the daughter-in-law Navya (Srishti Jain) and her mother-in-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 mother-in-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 father-in-law.

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 *Hamarwali 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 Raghav all set to enter *Hamarwali 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 *parivaar*.

GET READY TO MEET PHOOL KUMARI

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

When Gudiya (Sarika Bahrolia) 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 support.”

‘Replacements come with challenges’

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

■ **What made you say yes to play Yasmine??**

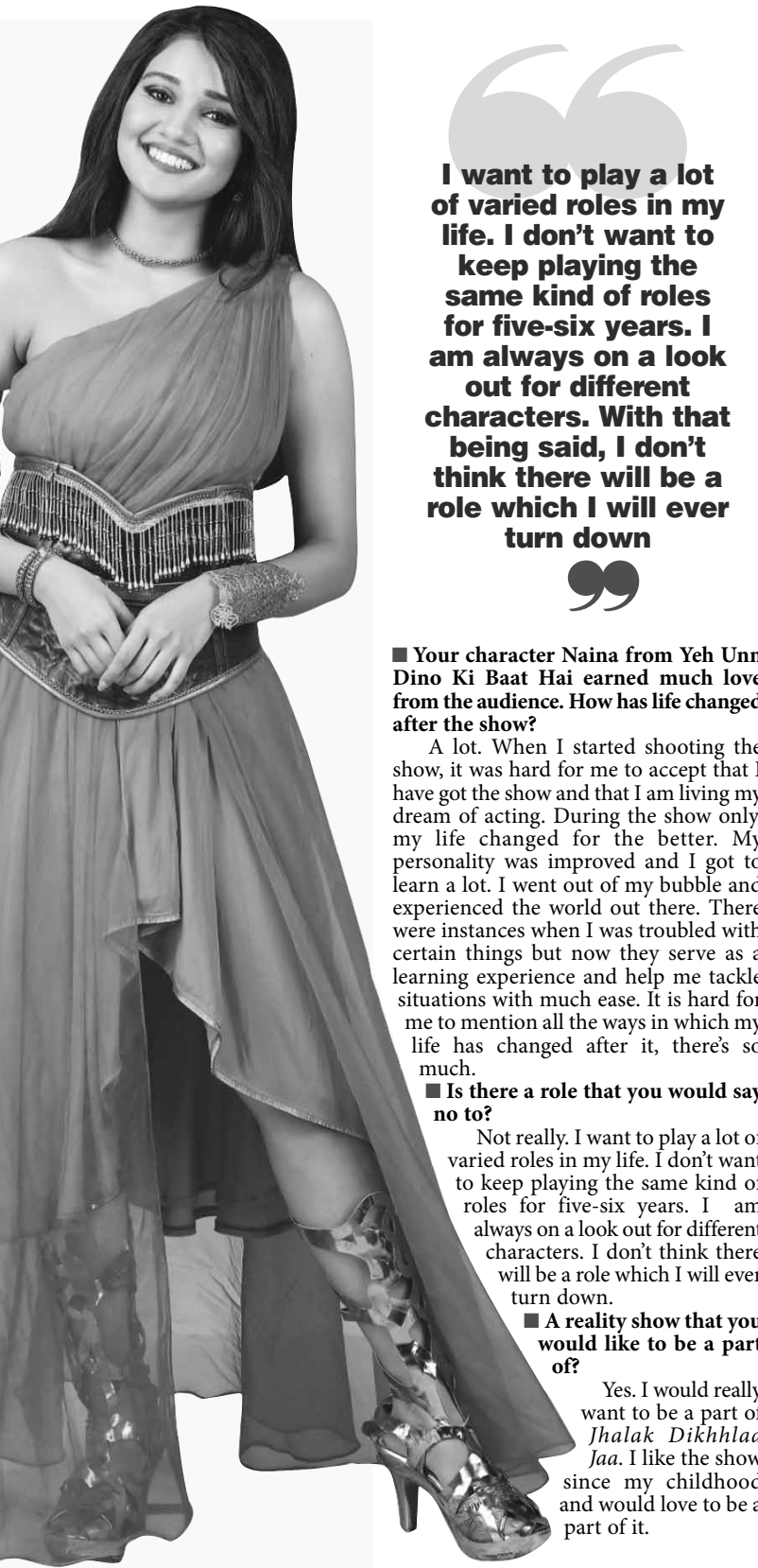
The character of course. Initially, I was apprehensive about taking up the role because it is a replacement, but when I got know about the storyline and the character brief, I liked it very much. It was something that I wanted to do. It is something that one doesn’t get to do in daily life. I am fortunate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

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

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

■ **Some memories from the sets.**

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 much.

■ **Is there a role that you would say no to?**

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 of?**

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 part of it.

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 Pooja 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 Major Hari Singh, Training JCO Umashankar Yadav, Subedar Manish 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.

Steel City author creates waves on international platforms

DIVYA MODI ■ RANCHI

From coping inspiring quotes from newspapers to collecting 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



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 soon.

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,

Fierce encounter with PLFI ultras at W Singhbhum

Cache of arms recovered, ultras suspected to be injured

PARVINDER BHATIA ■ JAMSHEDPUR

A fierce encounter took place between 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 jurisdiction 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 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

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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

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

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In 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



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

Ratan Lal I Pioneer

Corporation will run the drive for seven days, if non-compliance 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 meeting

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 bazar. 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 and others.

137 cases executed on Land Dispute Resolution Day

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As per the directives of Ranchi Deputy 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 the occasion.

A total of 194 cases were received from all over the district in which 137 were executed immediately while on the remaining 57 further action will be taken. Most of the cases were related to forceful interference, land measuring dispute, mutual partition dispute and double settlement.

Meanwhile, the DC and Deputy 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 Mahto.

The DC further inspected the site of Tiru Fall and gave necessary directions to



Ranchi DC Chhavi Ranjan alongwith Deputy Development Commissioner Ananya Mittal inspecting MGNREGA development work at Burmu block in Ranchi on Saturday

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

spot.

Another official said, "The police received secret information that some ultras of 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 and other security forces for this operation and successfully executed it. However, the notorious 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

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 Naxalites. "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 basis.

PDS system set to get a major revamp in State



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

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In a good news for ration card 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.

At its initial stage the 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.

Food and Civic Supplies Minister, Rameshwar Oraon 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 face any problem, he added.

"There are several kinds of 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 improving the weighting system and establishing an electronic weighing system at all the PDS centers in all 24 districts of the

State so that the complaining regarding weight could be prevented," said Oraon.

Food and Civic Supplies 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 people are getting benefit of PDS system in the State which around 90 per cent of total population and around 15 lakh people have ration cards in the State.

Beneficiaries get a total of 35 kg of food grains from the PDS system in the State and other than this they get facility of Kerosene Oil also.




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APPENDIX- IV [See Rule 8 (1)]
POSSESSION NOTICE
(For Immovable Property)
Whereas
The undersigned being the Authorised officer of the **UCO Bank** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No. 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice to the following Borrower Late Anil Kumar, S/o Madan Lal and Mrs. Priyanka Devi, W/o Late Anil Kumar to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 24,12,395.40** (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Twelve Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Five and Paise Forty Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him 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 year **2020**.
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 Paise 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 assets.
Description of the Immovable Property
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
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Name of the, Borrower(s) & Guarantors : M/s Amit Enterprises (Proprietor : Mr. Amit Kumar)
Description of Immovable Property : All that part and parcel 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. Mantu Kumar Burmal 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 Paise Six Only) and interest thereon.
Name of the, Borrower(s) & Guarantors : Mr. Mantu Kumar Burmal (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 -Sewhadih, Thana No. 74, Thana - Jainagar, Dist. Koderma, Jharkhand, Pin - 825109, measuring 10.00 Decimals, in the name of Mr. Mantu Kumar Burmal (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 - Niz Vendor's.
2. All that part and parcel of the property at Plot no. 07, Khata no. 25, Mauza -Sewhadih, Thana No. 74, Thana - Jainagar, Dist. Koderma, Jharkhand, Pin - 825109, measuring 10.00 Decimals, in the name of Mr. Mantu Kumar Burmal (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 Rebnadhi, On the East by - Niz Vendor's, On the West by - Balki Gope & Niz Vendor's
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 thereon.
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 Registry 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 Paise Eighty Only) and interest thereon.
Date : 23.11.2020 | Place : Jhumritelaiya
Authorised Officer
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1	1	47	रैयती	बाडी-2	0.18					
2	1	54	रैयती	बाडी-2	0.08	तथैव।				
3	1	230	रैयती	गड़िया	0.005	तथैव।				
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5	1	342	रैयती	बाडी-1	0.015	तथैव।				
6	1	343	रैयती	म० सं०	0.01	तथैव।				
7	1	173	रैयती	बाडी-2	0.09	नुनधन महतो माता स्व० संवना देवी				
8	1	299	रैयती	धानी-3	0.02	टोमी देव्या पति स्व० विशन महतो वो हीरा महतो पे० दुम्मा महतो वो दानी महतो वो अनील महतो वो गुल्ली महतो पे० स्व० झाडी महतो वो सान्त महतो पे० जरीव महतो अश समान सा० देह।				
9	4	48	रैयती	बाडी-2	0.06	भरत महतो वो तीरथ महतो वो दल्लू महतो वो रघु महतो वो बुना महतो पे०स्व० चमद महतो वो शक्कर महतो वो गोरी महतो पे०स्व० झाड़ महतो वो सुरेश महतो पे०स्व० छबी महतो पोथयपुर अश समान सा० देह।				
10	4	52	रैयती	बाडी-2	0.08	तथैव।				
11	4	235	रैयती	धानी-3	0.02	भरत महतो वो तीरथ महतो वो दल्लू महतो वो रघु महतो वो बुना महतो पे० स्व० चमद महतो सा० देह।				
12	4	247	रैयती	म० सं०	0.005	तथैव।				
13	4	312	रैयती	धानी-2	0.02	तथैव।				
14	4	360	रैयती	बाडी-1	0.01	तथैव।				
15	4	361	रैयती	बाडी-1	0.01	तथैव।				
16	4	368	रैयती	म० सं०	0.015	तथैव।				
17	4	332	रैयती	धानी-3	0.005	शकर महतो वो गोडी महतो पे० स्व० झाड़ महतो				
18	4	359	रैयती	म० सं०	0.01	तथैव।				
19	4	365	रैयती	म० सं०	0.015	सुरेश महतो पे० स्व० छबी महतो पोथयपुर वो शंकर महतो वो गोडी महतो पे० झाड़ महतो				
20	6	53	रैयती	बाडी-2	0.08	अरुण महतो वो लखन महतो पे० स्व० पुरन महतो वो माधुर महतो वो बहादुर महतो पे० स्व० सीतु महतो वो भुमिलाल महतो पे० स्व० सुवलाल महतो अश समान सा० देह।				
21	6	236	रैयती	बाडी-1	0.02	रंजीत महतो ज० र०				
22	6	290	रैयती	धानी-3	0.01	अरुण महतो वो लखन महतो पे० स्व० पुरन महतो सा० देह।				
23	6	367	रैयती	म० सं०	0.015	तथैव।				
24	6	341	रैयती	बाडी-2	0.005	भूसा महताईन ज० र०				
25	6	366	रैयती	म० सं०	0.015	नाथ महतो वो बहादुर महतो पे० स्व० सीतु महतो वो भुमिलाल महतो पे० स्व० सुवलाल महतो अश समान सा० देह।				
26	7	49	रैयती	बाडी-2	0.09	लक्ष्मीनारायण राय मूल रैयत बल्द गुडी राय वो गंगाराम राय वो उचित राय पे० बेनी राय वो देवी राय वल्द गोन्दी राय वो (ज० र०)				
27	7	51	रैयती	बाडी-2	0.05	तथैव।				
28	7	171	रैयती	बाडी-2	0.03	तथैव।				
29	7	234	रैयती	पोखर	0.08	तथैव।				
30	7	237	रैयती	म० सं०	0.01	तथैव।				
31	7	238	रैयती	बाडी-1	0.01	तथैव।				
32	7	239	रैयती	बाडी-1	0.005	तथैव।				
33	7	244	रैयती	म० सं०	0.01	तथैव।				
34	7	245	रैयती	धानी-3	0.02	तथैव।				
35	7	298	रैयती	धानी-3	0.07	तथैव।				
36	7	305	रैयती	धानी-1	0.02	तथैव।				
37	7	304	रैयती	धानी-1	0.04	तथैव।				
38	7	331	रैयती	बाडी-2	0.005	तथैव।				
39	1	340	रैयती	बाडी-2	0.005	राम किशोर यादव पे० स्व० झलकु महतो वो सुरेन महतो पे० स्व० वेगुरु महतो अश समान सा० देह।				
40		176			0.02	मुस्तावाहा				
कुल रक्बा-						0.130				
यह अधिसूचना भू-अर्जन, पुनर्वासन एवं पुनर्व्यवस्थापन में उचित प्रतिकर एवं पारदर्शिता अधिकार अधिनियम-2013 (अधिनियम संख्या 30/2013), की धारा-11 (1) के उपबन्धों 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 कार्याधि में किया जा सकेगा। झारखण्ड सरकार/समाहर्ता-सह-समुचित सरकार उक्त अधिनियम की धारा 12 में यथा उपबन्धित एवं यथाविनिर्दिष्ट कार्यों के समुचित निष्पादन हेतु अपेक्षित किसी भूमि का सर्वेक्षण एवं उसकी प्रविष्ट करने, किसी भूमि के किसी अंश को मापने के लिए, अवगुमि खोदने या भू-केहन-भिन्न करने वांछित 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 समाहर्ता के पत्रिक अनुमोदन के बिना इसे अधिसूचना के प्रकाशन की तिथि से प्रारंभिक अधिसूचना में विनिर्दिष्ट भूमि का कोई अंतरण यथा खन/विक्रय नहीं करेगा या ऐसा कोई अंतरण करेगा। या ऐसी भूमि पर कोई अवमार नहीं उत्पन्न करेगा। अधिनियम की धारा 15 के अधीन यथाउपबन्धित 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 पदाधिकारी, देवघर के सम्म दर्ज की जा सकेगी।										
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Fighting Covid: Massive rapid antigen tests kick off

Positivity rate on the decline

PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR

The East Singhbhum district health department 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 conducted. In urban areas 2364 tests were conducted out of which four were tested positive. The drive will continue

tomorrow too. The drive was 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. “Presently the situation is normal. But we will put continuous efforts. We want peo-

ple to wear masks and continue maintaining social distancing,”said an official. The health department has issued instructions to deputy commissioners of all four districts for effective execution of

the testing drive. Guidelines for the effective 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. The rapid antigen tests 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 personnel, including doctors and technicians are attending the massive test drive, all wearing PPE kits during the day-long programme.

Prize distribution ceremony held at DVC Bokaro Thermal

SURESH NIKHAR ■ BOKARO THERMAL

A prize distribution ceremony was held 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-Essay 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 organizations. On this occasion CE & PH Suriya Gupta and Abhimanyu Prasad Singh,

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.

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 Sochha-Nayi Disha, BSL Director in-charge Amarendu Prakash, Executive Director (Medical and Health Services) Dr. AK Singh, Executive Director R. 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 BSL.

In his address, Director-in-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 views. PNS

झारखण्ड सरकार वन पर्यावरण एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन विभाग न्यायालय-प्राधिकृत पदाधिकारी-सह-वन प्रमण्डल पदाधिकारी, जमशेदपुर वन प्रमण्डल, जमशेदपुर।										
एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि अधुना पालन एवं परिवहन के क्रम में जल वाहनों एवं वन पदार्थों के विरुद्ध राज्यस्तरीय की कार्यवाही की अगली तिथि दिनांक 04.12.2020 को निर्धारित की गई है। दिनांक 04.12.2020 को पूर्वाह्न 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 प्रच्छा समर्पित करें, अन्यथा बाद में एक तरफा निर्णय ले लिया जाएगा।										
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1	05/2 013	राज्य सरकार (वन क्षेत्र पदाधिकारी घाटशिला वन क्षेत्र)	1) गोपाल कोयरी, पिता-शिव रत्न कोयरी ग्राम- घाटशिला, दाहिमगोड़ा थाना-घाटशिला, जिला- पूर्वी सिंहभूम 2)जितु माडी, पिता-स्व० वांस्ता माडी ग्राम-नारायणपुर, थाना-घाटशिला, जिला-पूर्वी सिंहभूम	004688 (13) 004690 (15)	12.03. 2013 25.03. 2013	ट्रेक्टर एवं ट्रॉली	JH05Y / 0080 JH05Y / 0079	अर्ध लकड़ी	04.12. 2020	
2	20/2 015	राज्य सरकार (वन क्षेत्र पदाधिकारी घाटशिला वन क्षेत्र)	1) मधुसूदन गोरई पिता-निमाई गोरई ग्राम-चापडी, थाना- घाटशिला 2) लालदु गोरई, पिता-लखीकांत गोरई ग्राम-चापडी, थाना-घाटशिला 3) सिमल माडी, पिता-नारायण माडी ग्राम-चापडी, थाना-घाटशिला 4) फाटिक गोरई, पिता-मोन्दो गोरई ग्राम-चापडी, थाना- घाटशिला 5) विजय गोरई, पिता-शम्भु गोरई ग्राम-चापडी, थाना- घाटशिला, जिला-पूर्वी सिंहभूम	004305	10.08. 2015	साईकिल - 05	-	अर्ध लकड़ी	04.12. 2020	
3	07/2 017	राज्य सरकार (वन क्षेत्र पदाधिकारी चाकुलिया वन क्षेत्र)	1.मनोरंजन पाण्डा, पिता-मृजुजय पाण्डा ग्राम-बलियागुडी, थाना-बिचर जिला-पश्चिम मेदनापुर, (पश्चिम बंगाल) 2.पोथय सेनापति, पिता-गोविन्द सेनापति ग्राम-बलियागुडी, थाना- बिचर जिला-पश्चिम मेदनापुर 3.अज्ञात	003244	05.05. 2017	मोटर साईकिल- 03	JH05K/ 6797 JH05BN / 9051 WB- 34G/38- 8	केन्दु पत्ता	04.12. 2020	
4	08/2 017	राज्य सरकार (वन क्षेत्र पदाधिकारी चाकुलिया वन क्षेत्र)	सुरेश चन्द्र मंडल, पिता-केशव मंडल ग्राम-बंकीशोर, थाना-बहरागोड़ा जिला-पूर्वी सिंहभूम	003243	04.05. 2017	मोटर साईकिल (बजाज बोस्कर)	WB- 34F/783 4	केन्दु पत्ता	04.12. 2020	
5	09/2 017	राज्य सरकार (वन क्षेत्र पदाधिकारी चाकुलिया वन क्षेत्र)	अज्ञात	003241	27.04. 2017	मोटर साईकिल	JH05V/ 5041	केन्दु पत्ता	04.12. 2020	
6	27/2 017	राज्य सरकार (वन क्षेत्र पदाधिकारी, चाकुलिया वन क्षेत्र)	अज्ञात	003327	16.03. 2017	महिन्दा मैक्स पिकअप	WB- 33A/010 9	अर्ध लकड़ी	04.12. 2020	
7	03/2 019	राज्य सरकार (वन क्षेत्र पदाधिकारी मुसाबनी वन क्षेत्र)	नवीन गोप, पिता-लक्ष्मी पदो गोप ग्राम- बेरगोडी, थाना-डुमरिया जिला-पूर्वी सिंहभूम	002544(1 / 19)	31.03. 2019	ट्रेक्टर एवं ट्रॉली,	Engine no- 310DEL 153G50 3672F3 JH01H/ 0041 JH05AX /6615 Engine no- JAOEGJ 9H4414 0 Chassis no- MBLLA R03519J 40347	अर्ध लकड़ी	04.12. 2020	
8	11/2 019	राज्य सरकार (वन क्षेत्र पदाधिकारी मानगो वन क्षेत्र)	1. अश्विनी कुमार शर्मा, पिता-स्व०उद्युनन्दन शर्मा ग्राम-शंकरपुर, थाना-एरसुडीह जिला-पूर्वी सिंहभूम 2. मो० हाजिज हुसैन, पिता- अज्ञात, एरसुडीह, बरगोडी, थाना-बर्मागईन, जिला-पूर्वी सिंहभूम, 3. दासमाल दुद्द, पिता - स्व० नगेन दुद्द, ग्राम-जुनबीनी, जाहिरटोला, थाना-धालमुमगढ़, जिला-पूर्वी सिंहभूम। 4. गुरुचरण सोरेन, पिता - श्यामचरण सोरेन, ग्राम - बाघवाशोली, थाना-धालमुमगढ़, जिला-पूर्वी सिंहभूम।	थाना कांड संख्या-1 8/ 2019	19.03. 2019	1. ट्रक, 2. मोटर साईकिल (फेन प्रो) 3. मोटर साईकिल (स्पेलेंडर)	-	अर्ध लकड़ी	04.12. 2020	
9	01/2 020	राज्य सरकार (वन क्षेत्र पदाधिकारी मानगो वन क्षेत्र)	(1) विकास बिसोय, पिता-स्व० जमिना बिसोय ग्राम- बेलाजुडी, पोस्ट- हीरावुनी, थाना- एम०जी०एम०, जिला-पूर्वी सिंहभूम। (2) दुलाल बिसोय, पिता-स्व० प्रभु बिसोय ग्राम- बेलाजुडी, पोस्ट- हीरावुनी, थाना- एम०जी०एम०, जिला-पूर्वी सिंहभूम।	003530	16.04. 2020	होरो साईकिल- 02	Reg No.- 33019, 3554998	अर्ध लकड़ी	04.12. 2020	
10	02/2 020	राज्य सरकार (वन क्षेत्र पदाधिकारी घाटशिला वन क्षेत्र)	सुरेश गोरई, पिता-स्व लक्ष्मीकांत गोरई ग्राम-चापडी, पोस्ट- एदेलेबड़ा थाना- घाटशिला, जिला- पूर्वी सिंहभूम।	004794	16.04. 2020	साईकिल-	01	अर्ध लकड़ी	04.12. 2020	
11	03/2 020	राज्य सरकार (वन क्षेत्र पदाधिकारी घाटशिला वन क्षेत्र)	1)समीर आस जर्फ-छुटा, पिता-महादेव आस, ग्राम-बनकाटी, पोस्ट-बनकाटी थाना-घाटशिला, जिला- पूर्वी सिंहभूम 2)आयान दास, पिता - शंकर दास, ग्राम-बनकाटी, पोस्ट-बनकाटी थाना-घाटशिला, जिला-पूर्वी सिंहभूम	004786	22.03. 2020	टेम्पू	JH05Z/4 406	अर्ध लकड़ी	04.12. 2020	
12	06/2 020	राज्य सरकार (वन क्षेत्र पदाधिकारी चाकुलिया वन क्षेत्र)	जयदेव मोहंली, पिता-विला मंगल मोहंली ग्राम- बाघवाशोली, थाना-बहरागोड़ा जिला-पूर्वी सिंहभूम	003383	29.04. 2020	टाटा एएस1000	JH115/ 4737	अर्ध लकड़ी	04.12. 2020	
13	08/2 020	राज्य सरकार (वन क्षेत्र पदाधिकारी चाकुलिया वन क्षेत्र)	1)दिलीप कुमार मण्डल, पिता-स्व० ओमिषो मण्डल ग्राम-आमलाताड़ा, थाना-बौंकड़ा, जिला-पश्चिम मेदनापुर (पश्चिम बंगाल) 2)श्यामन्त मण्डल, पिता-गोवर्धन मण्डल, ग्राम-देवली, बड़ाजुडी थाना-घाटशिला, जिला-पूर्वी सिंहभूम	003373	02.05. 2020	-	-	केन्दु पत्ता	04.12. 2020	
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Naidu calls for promoting cycling culture in cities

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Additionally, bicycles can



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

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

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

Stating that traffic surveys revealed cycle trips account for more than 15% of trips in most towns, he said this was the right time to pro-

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

Quoting a recent study, he said it was estimated that the use of bicycles in place of two- and four-wheelers for short-distance 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 other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

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

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate on Saturday 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.

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

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

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



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

has invited them for another round of talks on December 3.

"I appeal to them to leave agitation in view of COVID-19 and winter. I am hopeful the farmers will agree to task," he said.

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

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

He said that if pen or thermos manufacturers do not have any restriction on where and to whom to market their goods, farmers too deserve the same independence.

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

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

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

Scores of warships, helicopters and aircraft of the Navy and other agencies were carrying out an extensive search and rescue mission on the spot where the plane crashed into the sea, officials said here on Saturday.

The twin-seater MIG-29K fighter jet crashed during routine sortie. These aircraft operate from the INS Vikramaditya aircraft carrier.

This is the third mishap involving the MIG-29K in the last one and half years. At least 45 jets manufactured by Russia were inducted into the Navy 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 1700 hrs on 26 November. One pilot has been recovered and search by air and surface units in progress for the second pilot. An inquiry has been ordered to investigate the 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 month.

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

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 operations and advanced air defence exercises by MIG 29K fighters of INS Vikramaditya and F-18 fighters and E2C Hawkeye from Nimitz.

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

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 runway at the INS Hansa base in Goa.

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

After Nivar, another cyclone forming over Bay of Bengal

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

"A Low Pressure Area lies over South Andaman Sea SE (south east) Bay of Bengal and Equatorial Indian Ocean. It is



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

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

December 2, it said.

Under its influence, scattered to widespread rainfall activity was "very likely" over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala, Mahe, Lakshadweep, south coastal

IMD also forecasts isolated heavy to very heavy rainfall with moderate thunderstorm and lightning over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal during this period

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

IMD has issued 'Orange' alert for Pathanamthitta and Idukki districts on December 1 and for Thiruvananthapuram and Kollam districts on December 2.

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

Isolated heavy falls with moderate thunderstorm and lightning was also very likely over south coastal Andhra Pradesh during December 1 and 2 and over Rayalaseema and Lakshadweep area on Wednesday, it added.

CBI raids 45 locations in 4 States in coal theft case

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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 general managers and three security personnel of Eastern Coalfields Ltd (ECL) for the theft.

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

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

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

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

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



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

"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 the FIR.

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

The departmental raids on August 7, 2020 led to the recovery of over nine MT of stolen coal from the Railway siding of ECL in "connivance" with the officials of ECL, CISF and Railways, they said.

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

the active connivance of unknown Railway officials," the agency alleged in the FIR.

The CBI has alleged that Manjhi is the kingpin of most of the coal pilferage in the area arising out of illegal mining.

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

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

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

He was rushed to a hospital where he died, they added.

Panwan Bansal appointed interim treasurer of Cong

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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 demise of 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 corona.

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 elections.

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 Nareish Jain moves court seeking bail in money

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Alleged hawala dealer Nareish 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

Jain moves court laundering case

December 2.

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

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

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

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Members of the armed forces, who take the oath of laying down their lives for the country, deserve special treatment and are not to be harassed unnecessarily and "made ping pong of" by being sent from one forum of adjudication to another, the Delhi High Court has said.

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

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

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

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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 strictly in accordance with the law".

It has contended that the order issued by the Centre extending Mishra's tenure for one more year, was in violation of the provisions of the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) Act, 2003.

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

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

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



rectly what could not have been done directly under the statute," the plea said.

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

It added that "such illegalities in the appointment of the Director of Enforcement will shake the confidence of citizens in the institution of Enforcement Directorate."

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

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

TRUMP SUFFERS ANOTHER JOLT

US court rejects Pennsylvania lawsuit

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

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 president."

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 Democrat.

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 W Bush.

Trump has refused to concede the November 3 election to Biden and has filed multiple lawsuits challenging the poll results in several states.

Former vice president Biden was declared the winner of the US presidential election

on November 7 after flipping Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin to the Democrats' column.

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

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

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

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-

TUSI!" they said.

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

"Voters, not lawyers, choose the president. Ballots, not briefs, decide elections," 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

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!" Trump tweeted.

"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 tweet.

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

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.

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

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

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

Since the risk for Covid-19 can vary among different groups of people, prioritisation for a vaccine will be tricky, and Biden will leave those decisions to health experts, the Indian-American infectious disease physician said. It is expected that there will likely be a limited supply of coronavirus vaccine doses available immediately after a vaccine is authorised by the US food and drug administration.

"Other than health care workers, others who will be first in line to get it will be 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 committee for immunization

practices (ACIP) will recommend 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 recommen-

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

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 Project.

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.

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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

Iran's supreme leader vows revenge over slain scientist

AP ■ TEHRAN

Iran's supreme leader on Saturday demanded the "definitive punishment" of those behind the killing of a scientist who led Tehran's disbanded military nuclear program, as the Islamic Republic blamed Israel for a slaying that has raised fears of reignited tensions across the Middle East.

After years of being in the shadows, the image of Mohsen Fakhriadeh suddenly was to be seen everywhere in Iranian media, as his widow spoke on state television and officials publicly demanded revenge on Israel for the scientist's slaying.

Israel, long suspected of killing Iranian scientists a decade ago amid earlier tensions over Tehran's nuclear program, has yet to comment on Fakhriadeh's killing Friday. However, the attack bore the hallmarks of a carefully planned, military-style ambush, the likes of which Israel has been accused of conducting before. The attack has renewed fears of Iran striking 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 aircraft carrier back into the region, while an Iranian lawmaker suggested throwing out UN nuclear inspectors in response to the killing.

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei called Fakhriadeh "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, President Hassan Rouhani blamed Israel for the killing. "We will respond to the assass-

ination of Martyr Fakhriadeh in a proper time," Rouhani said. "The Iranian nation is smarter than falling into the trap of the Zionists. They are thinking to create chaos."

Both Rouhani and Khamenei said that Fakhriadeh's death would not stop the nuclear program. Iran's civilian atomic program has continued its experiments and now enriches a growing uranium 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 uranium for at least two atomic bombs if it chose to pursue them. Analysts have compared Fakhriadeh to being on par with Robert Oppenheimer, the scientist who led America's Manhattan Project in World War II that created the atom bomb.

Fakhriadeh headed Iran's so-called AMAD program that Israel and the West have alleged was a military operation looking 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 programme is peaceful.

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

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

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

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

AP ■ LONDON

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

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

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

The U.K. left the EU early this year, but remained part of the bloc's economic embrace during an 11-month transition as the two sides tried to 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 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.

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

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

The US has imposed sanctions 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

China and Nilco Group, which is also known as Nil Fam Khazar Company and SanTERS Holding and Joint Stock Company Elecon in Russia for transferring sensitive technology and items to Iran's missile programme.

President Donald Trump withdrew the US from the landmark Iran nuclear deal in 2018. After withdrawing from the Iranian nuclear deal, Trump has asked all countries to reduce their purchase of oil from Iran to zero or face secondary sanctions.

Iran insists its nuclear programme is for peaceful purposes. Pompeo said all countries need to be vigilant to efforts by Iran to advance its missile programme. "These measures are part of our response to Iran's malign activities. These determinations underscore the continuing need for all countries to remain vigilant to efforts by Iran to advance its missile programme," Pompeo said.

UK appoints vaccines minister to oversee Covid inoculations

AP ■ LONDON

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

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

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

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

Virus keeps Black Friday crowds thin, shoppers shift online

AP ■ NEW YORK

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 bankruptcy.

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

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

shifted online.

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

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

"They've been away from their friends," said Kelly, who failed to get the console at a GameStop in New York City's Union Square but said he would keep trying online. "They've done everything they

had to do in school and outside of school, so I have to award them for being exceptional kids."

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

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

GameStop said it was taking several safety precautions, including contactless pickup.

Many retailers beefed up their safety protocols to reassure wary customers about coming in on Black Friday. But

stores also catered to those shopping digitally by moving their doorbuster deals online and ramping up curbside pick-up options.

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

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

of America's senior vice president of business development.

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

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 windows.

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

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention has labeled shopping in crowded stores during the holidays a "higher risk" activity and says people should limit any in-person shopping.

The National Retail 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 they owe it to themselves and their families to have a better-than-normal holiday," said NRF Chief Economist Jack Kleinhenz.

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12:25	12:27		Balasore	14:02	14:04	
13:40	13:50		Hijli	12:35	12:45	
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Q2 GDP surprising resilience: Is it good enough to last?

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The surprise resilience 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, economists at SBI wrote on Saturday.

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

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

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

“Is it because of 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

Retail 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 ago.

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 total change.

At item level, arhar dal, poultry (chicken), eggs (hen), goat meat, mustard oil, sunflower oil, brinjal, cabbage, carrot, cauliflower, chillies green, gourd, ladyfinger, 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,

Punjab accepts Centre's borrowing option to meet GST shortfall

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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 shortfall.

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

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

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

Under the terms of option 1, besides getting the facility of a special window for borrowings 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 shortfall.

Sany India celebrates new milestone

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

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

IANS ■ MUMBAI

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 FII's 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 concerned, index is moving in uncharted territory and 13,500 would be a hurdle as per options data. On the flipside, major support exists at 12,700 then 12,350 zones.

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

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

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

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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Officers of GST 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 Ministry has said.

“The Directorate General of GST Intelligence (DGGI) Gurugram Zonal Unit (GZU), Haryana has arrested one Satyender Sharma, resident of Haryana, on charges of manufacturing and supplying illegally manufactured cigarettes without the requisite tax paying documents and without payment of applicable GST and cess,” the ministry said in 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 manufactured 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 trademarks owned by other companies. All these cigarettes were being cleared clandestinely without payment of applicable GST/ cess,” the ministry said.

Sharma transported these illegally manufactured cigarettes to New Delhi for further supply across India, it added.

“Based on documentary evidence and statements recorded of all persons during investigation,

it was ascertained that Satyender Sharma is the key person in running this racket of manufacturing cigarettes without payment of applicable GST as well as illegally manufacturing cigarettes under international brand names,” the ministry added. Sharma was arrested by DGGI officers on November 27.

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.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Chandni D/o Subodh R/o H.No. Bobby 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 vide **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 as under :-

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:** Ball in Nose.

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

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SEARCH FOR MISSING

The general public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Akhatri Khatoon D/o Mohd. Momirul R/o Village- Bari Lal Ganj, PS Etahar, District – Uttar Dinajpur, West Bengal. Presently at Vanjiya Bhawan, Man Singh Road, New Delhi** has been missing since 12.11.2020 from the present address at about 6:00 p.m. In this regard, **DD No. 34A, dated 14.11.2020** has been registered at **PS Tilak Marg, New Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing girl, but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing girl is as under:

Name: Akhatri Khatoon, **Gender:** Female, **Age:** about 19 years, **Height:** 5'2", **Face:** Round, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Blue colour with white colour dotted suit, blue colour pajami, yellow colour dupatta and black colour slippers on her feet.

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

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Akhatri Khatoon

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 Dupatta 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.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING

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


The description of missing person is as under:

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

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

Web: <http://cbi.nic.in>, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639
DP/627/ON/2020

SHO
Police Station Alipur, Delhi
Ph: 011-27202265, 7065036325



Ganesh Sahu

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

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

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

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

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

DP/748/N/2020

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Namely:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** approx. 35 years, **Height:** 5' 6", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Thin, **ID:** Rajesh is written on his right hand, **Wearing:** Blue colour linedar Shirt and saleti/ cream colour pant, who was found dead at Nepali Park Kashmir Gate, 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. Kashmir 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. Kashmir Gate, Delhi
Tel.: 011-23967889

DP/751/N/2020(UIDB)

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, the 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-

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 vehicle 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.

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

TI ■ SYDNEY

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



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



An equaliser on Sunday
will be easier said than done.

देवघर समाहरणालय

(जिला भू अर्जन शाखा)

—: अधिघोषणा :—

(अधिनियम-30/2013 की धारा-19 (1) के अधीन)

अधिघोषणा संख्या 1420/भू अ०

चूंकि झारखण्ड सरकार/समाहता को यह प्रतीत होता है कि सार्वजनिक प्रयोजनार्थ यथा परियोजना- मधुपुर (सरवन मेन रोड) कजरा से घसको मोड़ भाया बागजोरा बंशटोली बैरहन तक पथ का चौड़ीकरण एवं मजबूतीकरण हेतु ग्राम-मोहबदिया, थाना-देवीपुर, थाना सं०-324, अंचल-देवीपुर, जिला-देवघर के कुल-**0.65** एकड़ भूमि अपेक्षित है।

इसलिए अधिघोषणा 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 सं०-324, अंचल-देवीपुर, जिला-देवघर में है, जिसका विवरण निम्नलिखित है :-

दिनांक-20.10.2020

क्र.सं.		खारा सं.	सर्वे भूखंड की संख्या	स्वामिण का प्रकार	भूमि का प्रकार	अर्जन के अधीन क्षेत्रफल (एकड़ में)	हिटबद्ध व्यक्ति का नाम व पता	सीमा (पूर्वदक्ष को)			
								उ०	प०	पू०	प०
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
1	4	138	रेयती	धानी-3	0.09	निखन राय पे० स्व० सुनार राय पे० विजय राय पे० अजय राय पे० बबलु राय पे० स्व० अरविन्द राय। सां० देह।	अर्जित रक्बा का अंश	घसको	खरकना , 62	नावाडीह , 325	
2	4	139	रेयती	धानी-2	0.03	तथेव।					
3	4	140	रेयती	धानी-3	0.01	तथेव।					
4	4	147	रेयती	धानी-3	0.03	तथेव।					
5	4	148	रेयती	बाड़ी-1	0.02	तथेव।					
6	6	320	रेयती	बाड़ी-1	0.05	बांसुदेव महतो पे० स्व० प्रेम महतो पे० बैजनाथ महतो पे० भागीरथ महतो पे० स्व० असरफ़ी महतो पे० उमन महतो पे० झमक महतो पे० सुनील महतो पे० हरि महतो। सां० देह।					
7	6	324	रेयती	बाड़ी-2	0.01	तथेव।					
8	6	322	रेयती	बाड़ी-2	0.01	अर्जुन महतो पे० बद्री महतो पे० स्व० रामू महतो पे० पार्वती देवी पति स्व० नमोदर महतो। सां० देह।					
9	11	326	प्रधान का जौल	बाड़ी-2	0.16	गोवर्धन शाही पे० मसुदन शाही पे० दानोदर शाही, पे० कार्तिक शाही। सां० देह।					
10	19	149	रेयती	धानी-3	0.03	जागेश्वर महतो पे० स्व० मही महतो। सां० देह।					
11	19	321	रेयती	बाड़ी-2	0.08	तथेव।					
12	19	150	रेयती	बाड़ी-1	0.03	तथेव।					
13	20	332	रेयती	बाड़ी-2	0.10	सत्यममा देवी पति स्व० सासुदेव साही पे० राजेन्द्र साही पे० स्व० बुधन साही पे० शकुन्तला देव्या पे० मधुरा साही पे० केदार साही पे० स्व० नारायण साही पे० दारशय साही पे० घनश्याम साही पे० स्व० बलराम साही पे० मोहन प्र० साही पे० रघुमन किशोर साही पे० इन्द्रजीत साही पे० स्व० जुगल किशोर साही पे० मगवान साही पे० पुरोसम साही पे० प्रभुल्ल साही पे० स्व० राम रंजन साही पे० सियाराम साही पे० स्व० परमेश्वर साही। अंश समान सां० देह।					
कुल रक्बा:-						0.65					

यह अधिघोषणा हितबद्ध व्यक्तियों की आपत्तियों के सुनने और अधिनियम सं०-30/2013 की धारा 15 में प्रदत्त यथा उपर्युक्त सम्यक जांच के पश्चात् किया गया है। भूमि अर्जन के कारण पुनर्व्यवस्थापन के लिए संभावित परिवारों की संख्या जिनके लिए पुनर्व्यवस्थापन के क्षेत्र चिह्नित किया गए हैं, जिसका संक्षिप्त विवरण निम्नवत है :

ग्रामX	थानाX	थाना संख्याX	अंचलX	जिला	भूमि अर्जन
पदाधिकारीX

समाहता-सह-उपायुक्त,
देवघर।

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

अधिसूचना संख्या 1457/भू-अ०

दिनांक : 22.10.2020

वैकिक झारखण्ड सरकार/समाहर्ता को यह प्रतीत होता है कि ग्राम-परसबनी, थाना-सारठ, थाना सं०-475, अचल-पालोजोरी, जिला-देवघर में भूमि सार्वजनिक प्रयोजन, यथा बासुकीनाथ से चितरा नई बीजी० रेल लाईन परियोजना हेतु अपेक्षित है। प्रभावित परिवारों के पुनर्वास एवं पुनर्व्यवस्थापन के प्रयोजनार्थ अपर समाहर्ता अथवा नियम 2(1)(ख) के तहत नियुक्त पदाधिकारी प्रशासक के रूप में नियुक्त किए गए हैं। अतएव अधिसूचित किया जाता है कि ग्राम-परसबनी, थाना-सारठ, थाना सं०-475, अचल-पालोजोरी, जिला-देवघर में उपर्युक्त कथित परियोजना के लिए कमोवेश 5.425 एकड़ मानक माप का भूखंड, जिसका विस्तृत विवरण निम्नलिखित है, अर्जनाधीन है :-

क्र. सं.	ख. सं.	सर्व भूखंड सं०	स्वाभिव्यक्त का प्रकार	भूमि का प्रकार	अर्जन के अधीन क्षेत्रफल (एकड़ में)	हितबद्ध व्यक्ति का नाम व पता	सीमा (मुखल सं०)		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	उ०	द०	प०
1	14	430	रैयती	बाड़ी-2	0.235	पुष्पा मंडल को सुष्मा राय पे० सदानंद मंडल को देवबिकान्त मंडल को प्रदीप कुमार मंडल पे० दुर्गाचरण मंडल को पार्थ सारथी मंडल पे० महादेव मंडल जाति सुदी निवासी सालदाहा।	शिमला 473	पहरौडीह 610	खैरवा 441 एवं 481
2	14	431	रैयती	बाड़ी-2	0.34	तथैव।			
3	14	472	रैयती	बाड़ी-2	0.77	तथैव।			
4	14	477	रैयती	बाड़ी-2	0.21	तथैव।			
5	14	437	रैयती	बाड़ी-2	0.19	मनोज कुमार राय को सरोज कुमार राय पे० असुदबिहारी राय को वासुदेव राय पे० काशीनाथ राय को लोकोश राय को परमेश्वर राय को मनमोहन राय को मदन कुमार राय पे० ताराचंद राय जाति सुदी निवासी सालदाहा।			
6	14	453	रैयती	बाड़ी-2	0.07	तथैव।			
7	14	470	रैयती	बाड़ी-2	0.575	पुष्पा मंडल को सुष्मा राय पे० सदानंद मंडल को देवबिकान्त मंडल को प्रदीप कुमार मंडल पे० दुर्गाचरण मंडल को पार्थ सारथी मंडल पे० महादेव मंडल को मनोज कुमार राय को सरोज कुमार राय पे० असुद बिहारी राय को वासुदेव राय पे० काशीनाथ राय को लोकोश राय को परमेश्वर राय को मनमोहन राय को मदन कुमार राय पे० तारा चंद राय जाति सुदी निवासी सालदाहा।			
8	16	438	रैयती	बाड़ी-2	1.44	गौबर्देन मंडल को समीर मंडल को पंचानन्द मंडल पे० शिवानारायण मंडल को मंजु देवी पति प्रविण मंडल को प्रकाश मंडल को नूनी गोपाल मंडल पे० प्रमल मंडल को आनंदी कामा मंडल को निखिल मंडल पे० गोविन्द मंडल को जीवन मंडल को दिलीप मंडल को बलराय मंडल पे० भरत मंडल को सुखेन मंडल को निरुद्र मंडल पे० भीमन् मंडल को जियाराम मंडल पे० अरुण मंडल को खांदो बाटा दारी पति आ नन्द मंडल को कन्हौई मंडल को भूतनाथ मंडल पे० आनन्द मंडल को महु सुदन मंडल को फटीक मंडल को शुकुमार मंडल को निमराय मंडल को उत्ताम चन्द मंडल पे० प्रदीप मंडल पे० भुवन मंडल को भुवन मंडल को पिन्टू कुमार मंडल पे० सुशील मंडल को भुजंग मंडल को निपेन मंडल पे० जगन्नाथ मंडल को दुर्लाल मंडल पे० नकुल मंडल को मृदू लाल मंडल पे० माधुसूदन मंडल को सरोज कुमार मंडल पे० बादल मंडल को नितकम मंडल को भीम मंडल पे० लखी हिलारा मंडल को रति मंडल को अशोक मंडल को अमृत मंडल को मिश्रलाल मंडल पे० गुणपदो मंडल को सुखेचन्द्र मंडल को दिपक मंडल पे० भक्तवीर मंडल को पवन मंडल पे० प्रह्लात मंडल को कृष्णदेव मंडल पे० अनाथ मंडल जाति सुदी निवासी उपरखांभा			
9	16	471	रैयती	बाड़ी-2	0.24	तथैव।			
10	16	487	रैयती	बाड़ी-2	0.24	तथैव।			
11	18	476	रैयती	बाड़ी-2	1.075	सुबोध राय को निमराय चन्द राय पे० नरेन्द्र राय को चन्डी राय को शिवान राय पे० अघर राय को मानिक राय को हिरालाल राय पे० अदत राय को श्रीचरण राय को नारायण राय पे० पुर्णबन्द राय को भूतनाथ राय पे० अलुल राय जाति सुदी निवासी सालदाहा।			
12	25	468	रैयती	धानी-3	0.04	बिनोद महतो पे० हरिबोल महतो पे० सहदेव महतो पे० सुबल महतो पे० काशी महतो जाति ग्वाला निवासी मानपुर			
कुल रकबा:-					5.425				

यह अधिसूचना भू-अर्जन, पुनर्वास 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 उपबधित 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, अवमूर्ति खोदने या भू-वेधन-छिद्र करने सहित सभी अन्य कार्यों के संचालन करने हेतु जिला भू-अर्जन पदाधिकारी, देवघर और उनके कर्मचारियों को प्राधिकृत करती है।

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You go through spells where you feel that maybe you're too sensitive for this world. I certainly felt that
— Winona Ryder



WORKING FROM HOME



BEWARE OF THAT CYBER ATTACK



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 numbers working from home, writes AJAY SINGH, as he explains various cyber risks faced by individuals and groups and suggests ways to tackle them

The 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 re-evaluation 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-from-anywhere 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, company-provided computers and laptops should be used
- 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 necessity
- 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 be utilised
- 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 castle-and-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 dimensions:

- **Technology dimension:** securing IT systems, applications, networks, data, and devices
- **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 cyber-threats 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

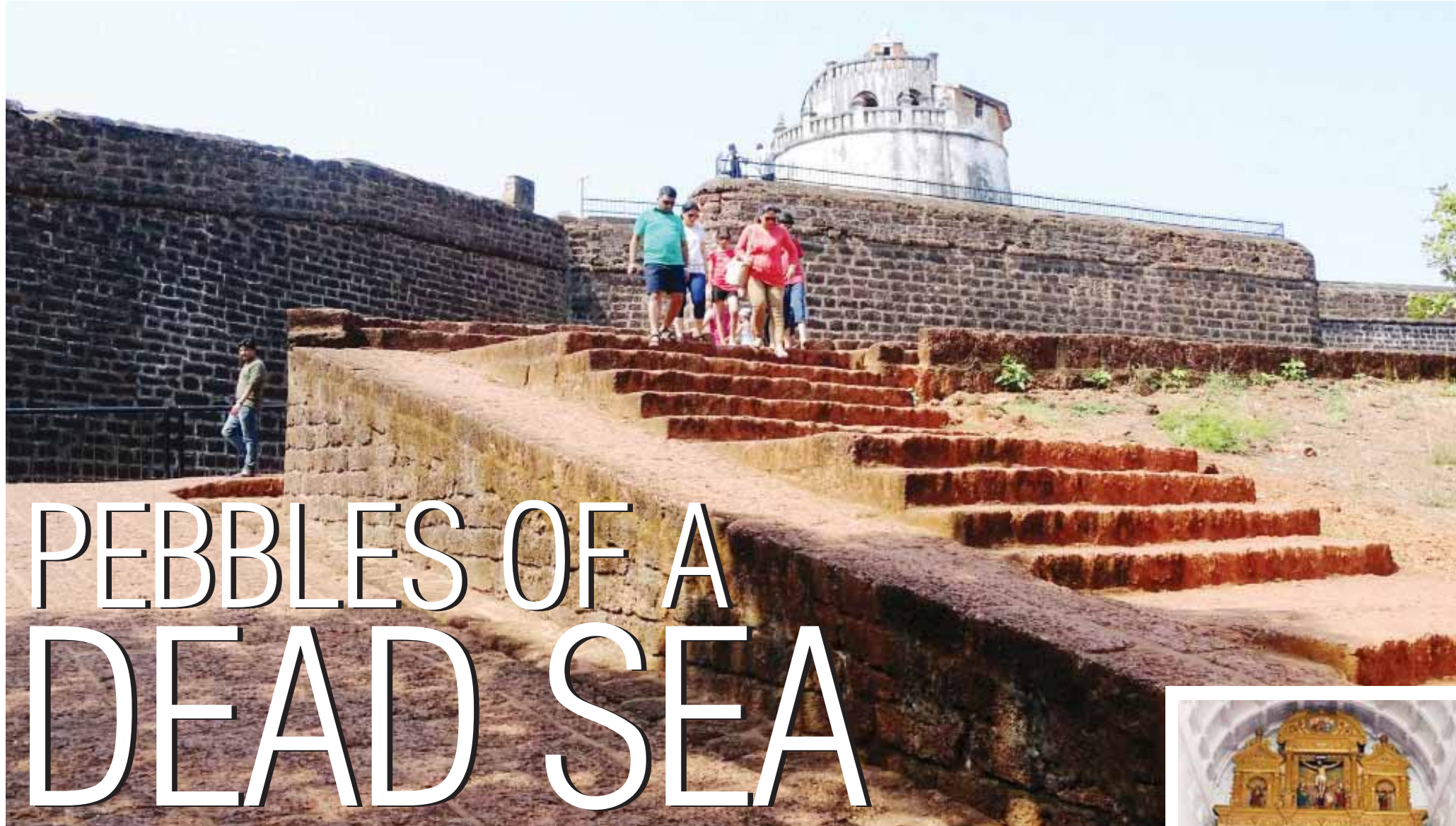
in Ransomware attacks in recent months. The deployment methods include socially engineered emails packed with malware, or a weblink that triggers a drive-by download. Some of the ways to protect your systems from Ransomware attacks include changing default passwords at all access points, training employees 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



PEBBLES OF A DEAD SEA

Nestled 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 pearl and a prized 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 Gomantak.

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 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 years after Vasco Da Gama arrived in Kerala as a trader, another Portuguese named Alfonso De Albuquerque showed his military might and became the ruler of Goa.

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 the Portuguese to go for massive fortification. They got direct

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 became a unique place within India.

This little Portugal of India gradually boomed 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 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 inhabitants and sailing ships that used to anchor near it. The fort strategically faces Candolim beach near river Mandovi. 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 water.

The 1.3 metre thick fortification wall skirts the seashore and ascends the edge of bare rocky island. The massive grand stand of Fort Aguada once had 79 canons in place. A 13 mt high light house built in 1864 is the most iconic landmark of the fort. It often

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

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, gunpowder room, bastions, light house and escape passage all are still visible and very clearly mirror mystic timeline of the history.

Goa witnessed a silent revolution when India's first printing press was set up there, though accidentally. It is interesting 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 Apostle".

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 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 demographic marquee in India.

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 façade contains Jesuit motif emblem "HIS" an abbreviation of Latin "*Iesus Hominum Salvator*" meaning "Jesus. Saviour of Men". The monument enshrines statue of St Ignatius Loyala and infant Jesus.

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.

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Working From Home? Beware of that cyber attack

Focussing 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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