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Modi says NDA rule has ended jungle raj in Bihar, seeks vote for development

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ick-starting his poll cam-Kick-starting his poil cam-paign by raising the devel-opmental pitch in three back to-back rallies in Bihar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday contrasted it with the "iungle rai" under Lalu Prasad. though without naming him or his party, and said the lantern (RJD's election symbol) has given way to electricity under Chief Minister Nitish Kumarled NDA regime in the State.

He hit out at the

Opposition on issues of nationalism, security and Ram Mandir and accused it of mis-leading the farmers on the farm laws brought in by his

Extending his congratulations in advance to the people, he said the voters have taken a

Prime Minister Narendra Modi waves at the

crowd during an election rally, ahead of Bihar

resolve that they would not vote for those "who have a history of making the State Bimaru" and "did not allow" Nitish to

work for 10 years.

Modi said all surveys predict that the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) would return to power in the State. "I want to congratulate the people of Bihar, as they have announced their decision well in advance. Some people try to spread rumours at times and suggest that some "new power" is emerging, but people of Bihar are not going to be befooled by such acts," said the Prime Minister.

He said the NDA rule has ended lawlessness in Bihar. which is far developed now with electricity doing away the need for lanterns for lighting

"People who are voting for the first time, they don't know how far Bihar has come. But, there was a time when people wouldn't go to their homes after deboarding trains in the night. There was a time when elec-tricity was only available to rich people. Poor people in Bihar were dependent on diyas. But

> The Prime Minister kicked off his election campaign from his first rally at Sasaram and later addressed rallies in Gaya and Bhagalpur for the first phase of poll, next week. Kumar and top BJP and JD (U)

> now, there is no need for lanterns in Bihar," Modi said in his second rally at Gandhi

Maidan, Gaya, complimenting BJP-JDU Government in the



Addressing his first rally during the Bihar Assembly elections, Rahul claimed the Chinese army had indeed intruded into Indian territory

Rahul raps Modi on migrant tests in India crisis, Chinese aggression

itting the ground in Bihar Ho campaign for the Mahagathbandhan in the upcoming Assembly polls, for mer Congress chief Rahul Gandhi on Friday targeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi over issues ranging from the migrant crisis to the Chinese aggression to farm Bills, and the BJP over its election promises like of providing 19 lakh jobs which, he said, was similar to that of depositing ₹15 lakh in the bank accounts of the

Rahul and RJD's Tejashwi Yadav, who is the leader of the Opposition alliance, addressed a joint rally at Nawada, coin-ciding with Modi's first day of rallies in Bihar with Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.

With the PM citing the bravery of the jawans from Bihar in their clash with Chinese soldiers at the Galwan valley, Rahul accused Modi of having "insulted" the soldiers with his comment that nobody had intruded into Indian territory in Ladakh, and demanded that he ell the country when will the Chinese "be thrown out".



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi along with RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav during an election meeting at Hisua in Nawada district on Friday

He said, "They have seized 1,200 km of our land. But when the Chinese army intruded, why did our Prime Minister insult our soldiers by saying that nobody entered into the Indian side?"

"The question is, Modi, when will you throw out the Chinese soldiers sitting in our territory," the Rahul said.

"Don't lie to the people of Bihar, Modi. Did you give jobs to people of Bihar? Last elections, PM promised 2 crore jobs, no one got them. In public, he says I bow my head to Army, farmers, labourers and traders. But once he reaches home, he only works for Ambani and Adani," the Congress leader said.

He also attacked the Centre

over the migrant crisis trig gered by the pandemic-induced lockdown, alleging when workers from Bihar were being "chased away" from other States the Prime Minister did nothing to help them. He demanded that the Prime Minister tell people of Bihar how many jobs he gave them and when

A huge gathering was seen at the Hisua rally venue, with people also crowding the roof a college building where it was

RJD's Yadav, the chief ministerial candidate of the Mahagathbandhan, said the elections that were under way will not be fought on the issue of caste or religion but unemployment and poverty.

PNS NEW DELHI

India on Friday crossed the 10-crore Covid-19 tests mark after testing a record nearly 14.50 lakh samples, the highest in a single day. The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) said 5 crore samples were tested in the last 45 days with an average testing of more than 10 lakh samples per day

in the last 17 days.

Terming the record testing as "a positive indication that we are moving in the right direction", Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan, however, warned that the next three months are going to be decisive in determining the coronavirus situation in the country and urged people to follow Covidappropriate behaviour in the coming festival season and winter months.

The Minister said that high level of comprehensive testing on a sustained basis has also resulted in bringing down the national positivity rate. In the last 24 hours, 14, 42,722 sample were tested taking the total

Vardhan, who reviewed the Covid-19 preparedness with the Health and Medical Education Ministers and other senior officials of Uttar Pradesh, also highlighted that the number of active coronavirus cases in the country are less than 7 lakh and the doubling rate has increased to 97.2

He said in the last three

Record 14.5 lakh people tested in a day; recovery rate now touches 90%



months, the country has seen significant improvement in the Covid parameters but next three months are crucial

"From recording over 95,000 Covid-19 cases in a day, they have been substantially reduced to less than 55,000 per day. The recovery rate of India is nearing 90 per cent. The Case Fatality Rate (CFR) is also declining. CFR stands at 1.51 per cent and is moving towards the target of being less than 1 per cent," he said.

"For a big State like Uttar Pradesh, it becomes important that maximum thrust is given to simple precautionary mea-sures which are effective in preventing the spread of the disease to a large extent like wearing masks/face cover, especially in public spaces, and following hand and respiratory etiquettes," he added.

As many as 15 States and Union Territories, including Maharashtra, Chandigarh, Goa, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal and Delhi, are exhibiting higher Covid-19 positivity rate compared to the national figure, indicating the need for higher levels of comprehensive testing in these

Higher testing across wide regions has resulted in early identification of positive cases, prompt tracking through effi-cient surveillance and tracing, and timely and effective treatment in homes/facilities and in hospitals for the severe cases.

These measures in tan-dem eventually lead to lower mortality rate, said a senior official from the Ministry.

House panel warns Govt sets stock limit penalty if Amazon **disobeys summons** to check its prices

E-commerce giant Amazon
has refused to appear before
a Joint Committee of
Parliament looking into the -commerce giant Amazon Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019 on the grounds that its "subject matter experts are overseas" and that there are travel risks.

Taking it very seriously, the Committee has warned that if Amazon does not appear before the panel on October 28, "coercive action will be initiat-

ed" against it.
"The panel is unanimous in its opinion that coercive action can be suggested to the Government against the e-commerce company," said panel head Meenakshi Lekhi, reacting to Amazon's noncooperative stand.

appear before the panel on October 28 and if no one on behalf of the e-commerce com-pany appears before the panel



it amounts to breach of privi-lege," she added.

The Committee is looking into the Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019, following concerns expressed by the Congress. It has called all stake-holders, including Facebook and Twitter, to get an overview. The Committee is trying to seek "oral evidence" on the issues of data protection and

Facebook officials gave racebook officials gave their presentation before the panel on Friday while Google, Twitter and Paytm have to do so on October 29. Facebook's "Amazon has refused to public policy head Ankhi Das appeared before the Committee and was asked some tough and searching questions by the panel, sources said.

for onion traders

With onions now more expensive than some exotic vegetables and fruits, including apple, grapes, goose-berry and orange (imported) across India, the Ministry of Consumer Affairs on Friday imposed a stock limit of two tonnes for retailers and 25 tonnes for wholesalers till December 31 to improve the domestic availability of the commodity and provide relief to consumers. The Ministry has also supplied 35,000 metric tonnes of onion to State and Union Territories to maintain

certain stability in prices.

Despite a ban on export onion prices have seen a sharp onion prices have seen a sharp rise over the last few days with staple vegetable now retailing for ₹100-110 per kg in Hyderabad, Mumbai, Nashik, Pallakad, Puducherry, Suryapet, Thrissur, Panaji, Kota, Chennai, Cuddalore, commodities in the extra Dharwad and Kozhikode. In nary price rise situation.



Thiruvananthapuram, Jammu, rimuvanantnapurani, jainnu, Srinagar, Ludhiana, onions are at ₹90 per kg. Besides, the prices of potato touched ₹50 a kg while tomato is selling at ₹70-80 a kg across metros metros.

Consumer Affairs Department Secretary Leena Nandan on Friday said that retailers can stock onion only up to 2 tonne, whereas wholesale traders are allowed to keep up to 25 tonne till December 31. She said the Government had to invoke the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Pune, Adilabad, Bengaluru, law — which was passed last month in Parliament — that allows it to regulate perishable commodities in the extraordi-

TOTAL CASES: 78,10,382 **DEATHS: 1,17,907 RECOVERED:** 70,09,374

Covid-19 IN INDIA

ACTIVE: 6,81,801

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| Uttar Pradesh | 4,66,060 | 6,830 | 4,30,962 |
| Kerala | 3,77,835 | 1,282 | 2,80,793 |
| Delhi | 3,48,404 | 6,189 | 3,16,214 |
| West Bengal | 3,41,426 | 6,368 | 2,98,587 |
| Odisha | 2,77,887 | 1,267 | 2,59,418 |
| Telangana | 2,29,001 | 1,298 | 2,07,326 |
| Bihar | 2,10,389 | 1,034 | 1,98,437 |
| Assam | 2,03,709 | 900 | 1,79,843 |
| Rajasthan | 1,82,570 | 1,814 | 1,62,981 |
| Chhattisgarh | 1,70,130 | 1,680 | 1,43,212 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 1,62,178 | 2,855 | 1,50,678 |
| Gujarat | 1,65,233 | 3,676 | 1,47,672 |

Kapil Dev suffers heart attack, on the mend after critical angioplasty

STAFF REPORTER/PTI
NEW DELHI

ndia's first World Cup-win-Ining cricket captain Kapil Dev underwent an angioplasty after suffering a heart attack here on Friday but is "well on the road to recovery" and likely to be discharged in the next couple of days.

The 61-year-old, who is based in Delhi's Sundar Nagar area, complained of chest pain on Thursday following which he was taken to Fortis Escorts Heart Institute emergency

attack. He was evaluated and an ment



emergency coronary angioplasty was performed in the middle of night...Currently, he Mathur.



is admitted in ICU and under close supervision of Dr Atul Kapil Dev is stable now and

he is expected to get discharged in a couple of days," the hospital said after only mentioning "Kapil Dev suffered a heart chest pain in its initial state-

and later they held him captive in his flat while his mother and

wife were held captive in anoth-

Pak remains in terror watchdog's grey list

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's hopes of satisfying the global watchdog on terror financing and money launded the large of the lar dering, the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), were dashed on Friday as it ruled against taking Pakistan off the "grey list" and gave February 2021 deadline to comply with 27-point

The decision was taken on Friday during the virtual ple-

nary meeting of the FATF.
"Since June 2018, Pakistan
made a high-level political commitment to work with the FATF and the APG to strengthen its AML/CFT regime and to

terrorist financing-related deficiencies. Pakistan's continued political commitment had led to progress in a number of

areas in its action plan.

"Taking action to identify
and sanction illegal MVTS,
implementing cross-border currency and BNI controls. improving international cooperation in terrorist financing cases, passing amendments to the ATA to increase the sanctioning authority, financial institutions implementing targeted financial sanctions and applying sanctions for AML/CFT violations, and controlling facilities and services owned or controlled by designated persons and entities, read the FATF decision.

Rtd colonel, family held captive, robbed of car; ₹20K reward for info on assailants announced

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Retired Colonel and his fam-ily members were held cap-tive and robbed of their car by four miscreants in the wee hours on Friday in Koh-e-Fiza area. A reward of Rs 20, 000 has been declared by police on pro-viding the details of the Pawan Nagpal was held

captive by miscreants at around

am in the morning when he

went to morning walk and

car and escaped.

Victim claimed that the miscreants were armed and carrying country made pistol and sharp edged weapons. The victim was thrashed by the miscreants. The police have registered a case under section 392 of the

The miscreants escaped with the car of the victim which was later recovered from Bhainskhedi as the accused left

Hero Company and security guard of the company was at duty at the time of the incident. Police said that the CCTV footage of the cameras installed in the nearby areas would be searched. During the investigation police found that the armed assailants have not disturbed anything in the house which suggests that the miscreants have not attacked for robbery

and attack was done due to enmity with the victim.

IPC and have started further

investigation.
Building has been rented to

CAPSULE

FEMA CASE: PUNJAB CM'S SON SUMMONED

New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has summoned Puniah Chief Minister Amarinde Singh's son for questioning in an alleged foreign exchange violations case, official sources said on Friday.

DELHI COP ABDUCTED BY BUS DRIVER FROM ISBT New Delhi: A Delhi Police constable was allegedly abducted by the driver and

attendants of a private bus from Kashmere Gate area here and released more than 250 km awav in Uttar Pradesh's Firozabad, officials said.

Maha announces ₹10k crore flood relief for farmers

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

The Maharashtra Government on Friday announced a ₹10,000 crore relief package for the farmers who suffered huge crop losses during the heavy rain and the consequent floods witnessed in various parts of the State between June and October.

Talking to media persons after reviewing the situation arising out of heavy unseasonal rain and consequent floods in various parts of the State, Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray unveiled a relief package for the affected farmers in western Maharashtra, Marathwada and Konkan regions in the State. He said that the relief package would be disbursed to the farmers before the Diwali festival.



found that the security guard of building was tied to the chair

It's a poll to save State: Sharma

State BJP chief, speaks about Chouhan Govt's achievements

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

These elections are not the election of 28 Assembly hese elections are not just seats, but the election of the entire Madhya Pradesh. This is not an election for any caste or region, but it is an election to save the State, therefore, vow to win the Bharatiya Janata Party to make Madhya Pradesh golden said State President and MP of the Bharatiya Janata Party, Vishnudatta Sharma while addressing the meetings held in the Nepanagar, Mandhata, Hatpipalya and Biaora Assemblies on Friday.



Government used to give ₹4

lakh on death of the poor in accident, ₹2 lakh on normal death and ₹5000 rfor the last

rites but Kamal Nath stopped

the aid. He said that Kamal Nath returned the houses of

Congressmen initially made false promised of loan waiver in 10 days, another lie waiver of debt of 26 lakh people. Congress lied continuously and deprived the state of roads, electricity and water in ple sanctioned under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana as an excuse for not having

Prime Minister gave pucca houses to 3 crore poor people of the country under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. Our Central Government has provided free treatment up to ₹5 lakh under the Avushman scheme for the poor of the

Chief Minister Chouhan paid the premium and deposited 2200 crores in the accounts

The Central Government gives ₹6000 rupees of Kisan Samman Nidhi to each farmer, but the Chief Minister Chouhan gave another ₹4000 in his behalf. Now every farmer will get 10 thousand rupees



Trainee IAS officers of Madhya Pradesh cadre pose for a group photograph with State Governor Anandiben Patel during a meeting at Raj Bhawan in Bhopal on Friday
Pioneer Photo

BMHRC not disclosing number of Gas victims died due to Covid

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Organisations working with the survivors of the 1984 Union Carbide disaster have said that the authorities of Bhopal Memorial Hospital & Research Centre are deliberately undermining the numbers of Covid-19 death of gas victims by not disclosing to the relevant district & State Government authorities. Deaths of 7 gas victims who died in the Hospital's isolation wards in the month of Aug and September due to Covid-19 have not been disclosed to the relevant authorities and these deaths have not been added in the district bulletin issued by the Govt of Madhya Pradesh.

The organisations have written to Additional Chief Secretary, Health, Govt of Madhya Pradesh, Director-Gas Relief-

Govt of Madhya Pradesh and Collector Bhopal demanding an investigation and action against the officials.

Out of these seven non reported Covid deaths of bhopal gas victims, 2 died in the month of August and 5 died in the month of September and most of these patients were from the Pulmonary Dept of BMHRC. On September 20, the organisations had written to Indian Council of Medical Research alerting them to the fact that at least 8 people died in the BMHRC's isolation ward due to lack of prompt & proper care as no full time doctors were posted in the ward. The situation in BMHRC continues to

be the same and gas victims not only continue to untimely deaths but now their deaths due to Covid-19 are not even being report-

The organisations have demanded

that the district administration & State Government officials launch an investigation as to how many Covid-19 deaths have taken place in this hospital since March 2020. The organisations have been raising the issue of heightened vulnerability of gas victims to Covid-19 before this city even reported a single death.

Sixty percent of Covid-19 deaths of Bhopal district are of those who have been exposed to the toxic gases of Union Carbide whereas gas victims only consti-

tute 20% of the city's population.

It is indeed ironical that the hospital which was established with the sole objective of providing medical care to Bhopal gas victims is not only not giving prompt & proper care but is doing everything to under report their deaths & undermine

Medi-Caps varsity to hold online induction prog from 19-31 Oct

Medi-Caps University is holding an Online Induction Programme and Open House with Parents from October 19 to 31, 2020 for its newly admitted young would be graduates. The program has been scheduled to make the students familiar with the Vision and Mission of Medi-Caps University and also to make them acquainted with the academic policies and rules and regulations of the university.

Concerning the present scenario of pandemic covid-19 and the need of lockdown and social distancing this online

induction program has been scheduled with a new vision. Medi-Caps University believe in academic excellence of the students but also it aims at the holistic development of its future stars. To know the university culture Medi-Caps

versity culture Medi-Caps invites all its budding stars with their parents. In induction program, Dean Students Welfare Dr Shilpa Tripathi addressed all budding engineers, managers and entrepreneurs acquainted with the modus operandi of the university, which was followed by the insights of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Medi-Caps University Prof Sunil K Somani. In this orientation programme all would be graduates and research scholars well get information about Choice Based Credit System, online classes, cyber security, internship, MS Office tools, Google classroom etc. Along

tomed to increase the social utility of their students. In this regard some renowned motivational speakers will enlighten and boost the moral of our budding stars. Some veteran speakers will deliver lectures on universal human values and ethics too.

The program will be followed

with these technical aspects Medi-Caps University is accus-

by the Virtual tour of Medi

Caps University.
Various cells and clubs are giving the presentations and make newly admitted student's familiar with various activities conducted to groom their personality so that new students will comfortably select the area of their interest and can join these clubs and cells.

This Induction program and open house with parents would certainly help the newly admitted budding engineers, managers and entrepreneur to understand the Medi-Caps University's academic culture and schedule their routine and design their path accordingly.

2 bike-borne miscreants rob woman of mobile phone on her way to work

STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

28-year-old married woman was robbed of Aher mobile phone by two bike-borne miscreants near Ankur Complex under MP Nagar police station area on Thursday.

Police said that the victim Nikita Chouhan

was robbed while she was on her way to work at Mansarowar complex she was attacked and robbed by two bike borne miscreants. The victim in her complaint stated that the

two miscreants snatched her mobile phone she was talking over and before she could understand and raise alert bike borne miscreants escaped with

Based on the complaint after the preliminary investigation the police have registered a case under section 392 of the IPC and started search

for the accused. The victim works at with a private firm at Mansarowar Complex and was on her way to work in the morning and when she reached near Ankur Complex and unaware of the ill intents of the bike borne miscreants she continued to walk towards office two bike borne miscreants appeared and robbed mobile phone.

The victim claimed that the mobile phone was worth Rs 10000. Police suspect that the miscreants might be locals as they managed to escape and were not traced even after police

flashed alert to the patrolling staff.

The miscreants targeted victims found in deserted area and carrying mobile phone During the further investigation police would search for details of miscreants in the footages of CCTV cameras installed in the area, said



Women busy in making earthen pots (Karva) ahead of the Karva Chauth festival in Bhopal on Friday

MCNUJC, Gondwana varsity to sign MoU on academic exchange

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

delegation of Gondwana Adelegation of Gondanda University, Gadchiroli (Maharashtra) today met Vice Chancellor Prof KG Suresh during its two-day visit to Makhanlal Chaturvedi National University of Iournalism

Communication and had discussion on academic cooperation. Both the Universities agreed on academic and student exchange programmes and cooperation on curriculum development. They will soon sign an MoU. MCU, Bhopal is the first

of Gondwana University, a tribal focused University, visited for institutional development programme and academic cooperation. Gondwana University is located in dense forest and tribal dominated areas, and has focus on tribal education and research.

Vice Chancellor Prof

Suresh said, 'MCU will extend all round help in development of curriculum related with media and communication and medium, Gondwana University director Manish D Uttarwan



 MCII Rhonal is the first university to which delegation tribal focused University, visited for institutional development programme and academic cooperation Gondwana University is

located in dense forest and

said their academic visit to the university has been successful. Both the institutions have agreed on curriculum development, training of teachers, students exchange, outreach programme and infrastructure

development.

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Disciplinary Studies, Mangesh Indapwar was part of the delegation. It had discussion with academic and administrative heads and visited new campus of the MCU at Bishankheri Registrar Prof Avinash Bajpayee was also present there.

This web baithak Kendra.

Classical singer Vidushi Shweta Joshi featured in 20th episode of web 'Baithak'

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

ity's renowned classical Oshi featured in 20th episode of Web Baithak.

The event was organised by Pracheen Kala Kendra. The episode was featured on Friday on Pracheen Kala Kendra Official Facebook and YouTube. Vidushi Shweta Joshi was accompanied on Harmonium by Deepak Khalatkar and on Tabla by

Mukhesh Solanki. Shweta is an Indian Classical singer of the Hindustani Classical Tradition. performed in Raag Shayam "Jiyo Mere Lal' than she presented Raag Madhukauns jaap taal "Araj Karu Shayam" along with she also performed "Bhajan" song was "Kutumb Taaji Saran Ram Teri Aayo"

graced by Shri Sajal Koser Secretary Pracheen Kala Kendra and Smt Shobha Koser Registrar of Pracheen Kala

"We are organising this web baithak every Friday to support and encourage the artist during this pandemic as



we all know not any kind of classical program happening anywhere, so the artist missing their platform Pracheen Kala Kendra consistently supporting the artist, Pracheen Kala Kendra has been organising online web baithak to support the artist and give them an online platform. We are giving

online stage to every artist." Pracheen Kala Kendra Chandigarh is the premier educational organization which is doing yeoman service for the promotion, preservation and dissemination of Indian classical arts of music, dance and fine

arts (painting) since its inception in 1956.

Improving image of police a priority, says new SP Shukla

Ujjain: The new SP Satyendra Kumar Shukla did a press conference at the police control room. In which, he included taking action on tainted policemen for the years of all the police stations of the district are said to be transferred before Diwali. According to the SP, after taking charge in the district, his first priority will be to improve the image of the police, which is getting foggy due to unaccustomed ting toggy due to unaccustomed working style. This requires reforming the police system. Which will begin with the transfer of tainted policemen.

On Friday, the press conference was organized to be seen by the city media on the central room. In the press con-

control room. In the press con-ference, SP Satyendra Kumar Shukla said that the job of the police is to protect the law, including law and order. What will happen to the common people when the policemen are

also involved in serious crime. That is why Nawaz Sharif and Sheikh Anwar, accused in the poisonous liquor incident, have been dismissed. A reward of Rs 10,000 has also been announced on the arrest of the suspended guards who are absconding in the case. Action has been taken against 9 policemen in the case so far. While 16 people have been charged.

There are many such con-

stables and head constables in the district who have been working on the same police station for many years. A list of such policemen working on the same police stations is being pre-pared. SP Shukla said that those policemen who was working on the same police station for more than 3 years will be transferred. Along with this, the investigation of the role of other policemen in the Jhinjhar case is on

2nd phase of online counselling for NCTE courses from 23 Oct -10 Nov

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

 $T^{ ext{he}}$ second additional phase of online counseling for admission to the courses of National Council for Teachers Education B.Ed., M.Ed., B.P.Ed., B.Ed.M.Ed (Integrated Three Year), B.A.B.Ed., B.Sc.B.Ed., B.L.Ed. has commenced from October 23 and will continue till 10 November.

Additional Commissioner, Higher Education Chandrashekhar Valimbe informed that such applicants, who order of merit for allotment of admission on vacant seats in the additional phase after registration.

The last date will be till October 27. Under the second addi-

tional phase, the date for recieving the preference and selection of educational institutions again from the registered candiates, who did not get admission earlier and newly registered appli-cants is also fixed till October 27.

Verification of documents of applicants, deprived of online verification and Fitness and Proficiency Test of newly registered applicants will be held at the selected centre for BP.ED and MP.ED tîlÎ 28 October. The consolidated merit list will be published on November 2. The seat allocation will be done on November 6 in the additional phase according to merit and preference. The date of depositing the fee receipt for admission to the allotted college and submission of TC / migration will be from November 6 to 10.

Gunga police holds 2 vehicle lifters, recovers 6 bikes worth ₹2.5L STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL

Gunga police have nabbed two vehicle-lifters including a minor near Imalia Chowki and recovered six two-wheelers worth ₹2.5 lakh from their possession on Thursday.

According to the police, acting on a tip off a youth over a

bike without registration numher was detained and when he was asked details regarding the vehicle he failed and confessed that the two-wheeler was stolen one. The nabbed accused was identified as Sunil Ahirwar.

The vehicle was found to be owned by Rajesh Sharma of Khajrana Indore and it was

stolen near liquor shop at Karond square along with his aide who was later found to be minor.

In the initial investigation police have recovered four other vehicles from their possession which were stolen from different areas and were recovered from forest near Bandevi temple of Bandi Khedi. Accused have sold

creant and told that search for the the vehicle in the past or not would be investigated. The crime record would be done in the further investigation. The would be questioned in the investigation which could help in details of recovered vehicles would be provided to the respect obtaining more details of earlipolice stations. The police have started search for other accom-plices who have helped the er crimes and involvement in other crimes. During the investigation police have not found any criminal record of the misaccused in stealing and disposing the vehicles.

Police nab 3 drug peddlers, seize drugs worth ₹10L

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Piplani police have nabbed three drug peddlers near Jamboree Maidan who were carrying drugs in a car and recovered drugs worth Rs 10 lakh from his possession on Sunday. Police said that acting on a tip-off regarding three men car-

rying drugs in a car were nabbed near Jamboree Maidan and when the car was searched 50 kg of Cannabis was recovered from the car. The accused were identified as Dinesh Verma(36) of Nishatpura, Chetan Shrivastava(27) of Piparia and Beni Prasad(38) of Lambakheda. Police said that the details of pro-

curement and delivery of the drugs would be searched in the further investigation. After the initial investigation police have registered a case under sections 8 and 20 of the NDPS Act, Police said that the source of the drugs and their scheduled delivery to the customer in the city and nearby areas would be probed.

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'Red Light On Gaadi Off' campaign to spread across Delhi: Min Rai

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

 $E_{\text{Rai on Friday said that}}$ people are enthusiastically supporting the Delhi government's 'Red Light On, Gaadi Off' campaign which will be spread across all the assembly constituencies in the coming

week, Rai, who visited the Barakhamba Road-Tolstoy Barakhamba Road-IoIstoy Road crossing along with coun-cilors on the third day of the campaign, said, October 26 onwards the initiative will spread across all 70 constituencies by MLAs and on November 2, it will be implemented in 272 and 1 in 1972. mented in 272 wards to reach many people as

"Today councillors spread awareness at Barakhamba Road signal. We can see the enthuiasm in people of Delhi. On October 26, MLAs will take the initiative to all 70 constituencies. On November 2, this campaign will be implemented in 272 wards to reach and

include as many people as pos-

Explaining about measures being taken to control pollution, he said that Delhi Pollution Control Board (DPCC) is closely monitoring 13 pollution hotspots in Delhi and bio-decomposers have already been sprayed in 1000 acre of farm lands.

The minister launched the

campaign on October 21 at ITO traffic signal where he was seen asking people to turn off their vehicles at the red light, had appealed to the public to actively participate in the fight against pollution.

"People are enthusiastic and are becoming a part of this campaign. It is spreading in the city at a good pace.

The Aam Admi Party (AAP) government's campaign, which will go on till November 15, aims to spread awareness at 100 traffic signals in the capital. A total of 2,500 civil defence volunteers will be standing with placards, asking com muters to switch off engines of their vehicles, at these signals,

he added. Rai had said that Delhi's vehicular pollution can be reduced by 15-20 per cent if commuters turn off their vehi-cle engines while waiting at traffic signals. He had appealed to the people of Delhi to act responsibly and stop burning fuel at traffic signals.

The campaign is an attempt to reduce vehicular pollution. Delhi has around one crore registered vehicles. Altogether, vehicles burn fuel at traffic signals for around 15-20 minutes every day. This campaign aims to stop fuel-burning at signals.

"If the city's two crore pop-

ulation joins this campaign and does its bit, then we can reduce around 15-20 per cent pollution from vehicles. This campaign is voluntary. I appeal to the people of Delhi to make it a success," he had said.

The initiative is only an awareness drive and nobody will be issued a "challan", the minister had earlier said.

Anti-dengue campaign high in Delhi with 97 fresh cases, total 520 cases reported vet

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

With 97 fresh cases reported last week, the number of people infected with dengue has reached 520 this year. Fourteen new cases of malaria and three cases of chikungunya also reported in Delhi last week taking the total number to 288 and 88 respectively till October 17.

According to the latest report released by all three Municipal Corporation, mosquito-breeding has been reported in at least 94977 households and 72709 legal notices have been issued this year. The dengue breeding checkers have checked 17765208 houses and also issued challans to 8775 numbers of and residential office premises

A senior SDMC official said that all the preventive steps have been taken to reduce the cases. "The key to prevention of Dengue is ensuring there is no clean stagnant water in homes and around, which does not allow the Aedes mosquitoes to

breed, and therefore dengue cannot spread," he said.

Dengue mosquito larvae breed in clear, standing water while those of malaria mosqui-to thrive even in dirty

Doctors have advised people to take precautions and ensure that there is no breeding of mosquito larvae around them. They have urged people to wear full-sleeves clothes and use mos-

Market associations across Delhi came forward in support of this campaign on Sunday.

In a bid to escalate the impact of the anti-dengue cam-paign, the Delhi Government has sought participation from the Resident Welfare Association (RWAs) of Delhi to contain the vector borne diseases in the National Capital. This year, the Delhi govern-

ment has also launched a telephonic helpline - 01123300012 and WhatsApp helpline 8595920530 to assist the general public with dengue.

Racket involved in disbursal of loans on fake documents busted

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

With the arrest of three woman, the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of Delhi Police on Friday claimed to have unearthed a racket involved in disbursal of loans of more than 23 crores on fake

The accused have been identified as Nitesh Kumar, Akash Bartaria and one woman who was nabbed from Pune in

According to Dr O P Mishra, the Joint Commissioner of Police, EOW, a complaint was received by NBFC Hinduja Leyland Finance Limited in EOW alleging therein that one Amrit Mann, Direct Selling Agent (DSA), Nilanjan Majumdar and Nitesh Kumar, Regional Manager with the victim's company were supposed to source genuine proposals of appli-cants seeking Loan Against Property (LAP) from com-plainant Company.

"The alleged Amrit who runs a sales agency "Fundwizz" in connivance with Nilanjan (sales manager in the complainant's company) and other persons sourced deals from firms and companies seeking loans against properties.

As there were regular

defaults in repayment of these loans, the complainant com-pany conducted physical verification and it was revealed that addresses as well as particulars of borrowers are false and manipulated," said the Joint

CP.

"A First Information
"The under relevant sections of Indian Penal Code (IPC) was registered and investigation was taken up," said the

"During investigation, documents and individuals involved in the matter were verified and it was revealed that accused persons created fake documents and used them for obtaining loan from the complainant company.
Investigation also revealed that

officials of NBFC were also hand in gloves with other accused persons and they deliberately avoided due dili-gence while verifying the documents and credentials of applicants," said the Joint

'It was also found that this is a large racket and all the accused persons hatched a well planned conspiracy in order to dupe the complainant compa-

Fake documents of properties have been used for obtaining the loans from the company. It also emerged that in some cases sale deeds were registered from actual owners on the basis of Post dated Cheques and mortgaged the property for taking huge loans," said the Joint CP.

"Nitesh and Akash were arrested by the team during investigation while another woman accomplice was arrested from Pune

The woman is the wife of the mastermind Amrit Maan," said the Joint CP.

DMRC in collaboration with SBI launches 'Delhi Metro-SBI Card'

STAFF REPORTER III NEW DELHI

 $T^{\text{he Delhi Metro Rail}}_{\text{Corporation (DMRC) in}}$ association with the SBI Card. India's largest pure play cred-it card issuer on Friday launched the 'DELHI METRÓ -SBI Card', a multipurpose credit card to enable its users to use it as a smart card with autotop up facility whenever the balance of the card goes below

The credit card facility will automatically recharge a top up value of? 200 to the card from the user's linked card/bank account. In addition, this combo card can also be used for all regular credit card transactions, a senior DMRC official

The card was jointly launched by DMRC's Managing Director Dr Mangu Singh and Ashwini Kumar Tewari, MD and CEO, SBI Card in the presence of other senior officials from Delhi Metro and SBI Card.

Speaking on the occasion, Mangu Singh said, "This initiative is in line with the

DMRC's commitment towards supporting the digital drive to promote cashless transactions among the Delhi Metro commuters, at a time when social distancing has become a way of life. We believe that this card can serve as an essential instrument in facilitating safe Metro commute in these pandemic

> Ashwini Kumar Tewari, MD and CEO, SBI Card said, "With the 'DELHI METRO-SBI Card, we bring to market an unparalleled value proposi-The card offers an

enhanced daily commute expe rience to millions of metro commuters together with a rewarding experience on their daily purchases. We have tied up with DMRC to put up kiosks at 100 identified stations Commuters can apply for the card at metro stations and through the E-apply platform on the SBI Card portal.

DMRC in the recent past has already launched various other initiatives to facilitate easy top up of smart cards, sale of tokens to avoid queues and save time at station

SDMC issues challans against pollution violators

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

Intensifying its campaign against pollution, South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) has issued 618 challan in last one week against burn-ing of solid waste, garbage, dry leaves, and plastic, rubber and construction activities in all four zones.

senior SDMC official said that all zones of the civic body issued challans for burning of solid waste, garbage, dry leaves, and plastic, rubber and construction activities. In last one week, 618 challans issued amounting to Rs. 97,88,235

"In Central Zone, 150 challans were issued amounting Rs 62,98,000 during night patrolling for under Solid Waste Management by laws and construction and air pollution under National Green Tribunal Act (NGT) Act," he

The official said that to control dust pollution, eight water sprinklers covered around 90 kms to settle down dust in the area and six mechanical road sweepers cov-ered around 196.2 kms for sweeping on the road. Apart from this 29 trucks have been deployed for lifting construc-

tion and demolition waste. West Zone, 128 challans were issued amounting Rs. 515000 as fine under SWM by laws and construction and air

In Najafgarh zone, 101 challans have been issued during night patrolling for under SWM by laws and construction and air pollution under NGT

Punjab reports 23 deaths, 481 fresh Covid cases PNS CHANDIGARH

Punjab on Friday reported 23 COVID-19 related deaths as 481 fresh positive cases surfaced in the state. With this, the total tally of infections reached 130157 and the death toll stood at 4095 in the state, according to the Punjab Health Department's medical bulletin.

In the past 24 hours, three deaths each were reported in Amritsar. Bathinda. Hoshiarpur, Ludhiana, two deaths each were reported in Patiala, Ropar, Tarn Taran and one death each was reported in Fazilka, Gurdaspur, Sangrur, Mansa and Muktsar.

According to the health bulletin, a highest of 98 fresh positive cases were reported in Jalandhar, 75 in Hoshiarpur, 53 each in Ludhiana and SAS Nagar, 38 in Amritsar, 25 in

Bathinda, 18 in Kapurthala, 15 in Muktsar, 14 in Fazilka among other cases. The state has 4327 active patients, of which 110 patients are on oxygen support and 27 are critical and on ventilators. Till date, 121735 patients have been cured of the virus in the state.

In the state, Ludhiana leads the case tally of positive patients with 19890 cases, followed by Jalandhar with 14671, Patiala 12585 cases and SAS Nagar 11971 cases. Of the 4095 COVID fatalities in Punjab so far, a maximum of 828 deaths have been registered in Ludhiana district, 459 in Jalandhar, 438 in Amritsar, 373 in Patiala and 229 in SAS Nagar, as per the bulletin.

A total of 2433133 samples have been collected for testing so far in the state, the bulletin

IN BRIEF

CM GREETS PEOPLE ON VIJAYADASHAMI Bhopal: Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has greeted the citizens of the state on Mahashtami, Navami and Vijayadashami. Chief Minister Chouhan said that this festival should bring happiness and prosperity in the life of the common man. He wished more prosperity in the lives of citizens. People should celebrate the festival with traditional joy and gaiety. Chouhan has appealed to the people of the state to be cautious and ensure the safety of others also by adhering to the guidelines issued for the prevention of Corona infection. Chouhan said that Vijayadashami is being celebrated on both October 25 and 26 this yea In view of this, the Government of Madhya Pradesh has declared a government holiday on Monday also in Madhya Pradesh This government holiday on Dussehra will be in addition to the previously declared holiday on Sunday. The government holiday declared earlier for Vijayadashami on Sunday will remain the same. The two-day holiday will facilitate officers and employees who wish to visit their home village or hometown on Dussehra to perform pooja rituals and

HEARING HELD VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING

Bhopal: Hearing in 9 cases was held via video conferencing in Lok Adalat at Madhya Pradesh Real Estate Appellate Tribunal, Bhopal (REAT) on October 23. Out of these, 4 cases were resolved by mutual consent. The bench set up for Lok Adalat was consisted of retired Justice Shri Subhash Kakde and Member Advocates Deepesh Joshi and Yogendra Sharma.Registrar Madhya Pradesh Real Estate Appellate Tribunal, Sachin Jain has informed that in the Lok Adalat, the cass of M/s Bhojpal Builders & Developers Vs Nirmala Verma, Crystal H. Builders V/s Sunil Nambondri & Others, Yogendra Soni V/s Adinath Developers and Shree Balaji Infrastructure v/s Shailendra Jalani were resolved with mutual consent. The cases disposed of were related to the liability of 73.30 lakh, Member (Judicial) Arvind Mohan Saxena and Member (Administrative) Jitendra Shankar Mathur were also present

MIN TO INAUGURATE WEBINAR ON HISTORIAN TODAY

Bhopal: Minister for Culture, Tourism and Adhyatm Usha Thakur will inaugurate the International Webinar on Saturday at 11 a.m. This webinar is being held on the death anniversary of renowned Gandhian, Thinker and Historian Dharmapal on October 24.Principal Secretary Culture. Tourism and Public Relations Shiv Shekhar Shukla informed that in the International Webinar, being organized under the joint aegis of Culture Department, Swarai Sansthan and Dharam Pal Shodhpeeth Bhopal, the Director of Gandhi Shodh Pratishthan, Jalgaon Prof. Geeta Dharmapal will give a lecture on the topic 'Shri Dharmapal Ka Jivan au Indian History, Culture and Philosophy, will give lecture on the topic whether "The Beautiful Tree', composed by Dharmapal can be helpful in implementing new education policy. Principal Secretary Shev Shekhar Shukla further mentioned that people interested can join the webinar via link 'Meet.google.com/odv-nwwc-opg. All sections of the society has been invited by him in this online webinar. Live broadcast of webinar will be done on the social media platform of mp culture department, radioazadhind, mpculturebpl and mptribalmusum/ page

INDORE RTO DEPT CONDUCTS VEHICLE CHECKING

Mhow: During the ongoing election code of conduct prevailing in Indore district on instruction of transport commissioner Mukesh Jain and under quidance of Indore RTO Jitendra Singh Raghuvanshi Indore RTO department team organized a vehicle checking drive on Indore Mhow road near Umaria toll tax barrier. It fined many vehicles for wrong number plates, number plates displaying political parties symbols and vehicles violating the MCC under section 86. Vehicles drivers not wearing seat belts and helmets were also fined. Around rs Chouhan, ARTO Hridesh Yadav, RTI Ravi Thakur and TSI Jvoti Muvel and staff of Indore RTO department were present.



A medic collects swab samples from a woman for Covid-19 test at a fever clinic in

Union Govt Agri bills will not be implemented in State if we are voted to power: Nath

PNS ■ MANDSAUR

In the last 15 years there has been no investment in the State because investment requires confidence which was never present and in the politics of bargaining, Suvasara of Mandsaur district has also been tarnished that the MLA here is also for sale and the politics of this bargain has hurt our Constitution and democracy said former Chief Minister Kamal Nath while addressing an election meeting in Shamgarh of Suwasra Assembly constituency of the district on Friday,

Former Chief Minister Kamal Nath said that if our Government is formed then the three agricultural bills brought by the central government will not be implemented and will make such a law that if anyone buys the produce of the farmer below the support price, then he will be punished, it will be considered a crime.

He said that no efforts were

made to provide safe employment to guest teachers. Shivra Singh Chauhan was first roaming around with a coconut in pocket, now he is roaming with a coconut in a truck.

Kamal Nath said that Shivraj had given us MP, number one in the suicides of farmers, number one in the atrocities of unemployed women. They call themselves uncles and women are becoming the most oppressed in the state

He said that after 15 years of rule, the BJP could not give its account book, but the Congress government's 15month account is asked by BIP.

Babasaheb Dr. Ambedkaı made the constitution, then byelection was made in the event of death of someone in it but at present there are 60 by-elections in the country, out of which 28 are in Madhya Pradesh. Baba Saheb would never have thought in his dream that, now bid here and elections will be held.

Seven houses gutted in fire at Kinnaur

PNS SHIMLA

Sa devastating fire at Purbani village in Kinnaur district on Friday afternoon.

The fire also engulfed the village temple and left it par-

started around 3:30 pm. The fire tenders rushed to the spot after receiving the information.

the fire was not known

tially damaged.

The fire had reportedly

On the directions of the Chief Minister, the District Administration has provided immediate relief of Rs 10,000 to each affected family. Till the fil-ing of the report, the cause of

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(a) Basic
(b) Diluted

The above financial results for the guarter ended Sept. 30, 2020 have been re and taken on record by the Board of Directors at their respective meeting held on 23.10.2020.

The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterty/Half Yearly Financial Results filled with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 or the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/Half Yearly Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange website. (www.bseindia.com)

By Order of the Boar

Sukhbir's multiple U-Turns on farm laws show lack of moral scruples: Punjab CM

Taking on the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) over yet another U-turn on the farm laws Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Friday lashed out at Sukhbir Singh Badal for repeatedly compromising the interests of the farmers with his brazen lies and petty political games, which were clearly aimed at promoting the Centre's anti-farmer agenda.
In rejecting the state's amendment Bills, which his

party had backed in the Vidhan Sabha, Sukhbir had not just exposed his lack of moral s ples but had also echoed the recent statements of various Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders, said the Chief Minister This showed a clear collusion between SAD and BJP, suggesting that the entire drama of Harsimrat's resignation from the Union Cabinet and the with-drawal of the Akalis from NDA was nothing but a total farce aimed at befooling the farmers and sabotaging their fight against the central laws, he added.

"First you actively and wholeheartedly supported the Centre's malicious Farm Ordinances, then quit the NDA calling their Bills anti-farmer, then indulged in a whole lot of

rallies and vatras across the state in purported support of the farmers, then openly voted for the state government's amendment Bills, and are now rejecting the same," the Chief Minister pointed out, citing the entire sequence of Akali actions over the past few months.

The spate of SAD about-

turns on such a vital issue critical to Puniab and its farmers showed that they had absolutely no compulsions in signing a deal even with the devil if it could help protect their political interests, he said.

"After all this, do you really expect the farmers to believe in the sincerity of your trumped up claims of caring about the farmers' interests," Capt Amarinder asked Sukhbir, daring him to give one reason why the people of Punjab, especially the farmers, should trust SAD. The Akalis had made farmers a pawn on their political chess board, he said, expressing shock at the pathetic levels to which the Badals had fallen in their desperate bid to protect their vested interests

The Chief Minister trashed Sukhbir's argument that the Akalis did not get the time to study the state government's Bills, quipping that this was not legal and other infrastructure at the disposal of SAD. He took a jibe at Sukhbir's claim that his party MLAs voted for the Bills without properly going through them, saying "this might explain why the Akalis have been stamping their approval on all kinds of anti-people, anti-India and anti-Punjab legislations of the Union Government over the past 6

Slamming the SAD chief over his blatantly shameless lie with regard to the resolution passed in the Assembly, Capt Amarinder pointed out that nowhere was it mentioned that the Punjab Government was committed to declaring the entire state as Principal Market Area, as claimed by Sukhbir. "Are You trying to say that your MLAs had trouble reading and understanding the 370-word Resolution, of which around 100 words were just names of Ordinances/Acts?" said the Chief Minister, terming Sukhbir's argument as ludicrous.

In any case, he said, what was important was not declaring the state as Principal Market Area but to protect the MSP and ensure that the state retained control with no punitive action which were the main concerns of the farmers.

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Extract of Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and

Half Year Ended 30th September, 2020 Half Year Ended **Particulars** 30.09.2020 30.09.2019 30.09.2020 (Unaudited) (Unaudited) (Unaudited) Total Income from Operations Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period (before tax, Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items) 74.03 108.26 (55.08)Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items) 74.03 Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items) 75.08 82.49 (53.11)Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/ (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)] 71.20 80.93 (57.84)Equity Share Capital (Face value of ₹ 10/- per share) 587.00 Other Equity (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year Earning per share (EPS) for continuing operation (Equity Shares of ₹ 10/- each) (not annualised) Basic/ Diluted EPS

Notes:

1) The above results for the Quarter and Half Year Ended September 30, 2020 were reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors in it's meeting held on October 23, 2020. The Statutory Auditors have carried out at Limited Review of the above result.

2) The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Result filed with the Stock Exchanges under regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirement) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Financial Result for the Quarter and Half Year Ended September 30, 2020 are available on the website of the BSE Limited i.e. www.bseindia.com and also on the website of the company i.e. www.vippyspinpro.com

3) Owing to outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, the Company had resumed the operations from 9th May, 2020 in a phased manner taking into account directives from various Government authorities. Accordingly, the Company has considered the possible effects that may result from COVID-19 in the preparation of these financial results including the recover ability or carrying values of its assests comprising Property, Plant and Equipment, Trade receive/bables, Inventory and Investments as at the date of approval of these financial results and has concluded that there are no material adjustments required in the financial results. Given the uncertainty because of COVID-19, the final impact on the company's financial results may differ from that estimated as at the date of approval of these financial results.

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Navy ramps up operational readiness

Releases a video of an anti-ship missile destroying a sinking ship with precision

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A gainst the backdrop of confrontation at the Line of Actual Control(LAC), the Armed forces have enhanced their readiness. The Navy in a demonstration of its combat preparedness in strategic sea lanes around India carried out exercises and released a video of an anti-ship missile destroying a sinking ship. The Navy will continue high tempo of operations in the coming months too given the security situation at

Giving details of the exercise, the Navy said here on Friday the target was hit with "deadly accuracy" somewhere in the Arabian Sea. The missile was fired from the frontline corvette INS Prabal. This firing was part of a mega naval drill involving aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya and a number of warships, attack helicopters, aircraft and other assets of the



Spokesperson tweeted that the missile homed in on its target, an old ship, hitting with deadly accuracy at its maximum "#AShM launched by #IndianNavy Missile Corvette #INSPrabal, homes on with deadly accuracy at max range,

sinking target ship," he said.

Navy chief Admiral

Karambir Singh on Thursday reviewed the operational preparedness of his force at various shore-based locations as well as

He also addressed a select group of combatants of the Navy's Carrier Battle Group over a broadcast from the INS Vikramaditya, India's only aircraft carrier, and reviewed the

ness, officials said.

In his remarks, Admiral Singh complimented his force for continuously maintaining "peak combat-readiness" and "high tempo" of operations over the past few months, they said

The Indian Navy has significantly increased its deploy ment in the Indian Ocean Region, in an attempt to send across a message to China in the wake of escalation in tension between the two countries.

Giving an overview of the prevailing security situation, the Navy chief said the force will continue to maintain a hightempo of operations in coming

"He also complimented the

combatants for accurate and effective weapon firings, which left no doubt about the Navy's readiness to meet any emergent contingencies," the Navy said in

A carrier battle group is a mega naval fleet comprising an aircraft carrier, accompanied by a large number of destroyers frigates and other ships. "Indian Navy continues to

a statement.

maintain a high tempo of oper-ations and combat-readiness despite the COVID-19 pandemic by adhering to stringent protocols onboard warships submarines and aircraft squadrons and bases, and is fully prepared to tackle challenges in the maritime domain," the Navy

Captured PLA soldier was carrying sleeping bag, storage device

The Chinese soldier, who I was apprehended in Ladakh on Monday and eleased a day later by India, was found carrying a sleeping bag, an empty data storage device and mobile phone besides his military identity card. He was identified as Wang Ya, an armourer in the People's Army(PLA). Liberation

Giving this information here on Friday, sources said the soldier was caught in Demchok area of Eastern Ladakh. He was provided immediate medical assistance including oxygen, food and warm clothes given the harsh climatic conditions and high altitude. Both the armies have deployed more than one lakh soldiers besides heavy weapons all along the 1,800 km long LAC in Ladakh including Demchok.

The army on Monday had said the Chinese soldier had "strayed" into India from across the Line of Actual Control(LAC). Various security agencies interrogated him

half days and later handed him back to the Chinese at the Chushul-Moldo border meet-

ing point.
This goodwill gesture came ahead of the proposed eighth round of Corps Commander level talks between the two armies to find ways to quickly disengage from the stand-off sites now on for the last five months. Incidentally, the last seven rounds since the face-offs began in early May were held at the same border meeting point where the soldier was handed over to the PLA.

The last round was held on October 12 where both the commanders agreed to continue the process of dialogue to ease the situation at the

saw both the sides issuing a statement stating they will refrain from sending more troops to the

On Monday, the army also said the Chinese army had requested it on the whereabouts of the missing soldier. It also said the soldier will be returned as per established protocols after going through all formalities.

Following the handing over of the PLA soldier to China, Chinese newspaper Global Times reported that the Indian army's decision was viewed as a positive sign ahead of the eighth round of military talks.

Despite the diplomatic

and military level talks over past few months, there was no breakthrough on the disengagement of troops from the friction points so far.

India has all along maintained that the onus is on China to carry forward the points in the mountainous

Following the sixth round of military talks, the two sides had announced a slew of decisions including not to send more troops to the frontline, refrain from uni-laterally changing the situation on the ground and avoid taking any actions that may further complicate matters.

This round was held with a specific agenda of exploring ways to implement a five point agreement reached between External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi at a meeting in Moscow on September 10 on the sidelines of a Shanghai Cooperation Organisation

The pact included measures like quick disengagement of troops, avoiding action that could escalate tensions, adherence to all agreements and protocols on border management and steps to restore peace along

Covaxin cleared for third phase of clinical trial



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Covaxin, the coronavirus vaccine being developed by Hyderabad-based drug pharma Bharat Biotech in collaboration ovaxin, the coronavirus with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), has been cleared for the third phase of clinical trials.

The vaccine manufacture had applied to the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) on October 2, seeking its permission to conduct Phase 3 trials for its Covid-19 vaccine

"After successful completion of the interim analysis from the Phase 1 & 2 clinical trials of Covaxin, Bharat Biotech received DCGI approval for Phase 3 clinical trials in 26,000 participants in over 25 centres across India." said Bharat Biotech in a state ment here.

Covaxin is being developed byBharatBiotech in collaboration with ICMR's National Institute of Virology

The pharma firm had sought the DCGI's permission to conduct Phase 3 randomised double-blind placebo-controlled multi centre trial of its COVID-19 vaccine, the statement added.

In July, the DCGI had iven permission to Bharat Biotech to conduct Phase 1 and 2 clinical trials of its COVID-

The primary end-point of the late-stage trial, used to determine the efficacy of a

Aspirin use may cut death risk in severe Covid patients on average, who were hospitalised over the past few

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Hospitalised Covid-19 patients who were taking a daily low-dose aspirin to protect against cardiovascular disease had a significantly lower risk of complications and death, compared to those who were not taking aspirin, researchers

Aspirin takers were less likely to be placed in the intensive care unit (ICU) or hooked up to a mechanical ventilator, and they were more likely to survive the infection compared to those who were not taking aspirin, the researchers said.

In their study published in the journal Anesthesia and Analgesia, they said that the observation provides "cautious optimism," for an inexpensive, accessible medication with a

two-dose shot can prevent a

Bharat Biotech's vaccine is

patient from developing symp-

one of three candidates that are

toms of covid-19.

well-known safety profile that could help prevent severe complications "This is a critical finding

that needs to be confirmed through a randomised clinical trial," said study leader Jonathan Chow from the University of Maryland in the US. "If our finding is confirmed, it would make aspirin

the first widely available, over-the-counter medication to reduce mortality in Covid-19 patients," Chow added.

To conduct the study, the

research team culled through the medical records of 412 Covid-19 patients, age of 55

India, with the other two being

Serum Institute of India's

'Covishield' -- which was devel-

oped by the University of

About a quarter of the patients were taking a daily low-dose aspirin (usually 81

of their infection.

milligrams) before they were admitted or right after admission to manage their cardio-vascular disease. The researchers found aspirin use was associated with a 44 per cent reduction

in the risk of being put on a mechanical ventilator, a 43 per cent decrease in the risk of ICU admission and - most importantly - a 47 per cent decrease in the risk of dying in the hospital compared to those who were not taking aspirin.
The patients in the aspirin

group did not experience a significant increase in adverse events such as major bleeding

Oxford and Astrazeneca plc—and Zydus Cadila's ZyCoV-D.

While Serum's Covishield

while hospitalized.

months due to complications mend a daily low-dose aspiring for patients who have previ-ously had a heart attack or stroke caused by a blood clot to prevent future blood clots.

Daily use, however, can increase the risk of major bleeding or peptic ulcer dis-

ease.
"We believe that the blood
"feate of aspirin thinning effects of aspirin provides benefits for Covid-19 patients by preventing micro-clot formation," said study co-author Michael A

"Those at increased bleeding risk due to chronic kidney disease, for example, or because they regularly use certain medications, like steroids or blood thinners may not be able to safely take aspirin," he added

vaccines in India, Zydus Cadila, like Bharat Biotech, is in phase 2 and is expected to soon move into late-stage trials.

Ivermectin lacks efficacy in Covid-19 treatment: ICMR study

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Widely used for treatment of intestinational parasites and scabies, anti-parastic drug, Ivermectin, may be off from the list of Union Health Ministry's Clinical Management Protocol for Covid-19 with a high-level panel of the ICMR citing lack of sufficient evidence on its effi-cacy based on randomised tri-als held in India and abroad.

Some states including Uttar Pradesh are already using the drug-off label not only as a treatment option but also as a prophylaxis against the virulent virus that has caused havoc across the world.

Already widely used against intestinational parasites and scabies, it is said to be relatively a safe and cheap

drug.
The experts of the ICMR's National Task Force for COVID-19 and the Joint Monitoring Group held its meeting recently to deliberate on whether the drug should be included in the national treat-

ment guidelines.
"Following deliberations, experts decided not to include Ivermectin in the national clinical management protocol for Covid-19 because of lack of sufficient evidence on its efficacy based on randomised trials held in India and abroad, said a senior officer from the Ministry.

The Health Ministry has

allowed the use of remdesivir for restricted emergency use purposes in moderate cases under "investigational therapies" in the Clinical Management Protocol for

Interestingly, a white paper on Ivermectin drug as poten-tial therapy for Covid-19 prepared by head of King George's Medical University's (KGMU) respiratory medicine depart-ment Prof Surya Kant and other senior doctors from different states of India in July 2020 had found recognition by the World Health Organization (WHO). The paper published in the Indian Journal of Tuberculosis Elsevier is now a part of the global literature on Covid-19, getting space on WHO's website.

The abstract of the article states that "A group of senior doctors with vast clinical experience met on July 19, 2020, under the aegis of the Academy of Advanced Medical Education. The panel looked at Ivermectin, one of the old molecules and evaluated its

use in Covid-19 management. "After critical panel discussion, all the attending doctors came to a conclusion that Ivermectin can be a potential molecule for prophylaxis and treatment of people infected with novel coronavirus owing to its "anti-viral properties coupled with effective cost, availability and good tolerability and

Along with KGMU, Dr VK Arora (Delhi), Dr D Behera (Chandigarh), Dr T Mohan (Chandigarh), Dr T Mohan Kumar (Coimbatore), Dr Narayana Pradeep (Kerala) and a team of other doctors pub-

First-of-its-kind flash flood warning system for South Asian countries launched



first-of-its-kind system A first-of-its-kind system for South Asian countries—India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan — that will provide alerts for flash floods 6-24 hours in advance was launched at the India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Friday. India also shares cyclone warning alerts with neighbouring countries

Meteorological Department with the responsibility of the Regional Centre of South Asia Flash Flood Guidance System for coordination, development and its implementation.

IMD director general

Mrutunjay Mohapatra said at the online launch that the system will enable the member based forecasting of floods which are very sudden and of short duration at watershed and also city level.

Representatives of the member countries attended the event. Flash floods are highly

localised events of short duration with a very high peak and usually have less than six hours between the occurrence of the rainfall and peak

There is a general lack of flash flood warning capabili-

global coverage.

The system has been Research Centre (HRC).

ties and capacities among countries across the world. Recognising that flash floods have a particularly disastrous impact on lives and properties of the affected populations, the 15th WMO Congress had approved the implementation of a Flash Flood Guidance System (FFGS) project with

developed by the WMO Commission for Hydrology, jointly with the WMO Commission for Basic Systems and in collaboration with the US National Weather Service, the US Hydrologic

effort for safe return of Indians held hostage in Somalia'



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India is making all efforts for relief and safe return of 33 Indians including 25 labourers from Uttar Pradesh from Mogadishu, Somalia, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said here on Friday. They were reportedly held hostage by a company there for the last

Giving this assurance in a tweet message, Jaishankar said "MEA and our High Commission in Nairobi are working on relief & return of 33 Indians stuck in Mogadishu, Somalia. High Commission of India in Nairobi, Kenya has taken up their predicament with Somalian authorities. We are in touch with the Somali Embassy in India." He also said we "hope for an early resolu-

Sources said the Indians had joined the company 10 months ago.
In the first two months, the

company treated them well, but from the last eight months, the workers were allegedly not paid their salaries.

India making all-out | CBI books persons under POCSO for posting obscene materials online

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has registered a case against a private person of Delhi and unknown others under relevant provisions of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and the Information Technology Act, 2000. The accused had allegedaround 20 channels / groups on Telegram App for sale of obscene/objectionable material (videos/photos) including CSAM (Child sexual abusive

It was further alleged that out of these, two accounts were for advertising posts / messages

for sale of obscene videos / photos including the CSAM, groups / channels. the CBI said in a statement.

It was also alleged that in response to the advertisement and after bargaining with the customers / seekers, the accused received the payments via Paytm / Google Pay among uing, it added

On receipt of payments, the accused allegedly shared the link(s) of various group(s)/ channel(s) of Telegram, in which objectionable material including CSAM, was being shared with members, the agency further said.

The accused allegedly sold the obscene videos / photos including CSAM for an amount of ₹250 by adding the

customer(s) / seekers into these

Searches were conducted recently at the premises of the accused at Delhi. The mobile phone recovered during the searches is being analysed and further investigation is contin-

A Special Unit "Online Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Prevention/ been created in CBI, New Delhi for matters pertaining to online child sexual abuse and exploitation. Apart from receiving various references/information, the unit is undertaking investigation of various offences relating to online child sexual

New Parliament building to be ready by Oct, 2022, construction to begin in Dec

Parliament building will commence in December 2020 and is likely to be completed by October 2022. The existing Parliament House building will be suitably retro-fitted to provide more functional spaces for parliamentary events, to ensure its usage along with the new building. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla chaired a review meeting regarding the con-struction of the new Parliament House on Friday along with Union Minister Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri. The new Building will have

he construction of the new

Among other facilities for the Members, each seat for them in the Chambers will be comseats) and equipped with digital interfaces, which will be a step forward towards a paperless office. Besides Chambers of Lok

Sabha and Rajya Sabha, the new Building will have a grand 'Constitution Hall', which will house, among other things, the original copy of the Constitution, digital displays for showcasing India's democratic heritage, etc. It was informed that the visitors will be given access to this

separate offices for MPs. Hall to help them to appreciate and understand India's journey as a parliamentary democracy. The new Building will also have a MP's Lounge, a Library, six Committee rooms, dining areas and parking space.

During the meeting, Birla was briefed about the progress made in the shifting of facil-ities and other infrastructure from the area proposed for the construction of the new building. The barricading plan and the various mitigating measures to control the air and noise pollution during the construction process were

HC ends its blanket order extending bails

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

¬he Delhi High Court has The Delni riigii Cour. order extending all interim stays and bails granted prior to and during the COVID-19 lockdown would not remain in effect after October 31.

All undertrials whose bail period was extended have to surrender in a phased manner between November 2 and November 13, it said.

The court also said that the order would also be applicable to 356 prisoners who were granted bail by the high court and they would have to surrender before the jail authorities on November 13.

The high court on August 24 had extended till October 31 all the interim orders which were to expire on or after August 31 in cases that are before it as also the district courts in view of the COVID-19 pandemic.

A full bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and justices Siddharth Mridul and Talwant Singh said that bail granted by the trial court to 2,318 undertrial prisoners involved heinous crimes and which was being extended from time to time on the basis of the high court's blanket extension order, would come to an end on October 31 and all of them have to surrender in a phased manner between November 2 and November 13.

The surrender process would start on November 2 with the prisoners of Central District, Tis Hazari Courts and would culminate on November 13 with the sur-Rouse Avenue Courts Complex, New Delhi, the high court said in its order of October 20.



Maha announces ₹10 cr aid for flood-hit farmers

The Maharashtra Government on Friday announced a ₹10,000 crore Maharashtra relief package for the farmers who suffered huge crop losses during the heavy rain and the consequent floods witnessed in various parts of the State between June and October this

Talking to media persons after reviewing the situation arising out of heavy unseasonal rains and consequent floods in various parts of the state, chief minister Uddhav Thackeray unveiled a relief package for the affected farmers in Western Maharashtra, Marathwada and Konkan regions in the state. He said that the relief package would be dis-bursed to the farmers before the Diwali festival.

Of the total package, the Maharashtra government set aside ₹5,500 crop losses suffered by farmers,₹2,365 crore

ages caused to roads and bridges, ₹1,000 crore for repairing damaged rural roads and restoring water supply system. ₹300 crore for urban development works, ₹239 crore for electricity works and ₹102 crore water resource works.

Crops on more than 10 lakh hectares were destroyed in the torrential downpour in over 10 districts in the state.

The chief minister said that the farmers would be compensated for crop losses at the rate of ₹ 10,000 per hectare of irrigated and non-irrigated land and ₹25,000 per hectare of horticultural land.

Uddhav said that the state government would have come out with a bigger relief package for farmers, had it not been for the Covid 19-triggered financial crisis that his administra-

tion was dealing with.

The Chief Minister slammed the Narendra Modi government at the Centre for gering ₹38,000 crore, which is due to the state towards compensation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) and devolution of taxes for the current fiscal (2020-21).

Earlier in the day, the chief minister presided over a meet-ing called to review the rain and flood situation in the state. Deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar, Revenue Minister Balasaheb Thorat, Water Resources Minister javant Patil. Relief and Rehabilitation Minister Vijay Wadettiwar and Transport Minister Anil Parab were among the ministers present at the review meeting held at the chief minister's official residence "Varsha" here.

Uddhay had toured sever al parts of the rain and flood affected affected areas in the state earlier this week. He had assured the farmers that the state government would come out with a relief package.

ED finds Kerala CM ex-secy's links with gold smuggling

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

The Enforcement Directorate has found that M Sivsankar, the former principal secretary to Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, has links with the gold smug-gling cartel consisting of Swapna Suresh, Sarith and Sandeep Nair.
The ED told Justice Ashok

Menon of the Kerala High Court hearing the anticipatory bail moved by Sivasankar that the agency was in possession of documentary evidences of the role played by the bureaucrat in facilitating the clearance of gold smuggled Thiruvananthapuram Airport. The Court after hearing both the sides said that it would announce the verdict on Octoiber 28. Justice Menon

for questioning.
Sivsankar has misused his position as the undisputed power center in the Chief Minister's Office to manipulate and influence the gold smug-

also asked the ED not to arrest

Sivsankar till then though the

agency was free to summon him

gling activities, the ED told the court. The ED submitted all relevant details establishing Sivsankar's role in gold smug gling and money laundering in a sealed envelop to the court. The judge said that he needs time to go through the entire report submitted by the ED.

The ED also told the court that Sivasankar was trying to mislead the sleuths and officials who interrogated him in connection with the gold smuggling scam.

Meanwhile the Congress and the BJP upped the ante and the Bjr upper in and demanding the resignation of Chief Minister Vijayan. "Vijayan is continuing in his chair only because of the help rendered by Swapna Suresh and Sivsankar. The duo and Vijayan are functioning as a mutual help cooperative society. Siysankar and Swapn are going out of the way to help Vijayan from the case," charged Chennithala.

K Surendran, president, Kerala BJP, said that his party would launch a State-wide agitation seeking the immediate resignation of Vijayan.

Mufti: Will not raise national flag till restoration of J&K's special status

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Striking a "discordant" note in her maiden press conference after her 14 month long detention ended, Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Chief and former Jammu & Kashmir Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti on Friday crossed 'lakshman rekha' while claiming she would not raise the national flag until Jammu & Kashmir's flag, con-stitution and the special status were restored

Attacking the Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) led Union government at the centre Mehbooba openly challenged them too by claiming "country will run on the Constitution and not on the BJP's manifesto".

Sitting in front of the flag of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir in the lawns of her Gupkar residence, Mehbooba said "those who feel we have abandoned Kashmir are mistaken". Taking another dig at the centre she made another provocative remark 'dacoits snatched our flag'.

When Mehbooba Mufti was asked whether she was going to hold the Tricolor, she claimed, "My flag is this (pointing to the J&K flag on the table). When this flag comes back, we'll raise that flag (Tricolour) too. Until we get our own flag back, we won't raise any other flag...This flag forged our relationship with that flag. Our relationship with the flag of this country is not independent of this flag (Jammu and Kashmir's flag). When this flag comes in our hand, we will raise that flag

Commenting on the prevailing political scenario in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and the role of the BJP led centre government Mehbooba Mufti said, people of J&K are expendable to them (Centre), what they

too".

want is territory."

"They say you can buy land in J&K, we've abrogated Article 370. Then they said they will give free vaccines. Today, PM Modi had to speak of Article 370 for votes. This government has failed to solve the issues of this nation". She said, the Constitution she believed in has been desecrated. "We need to unite and then only we can fight, no doubt we might face

Referring to the Abrogation of Article 370 Mehbooba said, "On August 5, 2019 a dacoity took place and the Government of India snatched our special status ille-gally, undemocratically and unconstitutionally". She went on to claim, "a robber may be mighty but he has to return the stolen goods". "They demolished the constitution of India. Parliament had no power to take away our special status. Dictatorship will not continue for long", angry Mehbooba pointed out.

Responding to some tough questions posed by the local media persons, Mehbooba Mufti said, "I will not hesitate to give my blood for the restora-tion of special status. "Now it is time for leaders to sacrifice for the cause.

Khadse joins NCP, threatens to expose BJP leaders linked with land scam

 $M_{\rm joined}^{\rm inutes}$ after he formally Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), former Bharatiya Janata Party leader Eknath Khadse on Friday fired his first salvo at his erstwhile party by threatening to expose the land scams involving the State BJP leaders in the coming

Two days after after he rwo days after after ne resigned from the primary membership of the BJP, 68-year-old Khadse, his daughter Rohini Khadse-Khevalkar and 72 party activists from his home district of Jalgaon district joined the NCP in the presence of the party's national president Sharad Pawar, State party unit president Jayant Patil and several party leaders.

Khadse indicated that many more BJP leaders from the State, who were not happy with the J P Nadda-led party would join the NCP in the com-

ing months. "Many people from the BJP wanted to join the NCP. But, due to technical difficulties, they are not joining the NCP.
After the Corona crisis blows over, I intend to hold a mega rally in Jalgaon where you will know what is the strength of Nathabhau (as Khadse is known in the state political circles)," Khadse said

Without taking the name of former chief minister and senior BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis whom he has accused of harassing him for four long years, Khadse targeted Fadnavis once again for "foisting" a molestation charge against him and ordering several inquiries

"A woman was used by them to malign me. They steeped to low-level politics. A case of molestation was regis tered against me. Several inquiries were ordered against me. I was sidelined within the Assembly polls. My daughter Rohini was forced to contest the State Assembly in October last year. I had not asked the party that my daughter be given a ticket," Khadse said.

Recalling a conversation with State NCP president Jayant Patil, Khadse said: "In a conversation with Jayant Patil some time, I had expressed my desire to join the NCP Patil jocularly told me: if you join the NCP, then the BJP will unleash ED against me. Then I told him: if the BJP unleashes ED against me, then I will release CDs against the BJP leaders".

Khadse went to hand out to the BJP leaders that he would expose them about their alleged involvement in land scams "The BJP-led government had harassed me by framing me in a land scam. Let some days pass, I will expose all such BJP who grabbed plots of land illegally... I will also demand action against those who slapped cases against me by violating the

Welcoming Khadse to his party, Pawar said that with the entry of the ex-BIP leader, the NCP would grow further in north Maharashtra. "The people in Khandesh (north Maharashtra) were all along close to the Gandhi-Nehru ideology. But, in between, there was some change in the political atmosphere in the region. Now, with the entry of Nathabhau, the second chapter has begun in Khandesh. He has promised to build the NCP in Khandesh. I believe in him fully".

Dismissing speculation in a section of media that there was unhappiness over the entry of Khadse and that he might be made a minister, Pawar said: "For the past few days, I am reading all kinds of speculative reports in the media. There is no truth in the speculation that Ajit Pawar is unhappy over Khadse's entry to the NCP.

because of Covid-19 precautions he is taking. On his part, Khadse did not put forward any condition before joining the

Earlier, in his welcome speech, State NCP President Jayant Patil said that it was rather "unfortunate" that Khadse had suffered a lot humiliation in the BJP because of trumped up charges. This was despite his contribution to the growth of the BJP in the

state.
"Now that he has joined the Now that he has joined the NCP, the people in the BJP will realise that 'Tiger (Khadese) Zinda Hai' and 'picture abhi baaki hai'. His entry will strengthen the NCP," Patil said.

Beginning his career as a sarpanch of Kothali village, Khadse was elected to the State Assembly for six terms from 1989 till 2019, from his home town Muktainagar.

Khadse was a minister in

(1995-1999). Subsequently he became a Leader of Opposition in the State Assembly. He was a strong contender for the chief minister when the BJP came to ower in the state in However, Devendra Fadnavis

pipped him to the post.

Khadse was the number two in the Devendra Fadnavisled BJP Cabinet. At one stage, he held 10 crucial portfolios

Khadse was in isolation within the BJP ever since June 4, 2016, when he resigned from his post as the State Revenue Minister over irregularities in the purchase of a plot of land at Bhosari in Pune district. Later in May 2018, Maharashtra's Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) had reportedly given a clean chit to Khadse in the alleged Pune land scam. He finally quit the BJP on Wednesday.

Mumbai cops register FIR against Republic TV staffers for creating disaffection among police force

TN RAGHUNATHA III MUMBAI

he Mumbai police on I Friday registered a First Information Report (FIR) against several staffers of Republic TV network for allegedly trying to incite and create disaffection among the members of the police force and also defaming the Mumbai police through "defamatory" news stories.

Acting on a complaint filed by sub-inspector Shashikant Pawar of Special Branch-1, the NM Joshi Marg Police registered an FIR against several staffers of Republic TV network for allegedly trying to create disaffection among the members through a "baseless" story that a revolt had broken out within the force against Mumbai Police Commissioner

Param Bir Singh.

The Republic TV staffers who have been named in the FIR are: Executive Editor Niranjan Narayanswamy, deputy news editor Sagarika Mitra, anchor/senior associate editor, Shivani Gupta, deputy editor Shawan Sen, other editorial staff and newsroom incharge.

The Republic TV staffers have been booked under section 3(1) of the Police (Incitement to Disaffection) Act 1922+ read with Section 500 (Punishment for defamation) and 34 (acts done by sev-

common intention) of Indian Penal Code.

In his complaint, sub-inspector Pawar has said that the television channel and its staffers aired certain reports on Thursday (Oct. 22) which, among other things, sought to deliberately defame the Mumbai Police force and its head. Police Commissioner Param Bir Singh.

The report in question,

according to the FIR, per-tained to one headlined "Revolt Against Param Bir? Senior Officers Part of Probe Give Details".

The reporter among other things said: "Republic has exclusive information that there is rebellion against Mumbai top cop, within the Mumbai police growing...., So now rebellion is also brewing within the Mumbai police force itself, this of course a matter of their own institutional credibility, .. Shiv Sena is in fact following the case very closely and he has confirmed this to use..., Param Bir Singh is hell-bent on tarnishing the image of Mumbai police force...There is now rebellion of sorts brewing from his brewing

On its part, Republic TV described the FIR as 'shocking', 'witch-hunt' and 'a shocking assault on media rights' indulged in by the Mumbai

Cong-led UDF is led by by Muslim League in Kerala: LDF

KOCHI: Kodiyeri Balakrishnan, the CPI(M) secretary, charged on Friday that the Congress in Kerala has surrendered the leadership of the party to the P K Kunhalikutty-M M Hassand-Jama at e Islami. "It is this triumvirate which will lead the United Democratic Front in the next Assembly election in the State," Balakrishnan told media persons while announcing the CPI(M)-led LDF's decision to admit the Kerala

PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH

that the leadership of the Congress-led UDF would be vested with the Muslim League hereafter. "Earlier, the UDF was led by the Kunhalikutty-K M Mani-Oommen Chandi axis. Now the leadership of the UDF has been handed over to the axis consisting of M M Hassan, Kunhalikutty, and M I Abdul Aziz (the Ameer of Jamaat e Islami, Kerala)," charged Balakrishnan.

Kunhalikutty is the all India general secretary of the Muslim League Congress (Mani) to the front. and is rated as the main strategist and strongman of the party. Hyder Ali

Shihab Thangal, the scion of the Kadappanakkal Family which leads the Muslim League has appointed Kunhalikutty as the point-man of the party for the upcoming elections to the local bodies and state assembly. Hassan, Congress leader is the UDF convenor and the party's poster boy. The general feeling among Kerala's commentators is that the CPI(M) is playing the Hindu card with this allegation

"The Marxists fear that there

ty votes in the next assembly election The minorities are likely to vote for the Congress-led UDF and this has put the Marxists in a tight spot. That's the reason why they went out of the way and pleaded with the Kerala Congress (Mani) to join the LDF," said P Rajan former editor of Mathrubhumi and a seasoned commentator.

He said the Assembly election would see the repeat pattern of the 2019 Lok Sabha election from the

Morcha for

reservation of

SC/ST/OBC

PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH

A^{MU} Bachao Morcha has been formed to provide

reservation to scheduled caste,

class students in AMU. Front

leaders have announced that on 23rd January, they will march

to AMU with thousands of stu-

dents on the day of Netaji

Subhash Chandra Bose's birth

anniversary and submit a

memorandum regarding

be the Morcha president and Amit Goswami will be the

In a meeting at Center Point, the Front leaders told the

media persons that in AMU, scheduled caste, tribe

and backward class students are

deprived of reservation for 100

Saurabh Chaudhary will

demands to th Chancellor of AMU.

general secretary.

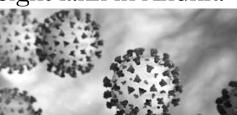
in AMU

Five killed in blast in TN fireworks factory

three women, were killed in a blast at a private fireworks factory here on Friday, police said. Citing initial probe, police said chemicals which were being mixed and stuffed caught fire due to friction leading to a series of explosions, severely damaging the structure. The victims were charred to death.

Several other workers managed to escape to safety, police said, adding fire service units State. The UDF won 19 out of the 20 from Virudhunagar and Srivilliputhur were

Covid-19 tally crosses eight lakh in Andhra



Amaravati: Andhra Pradeshs said. COVID-19 tally crossed the eight lakh mark on Friday but the infections declining trend was clearly evident as the last lakh cases came in a longer span of 23 days.

A record 80,238 samples were tested in 24 hours ending 9 am on Friday, turning out 3,765 fresh cases of the pandemic and taking the cumulative to 8,00,684.

Also, 4,281 patients got cured while 20 more succumbed, the latest bulletin

said.
The state now has 31,721 active cases after 7,62,419 recoveries and 6,544 deaths, it

Andhra Pradesh is only the second state to log over eight lakh COVID-19 cases after Maharashtra which has recorded more than 16 lakh infec

The total infection count of Andhra Pradesh crossed the seven-lakh mark on October 1, taking 14 days to rise from six lakh. It had breached five lakh cases on September 17 reaching the first one lakh on

The state so far tested 74.28 lakh samples for the infection, at the rate of 1,39,101 per million, with an overall positivity rate of 10.78 per cent. *PTI*

|Bihar reports 1.093 new cases, 8 more deaths

Patna: Bihar on Friday reported 1,093 new Cases of COVID-19, taking the state's tally to 2,10,388, as per a bulletin issued by the Health Department.

eight more COVID-19 deaths, following which the toll rose to 1,034, it said.

Two of the latest deaths were reported from Patna, while one each from Muzaffarpur, Nalanda, Jehanabad, Begusarai, Purnea

and Saran, it said.
The Patna district, which has reported 34,055 cases so far with 2,532 patients undergoing treatment at present, has reg-istered the highest number of COVID-19 deaths in the state at 256. The recovery rate has increased to 94.32 per cent in the state, the bulletin said.

Total 1,41,869 samples were tested for COVID-19 on Thursday. PTI

Christianity but people still called them Valmiki Christian. In Ghaziabad, Valmiki society has got a strong reaction to No battle is fought by caste or religious conversion. What has the religious conversion of 50 Valmiki families to Buddhism in protest of Hathras incident. happened in the that this is the personal deci-

sion of these people. But it is wrong to relate this decision to the Hathras incident. Such a step cannot be a solution to a fight. We have to fight for the rights but conversion is wrong. We have trust in our law. The intelligence system is gathering input for whatever their religion? But I would like has happened in Ghaziabad, For this, the teams have been to tell the people of Ghaziabad that they have done

the neighborhood. Shyoraj Jeevan, a former member of the National Sanitation Commission said we will fight against the oppression on us by staying in the same caste. We will always be a Valmiki. All the people of

constantly reconnaissance in

our neighborhood and family converted

Valmikis: We'll fight oppression,

but conversion is no solution

that despite being Hindu, we had to face persecution in the Hindu government. We had to fight for justice. The upper castes do not support us and even sometimes they beat us on going to the temples and the tube well. If the government prohibits such incidents then why would anyone change

wrong". Billu Chauhan, State General Secretary, Sanitation Labor Union told that "I cannot comment on why this hap-pened in Ghaziabad. But this never happened in Aligarh nor will it happen. We have a faith

in our Constitution and Government and the law. We put our side in the Hathras incident in democracy. It is a different matter whether the government agrees or not. The problem we have is that we are get justice in this Hindu government with that status. For this, we fought our battle in Hathras incident and will fight further if needed".

Pradeep Bhandari,
Chairman City Cleaning Labor

Union said that "people of Ghaziabad have their own faith and are free to take any decision. There is no restriction on conversion. But we have nothing like this here. The government has accepted our demands about their decision in the Hathras incident. Now we have faith in the CBI investigation and the court. The court will give its verdict based on the outcomes of investiga-tion".

Female foeticide will lead to big problem

Aligarh: Navratri worship is held in whole country as a symbol of women empowerment and all nine images of chain daughters. Dugra deity are worshiped for nine days and on the last day, girls are fed with the end

But shortage of girls had hit hard and it is not easy for arranging girls for mass feeding in the localities Also because of corothe children at the end of puja.

gets award

Aligarh: Mr Salman Khalil.

Medical College (JNMC), Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) has been conferred with the VDGOOD Professional Association Hyderabad's 'Best Researcher Award' for his contributions to collaborative and methodologic research in the applications of statistical methods to the field of medicine, and for showing

Associate Professor, Department of Community Medicine J N

JNMC faculty

Free Covid vaccine: K'taka CM says he'll take a call once vaccine is available its manifesto for the Bihar

Bengaluru: Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister C N Ashwath Narayan on Friday hinted that the COVID-19 vaccine, once available, might be administered free of cost to citizens, as he pointed to the universal vaccination undertaken by the Government in the past.

He, however, also maintained that the government would take a decision on this

once the vaccine is available. "Once the vaccine comes, the government will decide on Till now the government

has been giving universal vac-cination for free, so it will The Chief Minister will

decide on it," Narayan said in response to a question about providing COVID vaccine free

of cost, as announced by some other states.

Speaking to reporters here, he said during the prevalence of communicable diseases, gov-ernments have to come forward for the protection of society and fulfill its needs.

Narayan is also the member of state government's COVID-19 task force. On Thursday, the BJP in

assembly elections promised free COVID-19 vaccines, once it is available, for all. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister

K Palaniswami and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan too have assured free immunisation against coronavirus for all sections of people in their states as soon as a vaccine is made

The Karnataka health denartment has been identifying Primary Health Centres, anganwadis and community health centres to ensure proper distribution of vaccines once available, official sources said

available However, official sources told PTI in New Delhi that the coronavirus vaccine, once avail-

able, would be distributed under a special COVID-19 immunisation programme with the Centre procuring the doses directly and making it

available for priority groups.
According to them, the
Centre will procure the vaccine directly to make it available to the priority groups free-of-charge through the existing network of states and districts.

States have been asked not to chart separate pathways of procurement.

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Health Minister K Sudhakar has said a meeting

cine should be administered. once available. Union Health Minister

week to discuss how the vac-

Harsh Vardhan said last week that India is expected to have a COVID-19 vaccine in a few months and the country should be in the process of delivering it to people in the next six

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Vaccine politics

Perhaps the BJP forgot that as a party in governance, it is answerable to all citizens, not just those of poll-bound States



olitical adventurism shouldn't trespass reason. And governance is about contextual maturity. Besides, certain issues are just not meant to be politicised, especially something as serious as the Coronavirus vaccine, a hope that's sustaining the entire nation which could still end up being the worst-hit in the world. That, too, at a time when an effective vaccine is like the proverbial El Dorado, as trials are still going on and there is no proof yet that it would work on a mass scale. Even assuming it does, every citizen, graded according to priority and co-morbidities, has a right to be administered a shot. And any smart Government would try to sound

altruistic enough about protecting all citizens, if not mean it, only to reap political gains. Agreed politics is all about making tall claims that are rarely achieved. Still, for all the eloquence, there ought to be some sense of prudence and judgment. Most importantly, no party can advocate anything that is morally questionable. In this sense, the ruling BJP has overreached itself a bit much, promising the voters in Bihar free vaccines, without realising that it is implicitly saying that official benefits will now flow selectively among those who vote for it as a quid pro quo. That sounds as bad as a public threat. Worse, its promise is not just another instance of poll populism — it's an attempt to manipulate the anxieties caused by the most lethal pandemic to have ravaged the world in more than a century. And when somebody like Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman makes the announcement. it shows that the Government is desperate about the poll arithmetic of the party it represents than pursuing holistic policies, that it is cavalier about the demands of science and health protocols and is unconcerned about lives, leave alone being compassionate. However, this isn't the first time the party has made such questionable promises. There was talk that Prime Minister Narendra Modi wanted to launch a home-grown COVID vaccine by August 15 to mark the nation's 72 years of Independence. Apparently, the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) was under pressure to fast-track clinical trials but widespread criticism about compromising efficacy for the sake of political expediency and pressure from scientists ensured that a life and death question was not made a mockery of. Yet the BJP's claim of free vaccine doses has already trivialised a grave issue into a point-scoring exercise. A similar announcement followed in Tamil Nadu, where the elections are due next year. AIADMK leader and Chief Minister E Palaniswami promised the shots on the basis of his proximity to the BJP. In other words, tradeoffs of this nature will be made to buy the allegiance of federal parties. One wonders what the BJP's stand would be in Bengal, where it is seeking to dislodge the Trinamool Congress? But the BJP's fatal flaw has certainly galvanised the Opposition. Delhi Chief Minister and leader of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Arvind Kejriwal was quick to point out the plight of the people in non-BJP ruled States while National Conference leader Omar Abdullah called the announcement a "blatant populism" that "shamefully exploits COVID fears." He even wondered if the BJP would be paying for these vaccines from the party treasury. So when the Union Minister of State for Health, Ashwini Chaubey, tried to clear the air, it was too little too late. According to him, the Centre had prepared an elaborate plan on distributing the vaccine and identifying those who would be given "preference." He even added that every State would be given free Coronavirus vaccines. But Amit Malviya of the BJP's IT cell further complicated matters when he said that like all programmes, the Centre would provide vaccines to States at a nominal rate. And health being a State subject, the Bihar BJP unit had decided to give it free if elected and that other State Governments, too, can decide to do the same. This is not unexpected, as it has become normal for the ruling dispensation to change its stand on what subjects under the State List can be manipulated by the Centre. Except that the Opposition is not buying this narrative with the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) urging the Election Commission to restrain the BJP from "signing a poll deal using the vaccine.

The larger concern is that the political parties will still get away making wild claims during the Bihar elections, the results of which will be announced in November. And no trial results will be available before December, leave aside the prospect of a rollout by the beginning of next year. Would the voter bet on something that has still not seen the light of day? The Government should instead focus on the vaccine administration process and set up a seamless cold chain infrastructure, both of which are humongous challenges. Vaccine preservation is a tricky business as wide swathes of vials could go bad if safety norms are not adhered to and the temperature controls are not monitored strictly. The COVID vaccine has to be stored at temperatures lower than other known vaccines. The Serum Institute has already raised questions on the Government's ability to keep aside ₹80,000 crore for the rollout. Is the Government equipped to handle this without roping in the private sector? If so, how much will the private sector be ready to subsidise costs? Besides, how will those at risk be mapped, considering that most Indians have a heavy disease burden and comorbidities? Vaccine distribution and administration will be no less of a logistical challenge than the general elections and will require the Centre and States to work together. So before it promises the moon, the BJP should realise that gravity is rude and it alone would land with a thud if it doesn't pursue collaborative politics on COVID for its own good.

Filthy air?

US President Donald Trump has a point about Indian air quality and it is no laughing matter



eople living in north India, particularly Delhi, under truly choking conditions would not really disagree with US President Donald Trump's statement about India's air being filthy. They should hope that this ultimate repudiation of our ambient quality and pollution in a US presidential debate might force the Central and State Governments to finally do something about it. Like it or not, Delhi's air knocks years off the lives of its citizens and if farmers want the sympathy of the urban populace and the media over the new Acts, they will not get it till they stop burning stubble that leaves a haze and blocks sunlight every morning. The per-

sistently poor air quality in India is now officially a global joke and our politicians' reluctance to deal with the issue holistically because they do not want to irritate their agricultural votebank is an even bigger one. Hundreds of crores have been raised as green cess in Delhi; why is this money not being used to subsidise agricultural machinery for farmers in North India so that they can get rid of crop waste in an eco-friendly manner? The lives of our children are being ruined by chronic pulmonary conditions such as asthma and politicians are trying to blame everything under the sun but the most obvious cause. They can't even attack the automotive industry anymore as it has moved to very low emission BS-6 vehicles now. There could soon be medical evidence to prove a direct connection between high levels of pollution and the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. Say what you will about Donald Trump, he does speak about a lot of things without filtering them through political doublespeak. He was proven right about China and he is absolutely right about Indian air quality.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has the political capital to do something about this and he must because inaction on this front will taint his legacy. The right to clean air should be a given and like it or not, this impacts the poor and underprivileged whom Modi and even Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal claim to stand for the most. The chattering classes with access to air purifiers can afford to live with it. So whether Trump remains in office or the US gets a 46th President, the time for Indian politicians to act is now.

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Recall Frontier Gandhi

Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan was a rare example of community transition, who showed how easy it was to shed the cult of violence and walk the path of peace

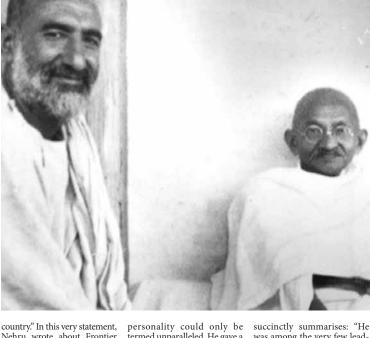


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ndia completed the yearlong celebrations of the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on October 2. One had the privilege of participating in several learned deliberations on the relevance of Gandhian ideas in the present context. In most of these, it was rather a unanimous conclusion that Gandhi's principles, val-ues and his life could give a healing touch to suffering humanity in a world characterised by wars, violence, distrust, hatred, fundamentalism, terrorism, arms race, hunger, poverty, ill-health and much more. Peace, non-violence and religious harmony remain elusive commodities. And Gandhi successfully demonstrated a nonviolent path to human dignity, harmony and liberty. He could influence leading personalities within and beyond India, who plunged headlong into creating a peaceful world by following his values and successfully achieving attitudinal transformation within their communities and nation.

The life of Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, also known as Bacha Khan and Frontier Gandhi, presents one of the most scintillating examples of achieving a rare community transition from violence as a cult to the path of peace and love as the value of total commitment. His name may appear just as unfamiliar to most young Indians as his role as a stalwart in the Indian freedom struggle, and after Independence, as a fighter for his people in Pakistan, that he waged till his last breath on January 20, 1988. He finds little resonance even in India for various reasons.

In July 1942, Jawaharlal Nehru issued a statement on the happenings in the Frontier Province now in Pakistan — clearly indicating how scarce the news from there was, and that too, was "often tainted and contained many wrong allegations." Nehru had personally experienced difficulty, during his own visits to the Frontier Province, in sending out proper news through normal agencies or otherwise. He further observed that restrictions on such news being sent out were stricter in the Frontier Province than elsewhere in India. He then revealed a painful truth: "The result is that the people in the rest of India know little of what is happening in this highly important part of the



Nehru wrote about Frontier Gandhi. He said: "Few people know about the work that Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan has been carrying on during the last six months. He does not believe in ostentation but he has gone to villages seeing his people, organising them and encouraging them in every way. Thus, he has covered the entire province."

Apart from numerous impediments from various quarters, Khan also had to face false propaganda of vested interests. Born in 1890, he was greatly touched by the devastating misery of his own people which, he concluded, was due to the lack of education and consequent ignorance. He start-ed schools and the British did not like it. He was 19 when he was first imprisoned and then it was a life in and out of jails of the Britishers, and then the Government of Pakistan. His historic movement, Khudai Khidmatgar, was launched to overcome poverty and banish the British from India. He was, till the end of the freedom struggle, for a united India.

Khan was inspired by Gandhi's message of non-vio-lence and he knew how difficult it would be to convince his "freedom-loving" Pathans to execute the idea. He had the courage and conviction to accept the challenge and he achieved this miracle. The type of attitudinal transformation achieved by this charismatic

termed unparalleled. He gave a new interpretation of force, courage and valour to his peo-ple and the community. This, he could do through his creative leadership, deep and thoughtful interpretation of Islam as a religion of peace. He was a man with a universal message of brotherhood and camaraderie. He knew how vibrant the cultural heritage of his people and the region was, and how this cradle of learning and culture sank "into a state where there was no room left for such good work such as education and

learning."
While India was celebrating the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, an erudite scholar of post-Independence history, RNP Singh, was searching literature and sources in libraries and institutions to put up an authentic account of the great Gandhian, Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan. And how India ignored his contributions which had the potential to bring forth peace not only to the erstwhile North-West Frontier Province (NWFP), Afghanistan and Baluchistan but to the entire Middle East region, and even beyond.

Singh has established, based on his study, how great was the measure of wrong done to this frontline freedom fighter and an exceptional devotee of Gandhi. In his seminal work, Durand line: Did India Fail Frontier Gandhi, Singh very

was among the very few leaders of undivided India who, by dint of their sincere effort and selfless service to their people, rose to eminence and earned a niche for themselves in the top political hierarchy of the country. Yet in spite of having earned a place among the galaxy of eminent leaders, Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan never advanced his claims to recognition in the Indian context." One could say without hesitation that India failed Bacha Khan, Pakhtoon people and the NWFP. There is no other way out of this but to follow the path shown by Gandhi and Bacha Khan.

During the freedom struggle, Gandhi tried his best to persuade the Muslim League and Mohammad Ali Jinnah to give up the two-nation theory. He failed in his persuasion and India suffered the ghastly tragedy of the Partition. And we still need persistent efforts to strengthen our efforts to cement the age-old mutual harmony between the two major com

Inspired by the increasing influence of Gandhi, whose persona and ideas had begun to influence the remote North-Western part of the empire and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, young Bacha Khan opened schools for both boys and girls. He organised young people under the banner of servants of God — Khudai Khidmatgar

who, contrary to the prevalent tradition, decided to follow the Gandhian path to achieve freedom for India and its people. To these highly motivated and committed people, his message was, "The fundamental principles of all religions are the same though the details differ because each faith takes the colour and flavour of the soil from which it springs... I cannot contemplate a time when there will be one religion for the whole world." And this came from a devout Muslim who never missed a *namaaz* and who also had "the spirit of brotherhood" innate in himself more than many so-called orthodox Muslims.

Religious fundamentalists and protagonists of the twonation theory, expectedly, dis-liked him and his approach and inflicted numerous cruelties on him and his followers once they came to power. The persona of this Frontier Gandhi, sufferings that he endured even after Independence, must be revealed to young Indians, who are working for religious amity as the core value that could lead India to its destination of honour and acceptability in a strifetorn world.

What happened to Bacha Khan or what was done to him is summed up by Mohammed Arif Khan in the foreword to the treatise by Singh: "As an Indian, I feel that what we did to Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan and the Pashtuns in 1957 was very unfair. The Pashtuns had voted in 1946 for a united India but the decision of the Indian leadership reduced them to being subservient to the breakers of Indian unity. The result was that Khan and his followers were treated as traitors and he spent more time in jails of Pakistan after 1947 than in British jails before 1947." All this happened in spite of the fact that the top Indian leadership of the freedom struggle was fully aware of the significance of Bacha Khan's contribution and his unflinching commitment to a united India. Sadly enough, India was divided. Even Gandhi, who had declared that Partition could take place only over his dead body, accepted it. All that the great Bacha Khan could say to the Indian eadership that had accepted the Partition of this great country was: "You have thrown us to wolves." He and his people were left at the mercy of those who never liked him for his liberal stance on Indian culture, history and his progressive ideas about religious harmony and social cohesion.

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Bihar deserves investment, Who will ensure this? Those who turned Bihar into 'jungle raj' or those who are delivering good governance in State's development?

Prime Minister



When I was 21, I felt like the Asian Games was a different platform. There wa a lot of pressure because everybody had their eyes on you and the game.



UK Prime Minister



enough vaccines will be available for all of our seniors as well as our healthcare workers and

By the end of January,

US HHS Secretary



BJP's new low

Sir - The BJP has sunk to a new low by promising free Coronavirus vaccine shots for the people of Bihar. This only proves that the party is fearful of being defeated and hence is selling the fear of the pandemic to the people. The fact of the matter is that the Coronavirus vaccine is not the private prop erty of the BJP and it cannot decide which States can have free access to it. Its leaders need to realise that they are also in power at the Centre and the entire country's well-being is their concern and not limited to the States that are or might be under their rule. If they want to give away free vaccines, then they will have to do so in all the States and not only in Bihar After the dismal performance of the Janata Dal (United)-BJP coalition in handling the pandemic, the returnee migrants' issues and not to forget the floods, the NDA is offering free vaccines to woo the electorate. It should instead focus on improving the conditions in core sectors like education, employment and

Noor Ahmad

healthcare.

Death penalty is not a deterrent he Karnataka High Court rightly said that an "attack

on anybody's daughter is an attack on our daugh-ter." The observation came in the context of upholding the trial court's order of sentencing seven accused to life imprisonment for the gang-rape of a law student on the Jnana Bharathi campus in Bengaluru in 2012 The court noted that the difference between the 2012 Nirbhaya case and the gang-rape of the law student was that in the former, the girl died but in the latter, the survivor discontinued her studies and traumatised, returned to her homeland in Nepal

The High Court has recommended amending pro visions of the Indian Penal Code to include capital punishment for gang-rape in addition to the existing provisions of life imprisonment with fine. The death penalty already exists for rane-cum-murder cases, as in the Nirbhaya case, but is not applicable for cases of gangrape in which there has been no death. However, studies don't prove that the death penalty is a deterrent. It could also lead to perpetrators making sure that their



victims are left dead or in no state to make a complaint or recognise them. Also, in a larger number of cases, the accused is known to the victim and the looming fear of the former being handed out a death penalty could stop one's family from reporting the crime. Hence, we need to strengthen the process of rehabilitation.

KV Seetharamaiah

Noxious haze

Sir — Once again, US President Donald Trump has made a critical reference to India durhe had questioned India's Coronavirus data amid criticism of his handling of the pandemic. And recently he called India's air "filthy" while claiming that the US has the "lowest

carbon emission." Contrary to Trump's claim, the US stands second in the world in terms of carbon emission. It leaves a bigger carbon footprint than the majority of the world's population However in terms of his comment on India's poor air quality, the truth is that he was ust stating a known fact. New Delhi has indeed been blanketed in a noxious haze. Smoke

from stubble burning in its neighbouring States, vehicle fumes and industrial emissions have been turning the Capital's air toxic every winter. It was the world's most polluted capital city for the second straight year in 2019, according to Swissbased group, IQ AirVisual. Additionally, according to the State of Global Air 2020 study, that was released on October 21,

air pollution caused the death of 4,76,000 new-borns in 2019 and nearly two-thirds of the deaths came from harmful fumes emanating from cooking fuels. The study also highlighted that more than 1,16,000 Indian infants died due to air pollution in 2019. So, while Trump's comment might sting, the Indian Government should take the poor air quality of India, especially Delhi, seriously. The blame game between the Centre and the States needs to stop and adequate steps should be taken.

Bhagwan Thadani

Mumbai

Low-key festivities

Sir — The festive season has started but at no cost should we let our guard down during the ongoing pandemic. We will have to celebrate with caution. Use of face masks, adhering to social distancing and avoiding crowded areas should be every-one's priority. This year, let us pray from our humble abodes. Rishav Vatsh

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An exaggerated clampdown

The youth in the streets of Lagos may not realise that their rebellion could endanger a corrupt system, but those who benefit from it certainly do



GWYNNE DYER

ne young Nigerians who were protesting at Lekki Toll Plaza in Lagos recently were not the African touring company of Les Misérables. Lekki is one of the poshest suburbs of Lagos, full of gated communities and most of the protesters were literate, media-savvy youths who reeked of urban cool. The army killed them anyway. Or maybe it killed them precisely because of who they were. IZZY@theleventh, who does not explicitly say he was there, tweeted: "They removed the cameras two hours before, turned off the street light and the LED billboard and deployed soldiers to open fire at the crowd singing the national anthem...they brought tanks!! Over 78 people are dead. The Nigerian Army then began to put the dead bodies in their trucks."

The numbers may be exaggerated: One eyewitness told the BBC he had counted about 20 bodies and at least 50 injured after the soldiers opened fire. Official sources have denied that anybody was killed, or that the army was even there. But Channels Television has videos showing men in Nigerian Army uniform walking calmly up to the barricade and firing into an angry but non-violent crowd. The massacre comes after two weeks of protests, mostly in southern Nigeria, that were initially targeted on the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS)

Almost all Nigerian police forces are corrupt and brutal, but SARS specialised in robbing, torturing and sometimes murdering prosperous and trendy young people. If you were young, had hair of a different colour or tattoos, and were in a flashy car, you stood a statistically significant chance of having an unpleasant encounter with SARS. The protests began two weeks ago after pictures allegedly showing a man being beaten to death by SARS circulated on social media. Muhammadu Buhari, a military dictator 35 years ago and now back at 77 as Nigeria's elected President, recognised the danger and acted fast. Within two days he abolished SARS, promising it to replace it with a kinder, gentler force — but the protesters had heard that story before, and besides they had already moved on to broader targets.

Nigeria is a powder keg at the best of times, and with lengthy lockdowns this is not the best of times. Protests exploded across southern Nigeria, and not all were non-violent. On October 19 a mob burned a police station in Yaba, another upscale suburb of Lagos, and 120 km to the east in Benin City armed crowds freed more than a thousand prisoners from two jails. The State claims that the protests have been infiltrated by criminals and in some places that is clearly true, but that's not why the ruling political class is panicking. That's not why they shot down well-educated, trendy but law-abiding young people in Lekki. It's because those in power fear a youth revolt that could not only transform the country, but

Nigeria, Africa's most populous nation (200 million people), is really two countries. The southern, mostly Christian half, with all the oil and ports and most of the industry, is around 95 per cent literate. Only one of the 19 northern, mostly Muslim States is over 50 per cent literate, and half the young women in the northern region have no formal education whatever. Naturally, relative pros-perity shows the same disparity. Only 27 per cent of the southerners live below the poverty line and 72 per cent of the northerners do. Yet it is young southerners who are on the brink of revolt, because it is the political domination of the north that keeps the ruling kleptocracy in power.

It starts with the army, whose officer corps has been dominated by Muslim northerners since colonial times. That is why Muslim military dictators and elected presidents from the north have ruled Nigeria for 38 of the 60 years since independence, but even Christian presidential candidates from the south are in hock to northern interests. The traditional rulers and religious authorities of the north control the big banks of voters that can be sold to the highest bidder, and it is in their interest to keep those voters ignorant and obedient. The southern kleptocrats, who buy the votes, have an equally strong interest in the system as it lets them go on stealing: One-third of Nigeria's oil revenues over the past 50 years have ended up in foreign bank accounts.

The young men and women in the streets of Lagos may not realise that their rebellion could endanger an entire corrupt system, but those who benefit from it certainly do. Which is why their response has been so extreme. What happens next matters a lot, because 25 years from now Nigeria will have overtaken the US in population and become the third-biggest country in the world. It would be nice if by then it was a stable, well-educated democracy where prosperity extended beyond the south.

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I THINK I HAVE GREAT RELATIONSHIPS WITH ALL PEOPLE. I AM THE LEAST RACIST PERSON IN THIS ROOM. **—US PRESIDENT**





HE (TRUMP) POURS FUEL ON EVERY SINGLE RACIST FIRE. THIS GUY HAS A DOG WHISTLE ABOUT AS BIG AS A FOG HORN.

-FORMER US VICE-PRESIDENT

Dangerous delay

In a country where a majority of patients are diagnosed in the later stages of the disease, the Coronavirus outbreak is further hampering diagnosis and treatment of cancer



VEDANT KABRA

Porty five-year-old Ayesha (name changed), a resident of a small town in west Uttar Pradesh (UP), first spotted a time and the changed of the posterior of the change of t (UP), first spotted a tiny painless lump in her breast in April this year. However, the Coronavirusinduced lockdown and the fear of catching the infection in a healthcare setting prevented her from seeing a doctor. Even when the lockdown was eased, her family was too scared to travel to Delhi to seek medical consultation. By the time she reached an oncologist four months later, her aggressive cancer had already hit Stage III, diminishing the chances of her survival

Unfortunately, Ayesha is not a lone case of a seriously-ill patient being deprived of timely treatment due to the ongoing contagion. While we will never be able to collate data of how many such patients be able to collate data of now many such patients suffered delayed diagnosis and treatment this year, it is evident that the number is significant. Patient attendance in oncology clinics fell significantly in the initial months of the pandemic. The number of new cases diagnosed continued to remain relative-ly low even several months after the total lockdown had been eased. Breast Cancer Now, a British charity organisation, estimated that due to the contagion almost a million British women had missed a screening appointment. This might have led to thousands of cancers going undetected. For a country like India, where a majority of breast cancer detections still hap-pen in the later stages of the disease, the Coronavirus outbreak has further hampered diagnosis and treatment, and is likely to negatively impact survival rates from the disease

Rising disease burden in India: Breast cancer is the most common form of the disease among Indian women and accounts for an estimated 28 per cent of all cancers. In fact, a woman is diagnosed with it every four minutes while another dies of this disease every 13 minutes in the country. In 2018, it is estimated to have claimed as many as 87,000 lives in India. The incidence of the disease has increased dramatically over the last 25 years due to multiple factors, including increasing urbanisation, adoption of unhealthy lifestyles (smoking, drinking, junk food consumption and so on), increased use of plastic utensils and microwave ovens, rise in obesity, drop in physical activity levels, delayed age of child-bearing and reduced breast-feeding.

India also has a high mortality rate because a majority of the patients are still diagnosed in the late stages of the disease and a significant proportion of

stages of the disease and a significant proportion of them are not able to get appropriate treatment. Another worrying trend is an increasing incidence of the disease in younger women. Shockingly, nearly half of the patients in urban India are less than 50 years of age. Poor awareness about symptoms, lack of a universal and comprehensive screening programme, social taboos and embarrassment to discuss the issue are the main reasons behind delayed diagnosis as well as the resultant high mortality. Unfortunately, the prevailing situation due to a worldwide pandemic has impeded diagnosis and wordwate paratemic has impeted uagnoss and treatment of a number of non-Coronavirus diseases, including all types of cancers. Already a neglected subject, women's health has further been relegated to the back-burner as families delay medical contact of the subject of the subj sultation and avoid visiting healthcare facilities or undergoing regular disease screening.

Pandemic or not, do not put health issues on the back-burner: The Coronavirus is a long-term problem, which is likely to stay with us in the near future. While containing the pandemic and ensuring treatment of all infected people must be a high



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AND EMBARRASSMENT TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE ARE THE MAIN REASONS BEHIND DELAYED **DIAGNOSIS**



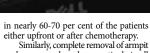


priority, adequate policy measures need to be taken to ensure that other serious diseases are not neglected in the process. Governments as well as healthcare providers, both have a role to play in achieving this. It is important to educate people about the importance of not neglecting their health conditions and prevent interruptions in treatment modalities, too. It is equally important to ensure continuation of unimpeded non-Coronavirus services in hospitals while also instilling confidence among people about the safety of hospitals and clinics, especially outpatient departments (OPDs)

However, the silver lining in the dark cloud is that thanks to advanced diagnostic and treatment modalities, survival rates of breast cancer patients have increased significantly globally. While survival depends on a number of factors such as the type of cancer, stage at the time of diag-nosis, the quality of treatment, in the US it is estimated that up to 90 per cent of women survive five years after diagnosis and 84 per cent manage to survive 10

However, in India, the survival rates remain abysmally low for reasons mentioned above. Increased awareness and health literacy, regular screening after 40 years of age, adoption of a healthy and active lifestyle sans smoking or excessive drinking, timely and appropriate treat-ment can help improve survival rates in

New-age technologies can help navigate the Coronavirus pandemic: The adoption of new-age technologically-advanced methods further helps improve the quality of life of patients. Now, surgical treatment does not mean removal of cal treatment does not mean removal of the whole breast in all patients. It is possible to offer a breast conservation surgery



nodes, a procedure done routinely in all patients until a couple of decades ago, has given way to sentinel lymph node biopsy in which only a few nodes need to be

If these sentinel nodes are not involved in the disease, one does not need to remove the remaining nodes, thus bringing down the rate of shoulder dysfunction as well as lymphedema (swelling of the arm) significantly. Similar to surgery, personalised systemic therapy (chemo, hormone, immune and targeted therapy) has enabled us to avoid more toxic treatment in patients with a good biology tumour. Two patients with the same size of tumour can have very different outcomes. New-age prognostic tests help predict the risk of cancer relapse in the early stage of breast cancer with a high degree of accuracy, stratifying patients into low and high-risk categories, based on their tumour biology. Those patients who fall in the low-risk category have very limited risk of relapse and may be able to

as suffering from its complications because of their immuno-suppressive state as a result of the disease itself and due to chemotherapy. These prognostic tests that can help them avoid chemotherapy, if used judiciously, can kill two birds with one stone — patients can avoid chemotherapy, which is immunosuppressive, and avoid visits to the hospital to undergo chemotherapy.

Radiation therapy has also undergone

to deliver more precise radiation (thus sparing adjacent organs like the lungs and the heart from a high dose of radiation) and in a shorter interval of time (as less as two weeks as compared to the usual five

weeks in a select group of patients). In more good news, researchers in Canada have developed a new, inexpensive technology that could save lives and money by routinely screening women for breast cancer without exposure to radiation. The system, developed by researchers at the University of Waterloo, uses harmless microwaves and Artificial Intelligence software to detect even small, early-

than one centimetre in diameter. A negative result could quickly rule out cancer, while a positive result would trigger referral for more expensive tests using mam-mography or magnetic resonance imag-

while the Coronavirus is a serious pan-demic, they must not neglect their overall health, compromise on regular check-ups and doctor consultations or delay cancer treatment. However, all hospital visits must be undertaken with complete precautionary measures that are the new nor-

(Gwynne Dyer's new book is 'Growing Pains: The Future of



avoid chemotherapy.

Cancer patients face a higher risk of catching the Coronavirus infection as well

a complete metamorphosis over the decades and modern machines enable us

Soliware to detect even sman, early-stage tumours within minutes.

By comparing the tissue composition of one breast with the other, the system is sensitive enough to detect anomalies less

ing. In addition to reducing patient wait times and enabling earlier diagnosis, the device would eliminate radiation expo-sure, improve patient comfort and work on particularly dense breasts, a problem with mammograms. However, this tech-nology will take a while to come to India as it is still at the nascent stage.

In the end, people have to realise that

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Closure of budget private schools looms large

With apathy, low Government allocation and high-handedness, school education is becoming nobody's baby



SHIVAJI SARKAR

ndia's unaided private school edu cation is collapsing as thousands of institutions have closed down and many others are struggling to survive. This may cost the nation over ₹1.75 lakh crore a year, as the Coronavirus-induced lockdown has harmed the education sector immensely. Though the mention of private education conjures up images of swanky private schools with worldclass facilities and sky-high fee struc-ture, these are also in crisis today.

However, it is the online, low budschools that have been the worstget schools that have been the worst-hit by the pandemic. These schools penetrate rural areas, small towns or low-income localities of metros, according to the State of the Sector Report on Private Schools by the Central Square Foundation (CSF). As

per the recently released Household Social Consumption on Education in India Report, the aggregate household expenditure on private schools is approximately ₹1.75 lakh crore, almost equal to the e-commerce sector. Also, about 50 per cent of the total school enrolments are in private Though almost all schools,

Government or private, are under stress due to the lockdown, the worst sufferers are the virtual informal schools. With or without Government recognition, they serve the hinterland of the country. They have improved school enrolment, especially in rural areas, where the number of students attending private schools has increased from four per cent in 1993 to 26.6 per cent in 2017-18.

The CSF says that the struggle for the survival of private education in the country is intense. Even under normal circumstances, it is not easy for private schools to attract students and during the Coronavirus era, the situation has worsened further as parents refuse to pay fees. Plus, the digital footprint has made online education unaffordable.

So most such schools have either closed down or are facing closure as they are neither able to pay their teachers nor can they afford infrastructure costs. Some had planned expansion in early March and taken loans. Many have gone into severe debt and even after closure, are in distress. Most of these are entrepreneurial ventures by innovative individuals. In Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh, a shopkeeper's son started a school that followed the concept of "pay ₹1 a day." However, since the students are not coming to school, entrepreneurs like him have little option but to close down operations.

The impact on society is severe as

these virtual schools employ mostly jobless youth at low salaries. The payment is on a daily or hourly basis. But each school sustains at least 100 peo-ple on an average. The youth prefer to opt for such jobs for sustenance as well as for the prestige they enjoy in their neighbourhood due to it. In villages or semi-urban areas, such schools have become the first choice for parents, as they are perceived to be better than Government schools due to the overall care that a child is



given as the teachers (trained or not) are from the neighbourhood. This is making education more mass-based as the official system has many limitations and despite some recent efforts, suffers from delivery problems. Recruitment of teachers itself is flawed as the disclosures from VYA-PAM in Madhya Pradesh and by the UP Government have shown. Yogi Adityanath Government also found that the district officials inter-fered in "Basic Shiksha" schools and issued orders for severing these from the district administration. Plus, online education has largely come a

cropper in all such institutions.

The pandemic gave rise to the need for having a digital infrastructure and due to their low budgets, the unaided private schools claim that they are neither able to match up with elite schools nor with the State-run schools, for which the content is aired through television and radio channels and other Government-run platforms. To make matters worse, parents do not consider online teaching to be proper education. They do not pay the schools because their wards are not going there. Apart from that, they find online teaching expensive due to the high internet costs. Another problem they face is that each child

needs a smart phone or computer, which they cannot afford. Apart from this, many children do not find online teaching interest-ing as there are many glitches and teachers, too, find themselves strug-gling due to the lack of eye contact. Plus, students mostly switch off the video mode because of the poor network across the country and to reduce unaffordable data use.

The students and their parents find brick and mortar schools more

affordable and fruitful because apart from learning from books and the teachers, the children learn language skills, etiquette, discipline, interaction with peer groups, use of a library and social behaviour. So parents, despite their low incomes, do not mind paying for education at brick and mor

As per a Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation report, Indians pay 12 times the money for pre-primary education at a private school. The number decreases to about three times at the higher secondary level. A majority, 70.8 per cent students, pay less than ₹1,000 monthly fee, while 45.5 per cent pay less than ₹500. The monthly median fee in an elementary unaided school is ₹958 in urban areas and ₹500 in rural India. Schools complain that at least one-third of the parents default in paying this minimal amount also. The closure f budget private schools can adverse ly impact "education for all" and multiply unemployment. With apathy, low Government allocation and high-handedness, school education is

becoming nobody's baby. (The writer is a senior journalist)



CONCERNS OVER AN AGEING WORLD

Globally, the life of the elderly has changed from a simple, mainly localised concern to a systemic, comprehensive and longterm factor related to the sustainable development of the economy and society. With a rapidly ageing society, the challenges that need to be overcome range from the rising shortage of labour to increasingly unsustainable pension funds and inadequate medical and nursing resources. (China Daily editorial)



US PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

Mute button brings civility as **Trump, Biden show restraint**

Washington: The mute button, or at least the threat of it, worked well this time as US President Donald Trump and his Democratic rival Joe Biden showed restraint and civility during the last presidential debate, unlike their first encounter when they frequently spoke over each other, creating chaos at times. Far from their raucous first

meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, that

mute button, the second and final 90-minute debate between Trump and Biden at Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee on Thursday night was less fury and more

urgency.

In the first presidential debate last month, Trump, 74, and Biden, 77, fiercely clashed over a number of issues, including the COVID-19 pandemic, racism, economy and climate. marked by angry interruptions

and bitter accusations.

A media report termed the mute button a godsend, saying it also amplified the candidates'

On Monday, the non-partisan Commission on Presidential Debates announced new rules under which it will mute microphones for two minutes of the rival speakers so as to give them uninterrupted opening remarks during the final debate. *PTI*

Trump, Biden spar over Covid-19, race, climate

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Us President Donald Trump and his challenger Joe Biden clashed over Covid-19, immigration, race relations and climate change during their final debate, just ahead of the November 3 presidential election, presenting Americans with sharply divergent views of where they would

lead them over the next four years.

The two leaders traded barbs during the debate that lasted just over 90 minutes, attacking each other's positions on controlling the raging coronavirus pandemic and curbing the country's world-leading

The prime-time debate in Nashville, Tennessee, was a less acrimonious and more substantive affair than their previous show-down on September 29, which devolved into insults and name-calling. This prompted the debate organisers to put in place muted microphones during the candidates' opening statements on each topic to min-

imise disruption.
The debate, moderated by NBC's Kristen Welker, saw plenty of personal attacks between 74-year-old Trump, a Republican, and his 77-year-old Democratic rival, Biden, whose mutual dislike was quite evi-

Trump accuses Biden of corruption

Washington: US President Donald Trump and his Democratic rival Joe Biden accused each other of serious corruption charges that too from overseas as they took part in the final presiden-tial debate and defended their track record on strongly handling foreign adversaries.

Trump and Biden shared the stage for the second and final presidential debate that was moderated by NBC's Kristen Welker on Thursday night in Nashville, Tennessee.

Trump, a Republican, attacked saying, "I don't make money from Biden, saying, "I don't make money from China. You do. I don't make money from Ukraine. You do. I don't make money "You made USD 3.5 million".

from Russia. You made USD 3.5 million".
"And your son gave you - they even have a statement that we have to give 10 per cent to the big man. You're the big

man, I think. I don't know. Maybe or not, but you are the big man, I think. You, since then, we have to give 10 per cent to the big man. Joe, what's that all about? It's terrible," Trump said, in a reference to claims by Tony Bobulinski, an ex-business partner of Hunter Biden, son of the former US vice president.

In a statement to press in Nashville, Bobulinski said the Democratic presidential candidate was to get 10 per cent in the Chinese business deal.

"I've heard Joe Biden say he never discussed business with Hunter. That is false. Tomorrow I will be meeting with the Senate committee members con-cerning this matter. And I will be providing the FBI the devices which contain the evidence corroborating what I have said, so I will not be taking any questions

Biden warns any country that interferes in US Covid-19 vaccine coming in weeks: Trump elections 'will pay a price' if he is elected

Washington: Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden has warned that any country that interferes in American elections "will pay a price" if he is elected in the November 3 polls, specifically referring to alleged inter-ference by China, Russia and Iran.

Biden made the remarks while responding to a question on how he would deter foreign interference in

American elections during the final presidential debate with President Donald Trump at Belmont University in Nashville on Thursday night.
"They will pay a price if I'm elect-

ed," Biden said.

"They're interfering with American sovereignty. That's what's going on," he said when asked about US intelligence reports that Russia and

Iran are trying to significantly interfere with the election.

the recent election interference efforts. Democratic challenger Joe Biden "I knew all about that," he said.

Top US intelligence officials this week claimed that both Iran and Russia have obtained US voter registration information in an effort to interfere in the election.

weeks" and would be distributed by the military, US President Donald Trump said he was informed of Trump said on Thursday while his alleged that America is about to

The 90-minute debate, just less

Washington: A Covid-19 vaccine is "ready" and coming "within than two weeks ahead of the crucial presidential election on announced within weeks and it's November 3, started in Nashville, Tennessee, with opening remarks by both the candidates, when the mike of the other was muted to avoid interruptions. The coronavirus dominated the opening min-utes of the Trump-Biden face-off with President Trump terming the contagion a "worldwide problem".

We have a vaccine that's

going to be delivered," Trump, 74, said adding that companies like Johnson & Johnson, Moderna and Pfizer are doing very well on that front. "We also have others that we're working on very closely with other countries, in particular,

Europe," he said.

Asserting that his timeline is going to be more accurate, Trump

said he has his generals lined up for the fast distribution of the vaccine as he expects to have 100 million

vials.

"As soon as we have the vaccine, he (general) is ready to go," said the president, who is seeking reelection. Former vice president Biden, 77, challenged Trump and alleged that his policies have resulted in a large number of deaths in the country

China warns UK not to offer citizenship to Hong Kong residents | Turkey issues alert

PTI ■ BEIJING

China on Friday threatened to stop recognising the UK-issued passports for Hong Kong residents after the coun-try reaffirmed its plan to offer a route to its citizenship to thousands of people living in the former British

The British government announced in July that it will open a new special pathway to obtaining British citizenship for eli-gible Hong Kongers from January 2021 after China imposed a new, sweeping national security law on Hong Kong.

The British offer is not for all residents of Hong Kong,

but only those holding a British National Overseas (BNO)

China's Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian told a media briefing here that the Chinese government has repeatedly made clear its "strong stance on this issue, but the British side has insisted on interfering with Hong Kong affairs and China's domestic issues.

"As the British side broke its own promises, the Chinese government will consider not recognising the BNO passport as a valid travel document, and reserve the right to impose further measures," he said.

The new "Hong Kong BN(O) Visa" will allow the holder to enter and remain in Britain for an initial period of 30 months, extendable by a further 30 months, or a single period of five years, according to information on the British gov ernment's website.

"You'll be able to work and study, but you won't be able to access public funds such as social welfare benefits," Hong Kong-based South China Morning quoted the statement as saying. Holders can apply to settle in Britain once they have lived there for five year

"After 12 months with this status, you can apply for British citizenship," the statement said

US Embassy in on potential attacks

Istanbul: The US Embassy in Turkey issued a security alert Friday, saying it received reports of a possible attack on Americans and other foreigners, and temporarily suspended consular services.

'The US Mission in Turkey has received credible reports of potential terrorist attacks and kidnappings against US citizens and for-eign nationals in Istanbul, including against the US Consulate General, as well as potentially other locations in Turkey," the embassy said in a statement.

The embassy in Ankara, Turkey's capital, urged American citizens to exercise caution, including while at large office buildings, shopping malls and other locations where foreigners gather. It said citizen and visa services would be temporarily suspended at all US consulates in Turkey.

The Islamic State group and an outlawed Kurdish militant group conducted deadly attacks on Turkish soil between 2015 and 2017. A far-left group has also previously targeted the U.S. Embassy in Ankara.

A US Embassy spokesperson said: "The US mission to Turkey issued this notice as a result of our ongoing assessment of security conditions. The statement speaks for itself. We are grateful for the support of the Turkish government in ensuring the safety of Americans living in Turkey as well as Turkish citizens who visit our Embassy and

Israel strikes Gaza after Palestinian militants fire rockets

he Israeli military said on Friday it launched The Israeli military said on Friday it launched overnight airstrikes in the Gaza Strip after Palestinian militants fired two rockets, with no reports of casualties or major damage on either side.

The military said fighter jets and other aircraft struck a weapons manufacturing site and "underground infrastructure" belonging to the Islamic militant group Hamas, which rules Gaza.

Late Thursday, Palestinian militants fired two rockets into Israel. One was intercepted by

Israeli missile defenses while the other fell in an Israel and Hamas have fought three wars and several skirmishes since the militant group seized power from rival Palestinian forces in 2007. Israel holds Hamas responsible for all attacks emanating from Gaza, including those claimed by

other militant groups.

Israel and Egypt have maintained a crippling blockade on the coastal territory, which is home to 2 million Palestinians, since Hamas seized

Earlier this week, Israel announced the discovery of an unfinished tunnel dug by militants that had crossed into Israel before it was detected by underground sensors. It said the tunnel ran dozens of meters (yards) underground and was intended to facilitate attacks.

Israel has uncovered around 20 such tunnels since the last war with Hamas, in 2014.

Pak's anti-corruption | R&AW chief's case on Nawaz Sharif

Islamabad: Pakistan's anti-corruption body has slapped a fresh corruption case on deposed prime minister Nawaz Sharif, compounding the legal woes of the embattled Opposition leader who has frequently attacked the powerful military as well as the Government.

Sharif, the 70-year-old supremo of the Pakistan Muslim League (Nawaz) who was ousted from power in 2017 by the Supreme Court on corruption charges, is currently in London for medical treatment.

The National Accountability Bureau also approved cases against Sharif's ex-personal secretary Fawad Hasan Fawad, former federal minister Ahsan Iqbal, former foreign secretary Aizaz Chaudhry and former Intelligence Bureau (IB) chief Aftab Sultan, Dawn newspaper reported. On Thursday, a total of 11 cases were approved at NAB's Executive Board Meeting (EBM) presided over by its chairman, retired Justice Javed Iqbal.

According to the NAB, a fresh case was approved against Sharif along with Chaudhry, Sultan and Fawad for "illegally" purchasing 73 high-security vehicles for the security of foreign lignitaries. They are accused of favouritism and illegal use of vehicles, causing a loss of over Rs

1,952 million to the national exchequer.

The EBM also approved a case against Ahsan Iqbal and Mohammad Ahmed, contractor/owner of private firm Ahmed and Sons, for increasing the scope of the Sports City project in Narowal from Rs 30 million to Rs 3 billion by "abusing the authority".

body slaps fresh graft | meeting with Nepal PM sparks criticism

Kathmandu: Nepal Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli has come under fire, including from the ruling Communist Party leaders, for breaching diplomatic norms over his meeting with Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW) chief Samant Kumar Goel.

Goel called on Prime Minister Oli at his official residence at Baluwatar on Wednesday evening.
However, the Indian intelligence chief's visit did

not go down well with some political leaders of the country, including members of the ruling party Nepal Communist Party (NCP).

The meeting that took place between RAW chief

Goel and Prime Minister Oli was against diplomatic norms and it doesn't serve Nepal's national interest,

said senior ruling party leader Bhim Rawal.
"As the meeting took place in a non-transparent manner without consulting with the concerned section of the Foreign Ministry, this may also contribute to weakening our state mechanism," he pointed out. Bishnu Rijal, deputy chief of the foreign affairs department of the NCP, said politicians should not overstep in matters related to diplomacy.

"Diplomacy should be handled by diplomats—not

politicians," he said. "The present confusion over the visit of the R&AW chief is the result of the handling of diplomacy by politicians," he said.

Nepali Congress central leader Gagan Thapa in a tweet said the meeting posed a threat to national secu-rity. "The meeting was not only the breach of our diplomatic norms but it also poses threat to our national security, which needs to be investigated into," Thapa tweeted.

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Extract of Unaudited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results for the Quarter and Half Year Ended 30th September 2020

| | (₹ in Lal | | | | | | | in Lakhs) | | | | | |
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| No. | Particulars | Quarter Ended | | Half Year Ended Year Ended | | Quarter Ended | | | Half Year Ended | | Year Ended | | |
| | | 30th September 2020 | 30th June 2020 | 30th September 2019 | 30th September 2020 | | 31st March 2020 | 30th September 2020 | | The state of the s | September 2020 | | 31st March 2020 |
| | | Unaudited | Unaudited | Unaudited | Unaudited | Unaudited | Audited | Unaudited | Unaudited | Unaudited | Unaudited | Unaudited | Audited |
| 1 2 | Total Income from Operations Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax,Exceptional and/or | 2,320.08 7.16 | 2,114.62 1.64 | 2,903.22 (70.78) | 4,434.70 8.80 | 4,757.92 (120.35) | 8,510.70 (221.82) | 2,351.14 15.74 | 2,176.42 (17.90) | 2,864.71 (108.47) | 4,527.56 (2.16) | 4,694.17 (181.13) | 8,469.98 (299.96) |
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| | (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items) from Continuing Operation | 7.16 | 1.64 | (70.78) | 8.80 | (120.35) | (221.82) | 15.74 | (17.90) | (108.47) | (2.16) | (181.13) | (299.96) |
| 4 | Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)-from Continuing Operation Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or | 6.25 | 0.06 | (70.78) | 6.31 | (120.35) | (156.82) | 14.00 | (19.97) | (109.40) | (5.97) | (182.06) | (236.56) |
| 5 | Extraordinary items)- from Discontinued Operation Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or | | * | 7.63 | | 6.54 | (259.80) | | | 7.63 | | 6.54 | (259.80) |
| 6 | Extraordinary items) Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/(Loss) | 6.25 | 0.06 | (63.15) | 6.31 | (113.81) | (416.62) | 14.00 | (19.97) | (101.77) | (5.97) | (175,52) | (496.36) |
| 7 | for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)] Paid-up equity share capital (Face value ₹10/- each) | 6.25 1,025.48 | 0.06 1,025.48 | (63.15) 1,025.48 | 6.31 1,025.48 | (113.81) 1,025.48 | (136.20) 1,025.48 | 15.20 1,025.48 | (21.68) 1,025.48 | (90.89) 1,025.48 | (6.48) 1,025.48 | (174.43) 1,025.48 | (219.30) 1,025.48 |
| 8 | Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year | | | | 3,752.27 | 17 34444 543 543 | | | | - | 3,434.35 | - | 3,434.35 |
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| 10 | Earnings Per Share (after extraordinary items) (of ₹ 10/- each)-from Discontinued Operation | | | ,332 | | | | | | | | 2.1 | 49.55 |
| | (a) Basic (') (b) Diluted (') | | ** | 0.07 0.07 | | 0.06 0.06 | (2.53) (2.53) | | | 0.07 0.07 | | 0.06 0.06 | (2.53) (2.53) |
| 13.5 | Earnings Per Share (after extraordinary items) (of ₹ 10/- each) (a) Basic (') (b) Diluted (') | 0.06 0.06 | 0.00 | (0.62) (0.62) | 0.06 0.06 | (1.11) (1.11) | (4.06) (4.06) | 0.14 0.14 | (0.19) (0.19) | (0.99) (0.99) | (0.06) (0.06) | (1.71) (1.71) | (4.84) (4.84) |

- Notes: 1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Half Year ended Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/Half year ended Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites. (www.bseindia.com) and the Company's website (www.sunilhealthcare.com)
- 2 COVID 19 pandemic has caused serious disruption on the global economic and business environment. There is a huge uncertainty with regard to its impact which cannot be reasonably determined at this stage. However, the Company has evaluated and considered to the extent possible the likely impact that may arise from COVID-19 pandemic as well as all event and circumstances upto the date of approval of these Financial results on the carrying value of its assets and liabilities as on 30.09.2020. Based on the current indicators of future economic conditions, the Company estimates to recover the carrying amount of these assets and to discharge its obligation as adequate liquidity is available. These estimates are subject to uncertainty and may be affected by the severity and duration of the pandemic. The Company is continuously monitoring any material changes in future economic conditions.
- 3 Consequent to decision taken by Board of Directors to phase out " marketing of Food product" in previous year. Accordingly, the Company has existed from marketing of food products and losses of the discountinued business has been disclosed under
- "Profit/(Loss) from discontinued operations" separetly. At the quarter end, the Company has no liability to be paid and no assets to realise related to this business. 4 The figures for the previous periods have been regrouped/ rearranged, wherever considered necessary, to conform current period classifications.
- 5 The above results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors in their respective meetings held on October 23, 2020



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ursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, Notice is hereby given that the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company will be held at 14/17. Nava Gani. Shaziabad-201 001 on Thursday, the 5th day of November, 2020 at 4.00 pm inter alia, to consider, approve Un-audited Financial esults of the Company for the Second quarter and Half Year ended on September 30th, 2020.

ursuant to this, the trading window for the rustiant to this, the trading minour to an hisiders shall remain closed upto 48 hours if declaration of the results for all devisions their immaediate relatives and all onnected persons as amended. The same nancial Results of the Company will be vailable at www.regententerprises.in.

FOR REGENT ENTERPRISES LTD Sd/-Vikas Kumar

Whole Time Director DIN:05308192

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This is to inform public in general that Kotak Mahindra bank ltd has organized an auction in below mention **VEHICLE FOR SALE**

1) TRACTOR - MAHINDRA 275 YUVO DSL REG. NO. MH03DA1139- YOM -2018

2) AL_2518 T2C CAB CHASSIS TIPPER REG. NO.MH03CP5860 YOM 2018

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8) AL 2518 T2C CAB CHASSIS TIPPER REG. NO. MH03CP6546-YOM -2018

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10) AL 2518 T2C CAB CHASSIS TIPPER REG. NO. MH03CP5856-YOM -2018

11) TATA LPT 2518 GOODS REG. NO. HR55N1794 YOM 2011 12) TATA LPT 2518 GOODS

REG. NO. HR55S9975 YOM 2013

13) EICHR_VECV 10.59 GOODS REG. NO. UP16DT4644 YOM 2016

14) Al3118 REG. NO. HR55U5098-YOM -2014

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PUBLIC NOTICE | GST COMPENSATION

Centre borrows, transfers ₹6K cr to 16 States

The Central Government on Friday said that it bor-rowed and transferred ₹6,000 crore as first tranche to 16 states on account of GST compensation under the special borrow-

The Centre has evolved a special borrowing window to address the shortfall in the GST collection during the year 2020-2021. In all, 21 states and 2 Union Territories have opted for this special window involving back-to-back bor-rowing coordinated by the Ministry of Finance.

Out of these, five states did not have any shortfall on account of GST compensa-

tion.
The Rs 6,000 crore has been transferred to Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh. Maharashtra,

Meghalaya, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and the Union Territories of Delhi and Jammu and Kashmir. The borrowing is at an interest rate of 5.19 percent. Tenor of borrowing is expected to be broadly in the range of 3 to 5 years. The Centre plans to make weekly releases of Rs 6,000 crore to the

As part of GST compensa tion settlement formula evolved by the Centre, it is to borrow close to Rs 1,10,000 crore this year for back to back transfers to states towards meeting their GST compensa-

The borrowing and its interest is to be settled from realisations on account of GST compensation cess.

The GST Council has allowed levy of cess beyond the five year transition period end-ing June 2022 to clear all unmet compensation dues of states.

Rate cut will depend upon moderation in inflation: RBI

Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das has said that there is room for rate cut but monetary policy action would depend upon the evolving situation on the inflation front which is currently above the tolerance level of the central bank.

"I recognise that there exists space for future rate cuts if the inflation evolves in line with our expectations. This space needs to be used judiciously to support recovery in growth," opined the governor as per the minutes of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

The reconstituted MPC, which met from October 7 to 9, had decided to keep the benchmark lending rates benchmark lending rates unchanged in view of the hardening of retail inflation.

Das said after the sharpest

contraction in economic activity in the first quarter of 2020-21, a number of high frequency indicators of economic activity for the second quarter suggest a sequential improve-

"There are, however,



downside uncertainties that could put sand in the wheels of this nascent recovery. Primary among them is the risk of a sec-ond wave of COVID-19. Private investment activity is likely to be subdued, even as domestic financial conditions have eased significantly," he said.External demand is also expected to remain anaemic with sharp contraction in global economic activity and trade.
As per RBI, the full year

gross domestic product (GDP) is expected to contract by 9.5 per cent with a strong rebound "On the outlook for infla-

tion, food inflation should moderate going forward on a combination of good kharif harvest and a favourable rabi season," the Governor said.

As per the RBI's assess ment, headline inflation would moderate in H2 of the current year and further in Q1 of next

the upper tolerance threshold of 6 per cent since June, with signs of aggravation of price pressures. The government has asked RBI to keep inflation at 4 per cent (+, - 2 per cent). Deputy Governor and MPC member Michael Debabrata Patra noted that India has entered a technical recession in the first half of the year for the first time in its history. "GDP is an aggregative indicator of economic activity and hides the extent of human misery and the loss of social and human capital caused by the health crisis.

"Nonetheless, if the pro-

jections hold, the level of GDP would have fallen approximately 6 per cent below its pre-COVÍD level by the end of 2020-21 and it may take years to regain this lost output," he said. While voting for keeping the interest rate unchanged, RBI Executive Director Mridul K Saggar expressed concern that if current real negative interest rates fall further, it may generate significant distortions that could adversely affect aggregate savings, current account and medium-term growth in the economy.

INBRIEF

YES BANK POSTS ₹130 CRORE NET PROFIT IN Q2 New Delhi: Yes Bank on Friday reported a standalone net profit of ₹129.37 crore for the second quarter ended September despite a spurt in bad loans. The private sector lender had posted a net loss of ₹600 crore in the corresponding quarter of previous fiscal. Total income slipped to ₹5,952.1 crore during July-September quarter from ₹8,347.50 crore in the same quarter last year, the bank said in a regulatory filing. Gross bad loans more than doubled to 16.9 per cent of gross advances as on September 30, 2020 from 7.39 per cent a year ago. Net non-performing assets (NPAs) or bad loans also rose to 4.70 per cent from 4.35 per cent a year ago.

GOVT TO SELL UP TO 15 PC STAKE IN RVNL VIA OFS

New Delhi:The Government is planning to sell up to 15 per cent stake in Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd (RVNL) and has invited bids from merchant bankers for managing the share sale process. "The Gol intends to disinvest up to 15 per cent paid up equity capital of RVNL out of its shareholding of 87.84 per cent through offer for Sale (OFS) method of shares by promoters through the stock exchanges," the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) said while inviting bids from merchant

IDBI BANK REPORTS ₹324 CR PROFIT FOR Q2

New Delhi: IDBI Bank on Friday reported a net profit of ₹324 crore for the second quarter of the current fiscal year against a loss of Rs 3.459 crore for the same period of the previous fiscal, Compared sequentially, the bank registered a 125 per cent jump against the first quarter net profit of Rs 144 crore, IDBI Bank said in release. Total income of the bank fell by 7.5 per cent to Rs 5,761.06 crore during July-September 2020-21 compared to Rs 6,231.02 crore in the same period of 2019-20, the private sector lender said.

CRUDE OIL FUTURES DECLINE ON LOW DEMAND

New Delhi:Crude oil futures on Friday fell by 0.07 per cent to ₹2,996 per barrel as participants reduced their

positions on low demand. On the Multi Commodity Exchange, crude oil for November delivery eased by ₹2, or 0.07 per cent, to ₹2,996 per barrel with a business volume of 3,020 lots. Crude oil for December delivery was quoting lower by 13, or 0.43 per cent, at ₹3,039 per barrel with an open interest of 54 lots

Markets back to winning ways

AUTO, POWER STOCKS RALLY

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Domestic equity markets on Friday resumed their northward journey after a day's hiatus, with gains mainly in auto, power and consumer durable shares offsetting losses in IT and realty stocks.

The BSE benchmark

nsex settled 127.01 points or 0.31 per cent higher at 40,685.50; and the broader NSE Nifty rose 33.90 points or 0.28 per cent to end 11,930.35.

On a weekly basis, the Sensex rallied 702.52 points or 1.75 per cent while the Nifty.

1.75 per cent, while the Nifty advanced 167.90 points or 1.42

On the Sensex chart on Friday, Maruti Suzuki was the top gainer, rallying around 4 per cent, followed by M&M, Tata Steel, PowerGrid, Bajaj Auto and NTPC.

On the other hand, UltraTech Cement, HCL Tech, HUL and Bajaj Finserv were among the laggards.
On the sectoral front, BSE

auto, consumer durables, power, utilities, industrials and capital goods indices rose up to 2.76 per cent; while realty, basic materials, IT, healthcare, teck and bankex ended in the red. Broader midcap and smallcap indices rose up to 0.71 per cent.

"Markets consolidated further for yet another day and ended marginally higher. A mixed trend was witnessed on the sectoral front wherein noticeable buying was observed in auto, consumer durables and capital goods space, while realty, IT and healthcare traded subdued," said Ajit Mishra, VP - Research, Religare Broking Ltd.

All eyes are on US markets for updates on the stimulus

and upcoming presidential elections, he said adding that the news on COVID-19 cases in Europe will also remain on the participants' radar. Bourses in Hong Kong, Tokyo and Seoul closed up to 0.54 per cent

higher, while Shanghai fin-ished in the red. Stock

Gold falls ₹75. silver rises by ₹121

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¬old prices declined by ₹ 75 to ₹51,069 per 10 gram in the national capital on Friday, according to HDFC Securities.

The precious metal had closed at ₹51,144 per 10 gram in the previous trade. Silver prices, however, rose by ₹121 to ₹62,933 per

kilogram from ₹62,812 per kilogram in the previous In the international market, gold was trading higher at USD 1,908 per pounce, while silver was quoting flat at USD 24.72

exchanges in Europe were also trading in the green in early

deals.
Meanwhile, international

₹ drops by 7 paise to 73.61 on \$ buying by banks

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The rupee depreciated by 7 paise to close at 73.61 against the US dollar on Friday due to dollar buying by banks possibly on the behalf of the Reserve Bank.

At the interbank forex market, the local unit opened weak at 73.62 against the US dollar and remained under pressure for the most part of the session.

It moved in a range of 73.46 to 73.67 against the US dollar in day trade. The local had settled at

73.54 against the greenback in the previous session on

was trading 0.38 per cent higher at USD 42.62 per barrel. In the forex market, the rupee depreciated 7 paise to close at 73.61 against the US dollar.

GST officials bust racket for availing ₹50 cr illegal ITC

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 $B_{\text{credit (ITC)}}^{\text{usting an illegal input tax}} \\ \text{officials have arrested a} \\$ wannabe chartered accountant for alleged involvement in passing on ITC of about ₹50 crore through a web of 115 fake companies, a source said on Friday. Prince Manish Kumar

Khatri, a third-year student and a partner of a CA firm in Ahmedabad, allegedly registered fake firms that were used to avoid paying Goods and Services Tax (GST) by showing bills generated by them as ITC.

In all, ITC of ₹50.24 crore was wrongfully passed on, the source said.

The source said Khatri is allegedly the key person involved in registration of 115 non-existent firms and filing of GST returns of such fake firms. thus passing on ineligible ITC for wrong availment and uti lization for GST payment.

Commerce Ministry recommends hike in import duty on Korean synthetic rubber for 2 yrs

New Delhi: The commerce ministry has recommended an increase in import duty on a Korean synthetic rubber, used in tyre making, for two years in order to guard domestic industry from significant jump in inbound shipments of the product, according to a notifi-

cation. The ministry's investigative arm Directorate General of Trade Remedies has recommended the increase in customs duty after concluding in its probe that increased imports of 'Polybutadiene Rubber' have caused "serious injury" to the domestic industry.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male Namely Unknown Sio Unknown, Rio Unknown Age: about 40 years, Height: 5'8", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Oval, Built: Strong, Hair Long: Black & White, Beard: Clean Shaved, Wearing: Sky blue T-shirt, blue jeans and barefoot, was found unconscious on 21.10.2020 at 03:47 PM from Foothpath at Punch Kuiya Road,



Soulabh Sauchalaya, Near Gate No.06, LHMC Hospital, New Delhi & admitted in LHMC Hospital vide MLC No.3255/20, during the treatment Doctors declared him dead. The dead body has been preserved for 72 hours at the Mortuary of LHMC Hospital. In this regard a DD No.55A dated 21.10.2020 has been lodged at P.S. Mandir Marg, New Delhi.

If any one having any clue about deceased male may kindly inform the undersigned and contact on following numbers

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P.S. Mandir Marg, New Delhi Ph.No.: 011-23364100, 23366730

India business returns to the growth path, says Unilever

New Delhi: After a strict lock down impacting sales, India has returned to the growth path again, Anglo-Dutch FMCG major Unilever has said.

The return of growth of India business, along with Brazil and continued recovery in China helped the company's emerging markets clock a growth of 5.3 per cent in the

September 2020 quarter. low-single digit, driven by growth in foods and refreshment and hygiene. China grew double-digit led by beauty and personal care categories and a return to growth in food service, as the out-of-home eating channel returned to full capac ity," Unilever said in its post-

earnings statement. After a strict lockdown earlier in the year, India saw a pick-up in economic activity even though cases of COVID-19 continued to increase during the quarter, said Unilever.

India comes under the Asia, AMET (Africa, Middle East, Turkey) and RUB (Russia, Ukraine, Belarus) market region of Unilever, which has reported a turnover of 6 billion euros."Underlying sales grew 4.5 per cent with 3.7 per cent from volume and 0.7 per cent from price, as lockdown restrictions eased across much of the region compared to the first

half of the year," it said. While overall, Unilever has reported a turnover of 12.9 bil-lion euros for the July-September quarter, which was 2.4 per cent lower than the corresponding period of 2019 on with a "a negative impact from currency of 7.7 per cent".

India gets Chairmanship of ILO Governing body after a gap of 35 years

fter a gap of 35 years, India Aassumed Chairmanship of Governing Body of International Labour Organisation (ILO), with Labour Secretary Apurva Chandra being elected to the post. "After 35 years, India assumed the Chairmanship of the Governing Body of ILO. Labour Secretary Apurva the Chairperson of the Governing Body of the ILO for the period October 2020-June At Geneva, Chandra will have the opportunity to interact with the senior officials and 2021," a labour ministry state-

ment said on Friday.

According to the statement, India assumed the Chairmanship of GB after 35 years, marking a new chapter in the 100 years of productive

Jaipur:Chief Minister Shri Ashok Gehlot has

approved the proposal to open 52 new / upgrad-ed court staff by delving

into point 5 (i) of the austerity circular in state

expenditure.
According to the

state austerity circular issued by the state gov-

ernment on September 3, 2020, 'No new office will be

approved to be opened in the financial year 2020-21 funded

by 100 percent state funds and

the previously approved offices

which have not started will be

relationship between India and ILO.The Chairperson of the Governing Body of ILO is a

position of international repute The Governing Body (GB) is the apex executive body of the ILO, which decides policies, programmes, agenda, budget, and elects the Director-General.At present, the ILO has 187 members. Chandra will be presiding over the upcoming the Governing Body's meeting,

social partners of the member states. İt will also provide a platform to apprise participants of the transformational initiative taken by the Govt in removing the rigidities of the labour

Chief Minister for creation

of 52 new / upgraded courts

Even this financial year

will not be established. "In

such a manner, the Chief

Minister has given permission

to open Maya staff to these

courts.It is noteworthy that a

lump sum expenditure of about

No change in petrol and diesel prices

IANS NEW DELHI

Retail prices of petrol and diesel remained unchanged on Friday as softer global crude and product prices prevented Indian oil marketing companies from carrying out any revi-

Petrol prices now are unchanged for 31 days and diesel prices for 21 consecutive days.Petrol was priced at ₹81.06 per litre in Delhi and sold in Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata at ₹87.74, ₹84.14, and ₹82.59

per litre respectively.
Diesel prices in Delhi,
Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata were ₹70.46, ₹76.86, ₹75.95, and ₹73.99 respectively.

Oil sector experts said that since global oil prices were under pressure from slowing demand amid the second wave of Covid-19 pandemic across

Rs 156 crore and annual expen-

diture of Rs 52 crore is expect-

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several western countries, global crude prices could fall in coming days. If this situation holds for a week or so, there could be positive gains for auto fuel consumers in India by way of a fall in retail prices of petrol and diesel. Global crude rices are holding close to \$42 a barrel now.

PUBLIC NOTICE is Notice is hereby given to general public that client namely as Mr. Robin Kanojia & Mrs. ali Bharti who claimed to be owner and in session of Dwelling Unit no. 1102, on 11th possession of Dwelling Drill no. 11/2 on 11th Fibor, having super area 890 sq. feet i.e. 82.68 sq. ntis., in lower-0, in the known as "ECO CITI", Build no Group Housing, build no Brown Housing, build no. 13 section 13", Rodda, Distrit, Gautan Budh Nagar, Port of the Particulars Pagel, as Paged 10", point a Student Such Housing Students as Deed dated 14 10.2016, Doc. No. 14604 has been lost/msplaced. An ComplaintNRCR to the effect has been lodge vide dated-21, 10.2020. IR No. 57617/02/02 with the Crime Branch, Delhi, Arry person(s) claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original document may write/contact with above named person at below mention address within 0" days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which claim, if, any, of such persons will be consider to have been waived and/or, abandoned.

Juris NextGen Law Offices E-56, Greater Kailash Enclave Part-1 New Delhi-110048

PUBLIC NOTICE at large that Sh Kishan Kumar Gupta S/o B K Gupta aged about 73 years approx., is at large that Sh Kishan Kumar Gupta 3/o
B K Gupta aged about 73 years approx, is
the lawful owner and in actual physical
possession of property bearing no. A.19, 3/d
Floor with roof rights, Ashok Vihar, Phase-II,
Delhi-110052 bull-tu-p-nouse-plot-properry
measuring 200 sq yards vide relinquishment
Deed executed by Sumit Gupta Vide Doc no.
17528, Book no.1 volume 3189,page no.
20-23 dated 24.11.2010 at SRO VI A, New
Delhi and Ms Anu Gupta Vide Doc no. 18157.
Book no.1 volume 32/1 page no. 162-166
dated 09.12.2010 at SRO VI A, New Delhi
(said property) had agreed to sell and
transfer the same to my client Ms Meena
Gupta w/o Ani Kumar Gupta aged about
53 years approx.
If any person has any right, title or interest
over the said property, ne may approach to
the undersigned within 14 days in writing
along with the evidence of his such right,
title or interest and if no such objection will
be received within the said period it will be
presumed that the property in question is
free from all encumbrances and any claim
in respect thereof against purchaser shall
he world and ineffective.

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE The Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/ PS, Northe ern Railway, Delhi division, Nev Delhi invites e-tender for the following work ing work.

Allotment of 9 Unreserved Catering Stalls (General Minor Units) (including 3 Catering Stalls reserved for Women) at New Delhi & Delhi Jh. Railway Stalktons over Delhi Division for a period of five (5) years. (Ctg. GMU 01 to 09-2020)

Name of tender on IREPS 23/AC/Ctg/GMU A-1/2018 Approximate cost of work As per NIT on ireps.gov.in 19/11/2020 at 1500 b Date of opening of Tender Cost of Tender document & 18 % GST As per NIT on ireps.gov.in Earnest Money Deposit As per NIT on ireps.gov.in

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

1. TENDER NOTIFICATION
Name of work: Dismantling, Shifting & Re-commissioning of 02 Nos. EOT Crane
Make SAICO & Capacity 30/05 Ton from MEMU Car Shed, SRE to MEMU Car shed, KJGY Saharanpur.

Tender Notice No:-11/2020-21

1.1. General: - UMB division of northern railway invites Open tender through E-tendering system from eligible agencies who fulfil qualification criteria as stipulated in tender document for "Dismantling, Shiftling & Re-commissioning of 20 Nos. EOT Crane Make SAICO & Capacity 30/05 Ton from MEMU Car Shed, SRE to MEMU Car KJGY Saharanpur

shed, KJGY Saharanpur". 1.2 The key details are as follow 30-EL-MEMU-T-11-20-21 Open Tender No. Dismantling, Shifting & Re-commissioning of 02 Nos. Name of works EOT Crane Make SAICO & Capacity 30/05 Ton from MEMU Car Shed, SRE to MEMU Car shed, KJGY

Approximate Cost Earnest Money Completion Period ₹28,100/ 90 (Ninety) days from the date of issue of the letter Validity of offer
Tender papers issued by
Dt. of closing /opening
Cost of tender document 45 days. Sr.DEE/MEMU/SRE 06.11.2020 at 10:30 Hrs./thereafter Free of cost. Minimum Eligibility criteria single work of shifting/commissioning of EOT crane of single work of similing/commissioning of EQD carle or same or higher capacity in Railway premises over zonal Railways/Metro Rail in last seven years OR OEM or its authorized dealers. Related document must be uploaded on web portal with their offer, failing which offer shall be summarily rejected.

The tender can be seen or upload on web portal as under: Website Portal https://www.ireps.gov.in

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NOTE:
1) The required earnest money will only be accepted through on line payment mode available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. up to tender closing date and time. Exemption from submission of Earnest Money for tenderer shall be as per Railway Board Guidelines.

2) Manual payments through demand draft, banker cheque, deposit receipt, FDR etc are not allowed. Offers which are not complying above will be considered invalid. 3] Tender must provide validity of the offer for 45 (forty five) days from the date of opening of tender.

Public procure order 2017 issued by Rly. board vide L. No. 2015/RS(G)/779/5 DI 16.03.2018 shall be followed.

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in respect thereof against purchaser shall be void and ineffective.

(Deepanker Sinha) Advocate

Moh: 8130284903

be Rs 3 crore per new court building and furniture, Rs 156 Mob: 8130284903 Office: Ch.No. 52, TisHazari Court,Delhi-54



SUSHMITA SEN

Fashion has a special place I have learnt that fashion is like a book. It shouldn't be judged by its cover However, the reason we put a lot of thought into how we present ourselves in the fashion industry is because it is the way we connect and inspire with people



VI.IAY VARMA

Gully Boy became a splendid success and also became a part of pop culture, and it spoke to the audience very loud. So, I think that was the turning point in my life. Basically was part of projects that didn't meet the thunderous success of Gully Boy.



HORT

ANIIRAG BASII

Ludo is unlike any film I've made before. It was fantastic ensemble, where each actor brought a unique vision and craft. (Composer) Pritam, one of my closest collaborators who I have worked with on so many projects, worked closely with me to bring this film to life. I am so grateful to him

CIRCUITS



Monsoon Wedding is a wonderful musical with music from Vishal Bhardwaj, 21 new songs. It is very close to the film in spirit, but it's a stage musical. And that's something that I have been working on very painstakingly for 10-11 years. So now we are ready. We're looking for COVID to leave us so that we can open on the big stages.

PULKIT SAMRAT

I loved Taish's script The opportunity to play a character I've never tried was very exciting. I thought it would lead to an enriching experience. Bejoy (Nambiar, director) had a vision and when I came on board, we brought my character to life together. We discussed his back story, and his life journey.



NEW NORMAL 60 MINUTES

WHY THE CAGED

Filmmaker IDA ALI is absorptive in her approach. Stories and people inspire her. Perhaps, it's also why she chose her house help to be the protagonist and leading actor for her debut short film, Bechari Chidiya, shot and directed during the lockdown. She tells CHAHAK MITTAL how a story can be expressed through a film with very limited resources

hy are the best examples sought from our every-day lives? Perhaps, because they are very much in front of us; only we know what it's like to be in that situation; and they are our very realities.

For filmmaker Ida Ali, her debut directorial Bechari Chidiya, also turned out to be an example taken from her most immediate surroundings. Rather, her home. When her house help, whom she refers to as "didi", could not go back to her home in Odisha during the lockdown, it occurred to Ida to make a film about how even though, unlike thousands, "she was in a house, she was not in her home." The film revolves around a domestic

worker,

is stuck at her employer's house during the nationwide lockdown. Alone and unable to return to her village, she finds an unlikely companion.

The film, which is a part of the Life: Summer of 2020 series of short films, shot in lockdown, by Lockdown Shorts Studio, is now set to release on Disney Hotstar.

□How did you conceptualise the film? How long did it take for you to complete it given the lockdown?



When I heard about Lockdown Shorts and was asked to think of a story, I instinctively looked to my surroundings. Who were the people in my vicinity? How were they affected by the lockdown?

My house help, whom I call "didi," is one of the most important people in my life. She is someone whom I have lived with for years.

Odisha. The lockdown kept her from taking that one-time-a-year holiday to go to her home and meet her kids and grandkids. So my idea was based on not only her but on every worker from villages who had come to the city to find

work and got stuck in the lock-down, unable to go back home.

Luckily, my didi turned out to
be a fantastic actor. I cast her as the

iPhone and the production stage of the film went by very fast. The post-production was a little trick-ier because films have so many collaborators and I got in touch with some really talented people for the

Communication, sending footage and coordinating was a challenge, but we made it work.

What were the on-ground challenges while directing your debut film during the lockdown? Obviously, I had never direct-ed a film, and definitely never

imagined doing it in a lockdown. I ended up doing all the production work, including sound, camera, costumes, set and direction. But as much as it was chancing to single-handedly do everything, showed me what adaptive filmmaking means. It can be created anywhere and anyhow.

Why the title, Bechari Chidiya? Does it aim to metaphorically reflect the trapped reality that Summer of 2020 became for those who are always wandering?

Living on the 34th floor, I saw an immediate increase in the bird population in Mumbai after the lockdown. They took over the city, flocked the then empty streets and even enjoyed the sunrise on my balcony. In my fascination with them, I thought about how a bird could be someone's only companion if one was spending the lockdown alone. The idea was that how a bird and a woman became reflections of each other in that time. It is not a trap but simply an acceptance of nature.

During the migrant crisis in lockdown, while house helps and daily wage labourers were losing their jobs, to the contrary, in your film, the maid is instead stuck at pletely new angle to how crises in lockdown have been portrayed and looked at so far...

The migrant crisis really opened eyes and conversations about the sad reality of the workers in India - in a way it was needed. However, my perspective came from what I knew and what I saw firsthand. It is shocking to see that such few films have covered the lives of domestic helpers. It is almost like they have been overlooked. Well, I did not want my didi to be overlooked. I wanted to play with identity crisis even when one may be in a secure place she was in a house but not in

□How do you think lockdown gave birth to new ventures for

I think the lockdown, for aspiring filmmakers like me, promoted the idea of making films when one is not comfortable with a smaller crew, over the internet, planning way in advance. It was when people really pushed to find new and alternative methods to work. I think when some-one steps out of their comfort zone is when they are truly free to be as creative and unique as they want to be. I think it was that for me.

Do you think post-COVID, the Indian cinema will have a changed face as it will need to case more realistic angles to how life has seen a drastic

change? Post-COVID, the entire world will be drastically changed. Well, it is already so different. Masks and distancing will not disappear overnight. People have learnt to segregate what is important for them from what is not, be it friendships, jobs or even leisure-ly activities and I think that will stay on. As cinema is a reflection of reality or, at most, a satire on the real world, it is bound to change.

After the WWI, the German cinema took off showcasing the surrealist style that resonated with many who had been through the war. After the WWII, the French

□What does an Ida Ali character look like? What is your strategy to write and create a character?

I take great interest in people and they could be anyone — my mother, my friend's grandfather, or even some passerby on the street. I want to know more about them,

It's a process. First, I would, inevitably, start building a backstory for a person. Then, a future. Then, I'd think about or try to explore what they are thinking of. The characters I create are probably, mostly holistic. Other than that, I do not want them to be the same type. I want to explore all kinds of people.

□Sir Imtiaz Ali has been a cherished filmmaker in the Indian cinema. And being the daughter of a famous director,

has it ever felt burdened to match up to his level?

Well, I am asked this question a lot and very honestly, this is when I feel 'burdened' the most. Other than that, my aim in life is to create and present stories. I am already doing that, and some people seem to appreciate it. Currently, I choose to let go of that burden and be happy about even one smile that my film brings to a person's face.

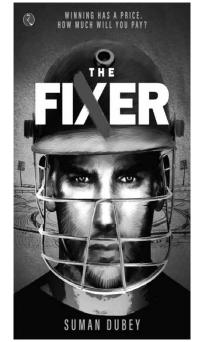
□What made you to pursue a career as a filmmaker? Was it because of your parents? How have your growing up years shaped you as a filmmaker?

My parents have been making films ever since I can remember. I would be naive to think that it did not influence me to become a filmmaker. However, what I really credit for my interest in making films is stories. I find them intriguing. I've listened to them for hours and not let my eyes shut even when I was being put to bed because I wanted to listen to them

Now, I have started to tell my own stories, create them, bring them alive through films, present them in the exact way I'd imagined in my mind. I wanted to be a film-



STUDIO CHAT 30 MINUTES



ricketer Neil Upadhyay Could never imagine getting involved in match-fixing. Not after a 20-year career in Indian Cricket, sacrificing everything for it — his stake in a large family business, his loved ones, marriage and personal life. He had fought tooth and nail to coach his family's cricket team in the glitzy new Indian Club Cricket League (ICCL). After winning the 'ICC Emerging Cricketer' award at 19, Neil was expected to become the next Kapil Dev. But due to a major setback in his family business, his ambitions are blown, which leads him to make some unthinkable compromises, taking his dream team stand on the brink. Will he be able to salvage his reputation and attain victo-

ry? Author Suman Dubev's forthcoming debut novel, The Fixer: Winning Has A Price. How Much Will You Pay? narrates the tale of a cricketerturned-fixer who finds himself up against the wall when his family business takes an unfor-

tunate turn. On the book's trailer

shot at stake

Author SUMAN DUBEY's debut novel, The Fixer, revolves around crime and power in the world of Indian cricket



launch, director Sujoy Ghosh and cricketer-turned-commentator Aakash Chopra shared their thoughts on the book. During the chat, *UnFixed* Conversation, with RJ Rishi Kapoor, Sujoy, Aakash and Suman spoke about the plot of the book, the trailer and all

things films and cricket. Sujoy said, "After seeing the

trailer, my first thought was, this

is a screenplay for a thriller film

and not a book! I observed that

the book is more about the person and not the sport. Stories and films are based on emotional journeys, and this book s about the journey of redemp tion. This trailer gives the impression of *Rocky* (Hollywood film) on the cricket field. The plot of this book has great emotional value and has potential for a film or a web series."

Talking about match-fixing, he added, "There's something dark about any and every industry, including cricket. These things are part and par-cel of life. We see it in the film industry as well. Both cricket and the film industry are very alike. I am as good or bad as the last film I made, just like how a cricketer is as good or bad as his last performance on the

Aakash said, "Match-fixing is about honesty and ethics, and not about the money. I have seen so many players from humble backgrounds reporting being approached for match-fixing. While I may not be able to suggest the actors who can play the leading man, I would love to play a pivotal role, maybe as a commentator, if a film is ever made on *The Fixer*."
Suman said, "I look at my

book as a source of entertain ment for my readers. I wanted to provide them with a sneak-peek of the story with a trailer. The most exciting thing about writing this book was that at one point, it felt like the main character took off on his own journey beyond my control. This journey of writing a fic-tion-thriller novel has been the most exciting experience for me as it combined my passion for observing human nature with my zest for storytelling."

(Published by Rupa Publications, the book is available for pre-order in paperback and ebook. It will also be available online and in other book stores from October 26.)

Heart-breaking to see loss of jobs: Arjun

Actor Arjun Kapoor had recently invested in an emerging food delivery start-up, FoodCloud, with the aim to improve gender parity. He seems to have pivoted towards empowering as many people as possible to be self-reliant during the Coronavirus pandemic with his business platform.

Arjun says, "The Coronavirus pandemic has thrown extraordi-nary challenges at people. It is heart-breaking to see the loss of lives and employment. I have tried to empower as many people as possible through our venture."

The actor reveals that his platform has made around 1,000 home chefs turn into entrepreneurs during the lockdown. "We the lockdown. have managed to create about 1,000 new food

entrepreneurs from across the country entrepreneurs from across the country on our fast-growing platform and that's a big achievement for us because these people have become self-reliant in this stifling

ockdown situation. We have always wanted people to realise their dreams through self-reliance, and been a vocal for local

company," he says.
Arjun is happy to contribute towards providing business opportunities to people during the pan-demic. He adds, "These home chefs have found economic stability by turning entrepreneurs and it gives us great joy to see them happy. They have come on board our platform and found a new way to feed their families and take care of their needs. We are proud that they have chosen us to be their vehicle of **IMMERSIVE 45 MINUTES**

Millennials are embracing religious and spiritual tattoos like that of Maa Durga and lord Ram. By TEAM VIVA

uring these challenging and unprecedented times, we have seen a lot many drastic changes and have tried to adapt to a new normal. However, thankfully some things never change like the festive cheer. The raging COVID-19 pandemic has not deterred the tattoo enthusiasts from keeping up their excitement, especially during the festive season as it brings posi-

Getting inked is truly a form of self-expression and tattoos during Indian festivities are gaining increased popularity these days. Men and women are keen on getting the ones that signify the importance of their tradition with a combination of ideas that are an extension of their personality. Believe it or not but religions and tattoos have a long history together. The carvings on prehis-toric rocks were copied by tribal communities on their bodies. The process is known as *gudna* (burying the needle in Hindi). They flaunted the markings as jewellery — the kind which no one could take away from them even if they lose everything. Some people choose religious tattoos to represent their own beliefs and others choose symbols they like without paying attention to their meanings. This year, despite the pandemic, millennials are showing their love for artwork to display their idea of power and spreading the message of good over evil by getting religious tattoos.

Veteran tattoo artist, Lokesh Verma, founder of Devilz Tattooz, shares, "Despite the pandemic, the loyal art lovers are coming to get inked this Navratri. There is always a rise among women to get inked during Navratri. They do it as a form

FAITH ON YOUR SLEEVE



of flaunting the body art and spreading the message of equality and women empowerment to the society by getting tattoos of goddess Kali and

Durga which represent power, harmony and strength. Religious tattoos are a symbol of faith and good luck for many to stay positive and believ-

VOGUE 30 MINUTES

The New School of Brides — an ode to the many moods and emotions of newly-weds

A twist to traditional styles

Designers MONICA & KARISHMA of JADE and Lakmé Salon came together to launch a collection —

ing that the lord is close protecting them from the every kind of evil."

them from the every kind of evil."

People seem to have moved past butterflies and barbed wire designs.

tal. Getting inked is now being recognised as an art form. The trends such as realistic portraiture,



nature-inspired designs are being explored. However, notably, millennials are increasingly wearing their faith on their sleeves. It's a modern way for them to reflect their religion or beliefs.

Artistes are getting plen-ty of requests for hyper masculine renditions of Shiva, fierce mother goddesses and other deities.

Celebrity tattoo artist, Vikas Malani, founder of BodyCanvas Tattoos, says, "While the women have been getting tattoos that are inspired by or directly related to Maa Durga and goddess Kali, the men are choosing bigger designs that depict the story of the Ramayana or the victory of good over evil. The most relatable tattoos are those of Maa Durga, lord Ram, the

symbolic representation of the trident or Trishul, the lotus flower as a symbol of purity and enlightenment amid ignorance, and the tiger/lion tat-toos that signify power and strength.

International artist, Micky Malani, co-owner of BodyCanvas Tattoos tells us that a lot of people get tattoos to represent things in their life that are significant. "Mythological tattoos have been elating the masses since forever, and this year is no different. Many women come to us and even ask for tattoos of yantras, mandalas and chakras. While some get coloured ones, others prefer black and grey ones as they don't require the same amount of shading and layers that coloured tattoos do," says he.

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General Public is hereby informed that a girl namely Gulabsha D/o Rahmatullah Ansari R/o C-510, JJ Colony Wazirpur Delhi has been missing since 18.10.2020 at 10.00 AM from her residence. In this regard a DD No. 580/20 dated 19.10.2020 has been lodged at PS Bharat Nagar, Delhi.

The description of missing girl is as under

Name: Gulabsha, Father's Name: Rahmatullah Ansari, Age: 17 years, Height: 4'8", Face: Long, Complexion: Shallow, Built: Thin, **Wearing**: White suit and White salwar and Black Colour sandal in feet.

If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned at following phone numbers. Website: http://cbi.nic.in

e-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641

Fax: 011-24368639 DP/459/NW/2020

P.S., Bharat Nagar, Delhi Ph.: 011-27301200, 27301400

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that a male Namely Unknown S/o Unknown R/o Unknown Age: About 65-70 years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Normal, Wearing: White & blue coloured checked shirt & half pant and bare feet, was found dead after meeting accident



on 09.08.2019 at 6:00 PM at Punjabi Bagh Underpaas, Rohtak Road, Delhi. In this regard a FIR No. 437/19 dated 09.08.2019 U/S 279/304A IPC has been registered at P.S. Punjabi Bagh, Delhi.

If any one having any clue about deceased male may kindly inform the undersigned and contact on following numbers.

P.S. Punjabi Bagh, Delhi Ph.No.: 011-25225616, 0122-25225614

DP/248/WD/2020 Mob.: 8750871124

akmé Salon and designer Lduo Monica & Karishma of JADE came together to launch a collection titled *The* New School of Brides, a showcase of distinctive hair and make-up looks and designs at Lakmé Fashion Week 2020 Digital First Season Fluid Edition.

The two brands presented a collection that is set to and emotions of the bride.

Karishma showed that they and hopes of brides on their wedding day and immor-talised these feelings through

couture.

The designers drew inspiration from their own experi-ences — as brides full of hope and dreams — combined with their love for fabricating designs that encapsulated the excitement and thrill of the new beginnings. The collection is a subtle invitation to look beyond the grey clouds and revel in the silver linings, just like the bride does. And, for the same reason, the colours used in this range are lush and enchanting berries, reds, pinks — vibrant tones that symbolises joy,

excitement and hopefulness.
They used Kasab and lace to curate intricately hand-crafted designs for Ek Taar lehengas (where each piece is intricately handcrafted with just one thread), textured skirts, antique silver threadwork jackets and elegant blouses that gave a twist to the

become a guidebook for the brides of 2020 — from opu-lent makeup and hair created to the intricately handcrafted couture collection the design. tion of oomph, style, crafts-manship and skill, but above all, an ode to the many moods

Designers Monica and deeply understand the dreams

mules and cross-body sling Completing the dazzling JADE ensembles was the new hair and makeup collection by Lakmé Salon. The collection plays up the beauty of the eyes with glitter and colour in

combination with baroque traditional splendour with a global perspective. Each ensemble was further underhairstyles featuring textured braids and twisted buns, fix scored using masterfully crafting the spotlight firmly on the ed accessories like silver bibs, Ek Taar belts, embellished

bride.

The models sported a contemporary, subtle belle look with a focus on the eyes, enhanced using glitter with splashes of colour, colour on the waterline, bewitching eyelashes and fluffy feathered eyebrows, offset by glowing glass skin and nude lips.

Shades of mahogany and brown were extensively used with bronze glitter to add depth and dimension to the eyes.

The hair exhibited a play-

ful rendition of structure through texture and layering from dual textured braids for instant glam and extra oomph, entwined twin dutch braids that give the ensemble a royal look, flirtatious braided ponytails for playful



a modern rendition of the less top knot that flatters all

face shapes.
Pooja Singh, National Creative Director, Hair, Lakmé Salon said, "Hairstyles for the New School of Brides twist the boundaries of traditional styles for contemporary looks. We have replaced the plain traditional bun with a French twist and fun top knot to craft a fresh look. Each style in this new collection plays with structure through textur-

ing and layered braiding."
"A contemporary take on tradition, the makeup looks are specially created for the new age bride and her tribe. Replacing the OTT bridal makeup, we have kept a minimal base with nude, dewy fresh and glass glow skin, accentuated with a colour splash, glitter and shimmering eyes in hues of mahogany, browns and bronze. These timeless colours will suit every outfit and occasion in the bridal journey," added Anupma Katyal, National Creative Director, Skin, of the salon brand.

Monica Shah of JADE said, "We, at JADE, have always stood for Indian craft and techniques, and given it a modern flair."

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that one girl Namely: Renu, D/o: Jai Pal, R/o: H.No. D-1076, JJ Colony, Camp No. 2, Nangloi, Delhi, Age: 17 Years, Height: 5', Complexion: Shallow, Face: Oval, Wearing: Blue Colour Top-Jeans and Chappal in Feet has been missing/kidnapped since 24.09.2020 from the area of P.S. Nangloi, Delhi. In this regard **FIR No.** 988/20, U/s 363 IPC, Dated 25.09.2020, has been lodged at P.S. Nangloi, Delhi.

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

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Dev on top has been incredible. He has got a similar mposing way of batting as layden...The way he conducts himself, you can say 'he is the



back, it will add

KKR are heading into the contest after an embarrassing

batting performance against Royal Challengers Bangalore.

Blown away by Mohammed Siraj's furious

spell, KKR managed just 84 runs on the board.

dence-crushing defeat and KKR need to regroup quickly. Sitting at fourth place in the table with 10

It certainly was a confi-

points, they would

to stay alive in the play-offs race.

Even the change in captaincy has not instilled much confi-

only bright spot for them amid the disap-

pointment of Andre Russell's poor run.

out on the last match

due to an injury and it will

collective effort from now on

with skipper Morgan, Dinesh Karthik, Shubhman Gill, Nitish Rana all required to contribute.

Russell missed

be interesting to see if the

team manage-

ment reposes

faith in him, if

KKR needs a

dence in the side. The performance of pacer Lockie Ferguson has been the

be desperate to increase their tally We just slipped in the last minutes. A win like this will give confidence to each and every member of the team. We can win the remaining games and



The challenge is pretty clear win three in a row and see where we are in the run rate. We have no option. It's about continue to prepare and believe that we are good enough



I am the one who's lucky to get the wickets, but everyone has been contributing to the side. All the bowlers, batsmen and even fielders have contributed in our good performances

overs with Boult and Bumrah taking three and two wickets respectively. CSK could reach to 114 for 9

thanks largely to Sam Curran's enterprising half-century. The

young Englishman mixed caution with aggression to top-score with 52 (47 balls, 4 fours, 2 sixes) in an

otherwise pathetic display by

Boult eventually picked up four wickets for 18 runs, 13 of

those coming in the final over. Bumrah (2/25) and leg-spinner

Rahul Chahar (2/22) picked up two wickets each while Nathan

Coulter-Nile ended with 1 for 25.

partnership for the ninth wicket

with Imran Tahir (13 not out) was the highest partnership of the CSK innings which showed the rest of the batsmen in poor light.

Incidentally, Curran's 43-run

CSK had a horror start and slipped to 3 for 3 after two overs

and lost two more wickets before the powerplay ended.
It all started with Ruturaj

Gaikwad, back into the side, being trapped LBW in the open-

ing over bowled by Boult for a

ball from Bumrah, gloving an easy catch to de Kock. N

Jagadeesan followed him to the pavilion off the next ball, poking

at one to be caught by Suryakumar Yadav.

so far, edged one to give de Kock his second catch of the night.

Skipper Dhoni's (16) poor run continued as he fell to leggie Rahul Chahar while going for a

big one off a tossed-up delivery after having smacked a six of the

boundary before pulling one straight to Krunal Pandya at

mid-wicket to give Boult his third wicket and leave CSK in tat-

Ravindra Jadeja (7) hit a

previous ball.

ters at 21 for 5.

Faf du Plessis, the only CSK to batsman to shine this season

Ambati Ravudu fell to a short

CSK batsmen.

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Deepak Chahar before the start of IPL game







MI's Rahul Chahar chats with his cousin and CSK pacer



Mumbai Indian's Director of Cricket Operations Zaheer Khan poses for photo @mipaltan



Kagiso Rabada, had a niggle and missed the last match ₹able-toppers Delhi Table-toppers Delhi Capitals would expect more from against Punjab.

Stats: Faisel Features their batsmen after an sting to DC's attack and in that underwhelming performance in the loss to Kings XI Punjab when they take on a low-on-confidence Kolkata Knight case Australian pacer Daniel Sams will have to make way for

Riders here on Saturday. For Delhi, opener Shikhar Dhawan has been in brilliant form but even his record-setting hundred was not enough to save the side from a defeat against Kings XI Punjab for lack of contribution from other batters.

Young Prithvi Shaw needs to bat with more responsibility at the top since Dhawan may not be able to rescue the side all the time. Shaw's last four innings included two

Skipper Shreyas Iyer too has not been hitting the ball as fluently as he was before suffering a side strain. Rishabh Pant, who made a comeback from injury against Punjab, too has not yet set the stage on fire.

Iyer and Pant, along with Marcus Stoinis, form the backbone of Capitals' middle order. They are vital cogs in DC's wheels and need to do more than just making good starts.

Pacer Anrich Nortje, who has been instrumental Capitals' superb run thus far along with his South African compatriot 🚜

Mumbai hunt Super Kings by 10 wickets to reach on top



Mumbai Indians pacer Trent Boult celebrates with teammates after taking wicket of CSK batsman

PTI SHARJAH

drent Boult and Jasprit Bumrah's devastating pacebowling spell in tandem before Ishan Kishan's batting heroics helped Mumbai Indians post a comprehensive 10-wicket win over Chennai Super Kings in a completely lop-sided IPL match here on Friday.

With the embarrassing loss, CSK are all but out of reckoning for the play-offs with just six points from 11 games, while MI jumped to the top spot with 14 points from 10 matches. Bowling in tandem, Boult

(4/18) and Bumrah (2/25) reduced CSK to 21 for 5 inside powerplay with three and two wickets respectively and CSK never recovered from there, limping to 114 for 9, largely thanks to

Sam Curran's 52. Chasing 115 for a win, Kishan (68 not out), opening in place of regular skipper Rohit Sharma who missed out due to a hamstring injury, and Quinton de Kock (46 not out) knocked off the required runs in just 12.2 overs.
The duo toyed with the CSK

bowling attack on a dreadful day for the MS Dhoni-led side to carry their bats through the

innings. The left-handed Kishan, who has not had a substantial score after his knock of 99 against Royal Challengers Bangalore, was at his attacking best as he smashed six fours and five sixes during his 37-ball innings.

The South African de Kock

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played second fiddle during his 37-ball innings which had five fours and two sixes.

Earlier, Boult and Burmah produced a devastating pace-bowling spell in tandem to restrict CSK to 114 for 9.

Put in to bat, CSK were five wickets down inside powerplay

ing the new ball talk So, what has worked for him this "The break (due to Covid-19) was really nice both for the body and mental freshness. Good to be play ing again and it is just lot of clarity and how the execution needs to be,"

said the 33-year-old in an online media interaction on Friday. "We do a lot homework. By the time we get to the game, we know what is required. Our plans have been clear and if something falls we have a plan B ready, if that doesn't work

we got a plan C and if that also fails, hopefully my over is done (laughs). Asked about bowling in the beginning as well as at the death, Morris said: "To be honest, I feel I am in a blessed position. Cricket without pressure is bor-



lass, and AB is the kid who's finis

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 $T^{\text{heir campaign back on track}}_{\text{ with a hat-trick of wins,}}$ Kings XI Punjab will take on another resurgent team — Sunrisers Hyderabad — here on Saturday in a must-win IPL game for the two well-matched

Both KXIP and SRH are on the same pedestal, having garnered eight points apiece after 10 games. but the Hyderabad outfit is a rung ahead in the eight-team standings, on the fifth spot by virtue of a better net run

And both the teams need to win their remaining four games to guarantee their place in the play-offs

It has been a terrific turnaround espe-cially for KXIP after a slow start to the tourna

After the initial hic

Survival of the fittest

KXIP, Sunrisers meet in must win game to keep play-offs hopes alive

cups, KXIP got its campaign back on track with three consecutive wins - over mighty Delhi Capitals, Mumbai Indians and Royal Challengers Bangalore and the KL Rahul-led side would

be hoping to carry the win-ning momentum forward to break into top While KXIP's batting is in the safe hands of skipper

Rahul, Mayank Agarwal, Chris Rahul, Gayle and Nicholas Pooran, Gavle the shaky form of Glenn Maxwell remains a concern.

It has been an erratic season for KXIP so far despite hav-

ing the tournament's top two run-getters in openers Rahul (540) and Mayank Agarwal (398) in its ranks.

But the success ful return of Gayle has been a welcome relief for KXIP as it reduced the burden on the shoulders of its star openers, especially allowing Rahul to play more freely.

Jimmy Neesham's inclusion has given some depth to KXIP's batting as well bowling unit led by the experienced Mohammed Shami.

SRH too find itself in similar position and needs to win its remaining four matches to seal

a play-off berth. The side managed to keep itself in the play-off hunt with a confidence-boosting eight-wick-

Thursday after three consecutive defeats.

And the David Warner-led side can't slip a bit from hereon if it wishes to stay alive in the tournament. The positive for

SRH is that despite Warner and Jonny Bairstow departing early in the 155-run chase against RR in their last match, young Manish Pandey (83) and Vijay Shankar (52) rose

to the occasion and shared an unbeaten 140-run partnership to secure a comfortable win. Jason Holder's inclusion has added firepower to SRH's bowling attack as the West Indian

picked up three wickets for 33 runs against RR. But it's high time that SRH's young guns — Priyam Garg, Abdul Samad and T Natarajan

et win over Rajasthan Royals on own up some responsibility.

Clarity about role key to Morris' success

DUBAI: For all-rounder Chris Morris, cricket without pressure is boring and he feels the clarity over his role in the Royal Challengers Bangalore set-up has helped him perform consistently so far in the IPL.

Morris has always been a sought-after cricketer in the IPL and after four seasons with the Delhi Capitals, he is currently with the RCB provid-ing the balance that Virat Kohli's team was seeking desperately.

After missing the first four games of the season due to a side strain, the South African made an instant impact and he has already picked up nine wickets in five matches at a very impressive econo-my rate of five runs per over.

Along with Navdeep Saini, he has plugged the hole that RCB had in the death bowling department. To add to it, he has also been mak

ing. You always want to get tested as a cricketer.

Azhar Ali may lose Pak Test captaincy English cricketers

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Pakistan Test captain Azhar PAli may lose his job as leader of the side when the team tours New Zealand amidst speculations that either white-ball skipper Babar Azam or Mohammad Rizwan could replace him.

Azhar, who is the most Test

capped player now in the national team with 81 appearances, is said to have lost favour with a influential member of the cricket committee while the PCB Chairman and CEO are also said to be having second thoughts about retaining him as captain.

He was named Test captain ing of Sarfaraz Ahmed as captain and player from all three formats

With just 12 months in the job, Azhar saw the Pakistan team lose two-nil Australia before securing Test wins

Karachi: Pakistan's head coach Misbah-ul-Haq wants the ICC to conduct the World Test Championship exactly the way it has been planned even if it means extending the duration of the event due to the disrup-tion caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. Misbah's statement came amid reports that the ICC is considering splitting points for unplayed games in the championship cycle which was originally scheduled to end in June-July 2021 with the final

in England.
"The Covid-19 situation has hit the World Test Championship series but I would still prefer to see the ICC complete the championship

Lanka and Bangladesh. Then they travelled to England where the team lost the three-match Test series

Wicketkeepero atsman, Mohammad Rizwan who is right now riding on a wave of popularity and

with all teams completing their scheduled matches," Misbah said in an interview on the

tain felt that the league can be extended to accommodate

Bangladesh in April has not been played due to the pandemic. Other countries have also series disrupted due to the pan-

recently led the KPK team to National

told a television channel that a meeting could be held on November 11 to decide on Azhar's future and find a new chief selector as head coach Misbah ul Haq has relinquished the post.

The England and Wales Cricket Board says the English game has already lost more than £100 million (\$130 million) — a figure that could rise to £200 million next year.

ly that players are willing to take a pay cut, which the ECE revealed on Friday would come from retainers, match fees and win bonuses. The annual contracts

which started on October 1. were understood to have been worth £650,000 for Test stars and £275,000 for white-ball performers in 2019/20.

our players, led by captains Joe Root and Eoin Morgan, have conducted themselves with great maturity and responsibility throughout this challenging time," team director Ashley Giles said.

Europa biggies start with win sheet.

Gareth Bale said it felt good to be "loved and appreci-ated" after helping Tottenham to a 3-0 win over Austrian club LASK in the Europa

his return from Real Madrid and played for an before Iose hour Mourinho gave him a break.

"It is amazing to be back," Bale told *BT Sport* on Thursday.
"It is a big rea-

son why I play well and why I came back You want to be loved and appreciated. will give everything this shirt." However,

he admitted it will take ime to find his feet.

gled against Serie A leaders AC Milan who were 2-0 up at who made an impressive half-time thanks to goals from

debut in the Group J opener.
Vinicius started in place of
the resting Harry Kane and he made goals in either half for Lucas Moura and Son Heungmin, while he would have also netted himself had Andres Andrade not scored an own goal.

Bale made that goal where Andrade put through his own net. Leicester made the perfect start in Group G with

from behind to down Rapid comfortable 3-0 win over Zorva Luhańsk

just after the hour. CUNNERS COMERACY Earlier, Arsenal came

In Glasgow, Celtic strug-

Rade Krunic and Brahim

Diaz.

Mohamed Elyounoussi

reduced the arrears after the break, but Jens Petter Hauge

broke clear to secure Milan's

Group H 3-1 win in stoppage

time. Milan were so comfort

able that they could afford to

take off Zlatan Ibrahimovic

Vienna 2-1 and Rangers beat Standard Liege 2-0.
After a goalless first half Arsenal went behind when keeper Bernd Leno fluffed a clearance on a

night he will want to forget but the Gunners then turned the game around in four second half min-

with a deft glancing header off Nicolas Pepe's free-kick, with Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang then tapping home to bag the

three Group B points.

The other Group B game was being played out in Dublin where Dundalk, only Ireland's third ever representative in the group stage, were peaten 2-1 by Norwegians Molde.

In Belgium, Steven Gerrard's Rangers took on Standard Liege fresh from their Old Firm derby win over Celtic.

James Tavernier scored from the spot after Noe Dussenne handled in the area to put them into a 19th minute

Then three minutes into stoppage time Kemar Roofe produced a wonder goal from the halfway line, the ball flying over the head of bewildered keeper Arnaud Bodart. Benfica had



went on to beat Lech Poznan in Poland 4-2 in the other Group D game. Elsewhere, Bayer

Leverkusen ran riot 6-2 against French side Nice and Spanish side Granada, in their first ever European campaign, beat PSV Eindhoven 2-1.

WTC should be extended: Misbah

Cricket Baaz channel on You Tube.
"I think the matches can be rescheduled because every team should get a fair chance to take a shot at qualifying for the final," Misbah said. The former Pakistan can

matches hit by the pandemic. Pakistan's one Test against

Championship title is said to be favourite to replace Azhar. PCB CEO Wasim Khar

take 15% pay cut

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England's centrally contractagreed to take a 15 percent pay cut as part of cost-cutting mea sures due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Bowlers Stuart Broad and Chris Woakes have said recent-

"We need to recognize that

son for me and I am trying to get min-

utes into the legs," he said. Despite Bale starting, it was on-loan Carlos Vinicius

League on Thursday.
The Welsh international started his first match since

'I am a bit stiff. It is like a mini pre-sea-

Ukraine, James utes. Maddison, Harvey Barnes and Kelechi Iheanacho were on the score-

David Luiz put them level