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No more lantern in progressive Bihar: PM

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

DEEPAK K UPRETI ■ NEW DELHI

Kick-starting his poll campaign by raising the developmental pitch in three back-to-back rallies in Bihar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday contrasted it with the “jungle raj” 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 Kumar-led NDA regime in the State.

He hit out at the Opposition on issues of nationalism, security and Ram Mandir and accused it of misleading the farmers on the farm laws brought in by his Government.

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

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 fooled 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

homes.

“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 electricity was only available to rich people.

Poor people in Bihar were dependent on diyas. But 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 State.

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) leaders were in attendance.

Rahul raps Modi on migrant crisis, Chinese aggression

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Hitting the ground in Bihar to campaign for the Mahagathbandhan in the upcoming Assembly polls, former 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 people.

Rahul and RJD’s Tejashwi Yadav, who is the leader of the Opposition alliance, addressed a joint rally at Nawada, coinciding 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 tell the country when will the Chinese “be thrown out”.

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



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

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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 triggered 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 Hissua rally venue, with people also crowding the roof of a college building where it was held.

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.

10 cr Covid tests in India

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 Covid-appropriate 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 tally to 10,01,13,085.

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 days.

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 measures 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, Kerala, 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 regions.

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

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

House panel warns penalty if Amazon disobeys summons

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

E-commerce giant Amazon has refused to appear before a Joint Committee of Parliament looking into the 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 initiated” 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 non-cooperative stand.

“Amazon has refused to appear before the panel on October 28 and if no one on behalf of the e-commerce company 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 stakeholders, including Facebook and Twitter, to get an overview.

The Committee is trying to seek “oral evidence” on the issues of data protection and privacy.

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

Govt sets stock limit for onion traders to check its prices

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With onions now more expensive than some exotic vegetables and fruits, including apple, grapes, gooseberry 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 rise over the last few days with staple vegetable now retailing for ₹100-110 per kg in Hyderabad, Mumbai, Nashik, Pune, Adilabad, Bengaluru, Pallakad, Puducherry, Suryapet, Thrissur, Panaji, Kota, Chennai, Cuddalore, Dharwad and Kozhikode. In



Thiruvananthapuram, Jammu, 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.

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) law — which was passed last month in Parliament — that allows it to regulate perishable commodities in the extraordinary price rise situation.

Maha announces ₹10k crore flood relief for farmers

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The Maharashtra Govt 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.

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Capital gasps for clean air

‘Severe’ level in many areas, may get worse in 2 days

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

There has been no respite from hazardous air quality for Delhiites as the National Ambient Air Quality Index (NAAQI) plunged to 364 on Friday, the highest of the season. It’s predicted to get worse in next two days.

Ten monitoring stations in Delhi entered the “severe” zone, according to the AQI monitoring mobile application SAMEER, developed by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

These include Alipur with AQI of 447, Shadipur with 441, Mundka with AQI of 419, Wazirpur with 432, Anand



Vihar with 405, Bawana with 413, Vivek Vihar with 422, Rohini 401, Jahangirpuri with AQI of 418 and Patparganj with 405.

According to the Ministry of Earth Sciences’ air quality monitor System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research (SAFAR), a significant increase in stubble fire count was observed around Haryana, Punjab, and neighbouring regions which stood at

1,213 on Thursday.

“However, as the boundary layer wind direction is not fully favourable for pollutant transport towards the Delhi region, the SAFAR model estimate of stubble burning share in PM 2.5 is 17 per cent for today,” it said. An AQI between 0 and 50 is considered “good”, 51 and 100 “satisfactory”, 101 and 200 “moderate”, 201 and 300 “poor”, 301 and 400 “very poor”, and 401 and 500 “severe”.

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

STAFF REPORTER/PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India’s first World Cup-winning 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 department in Okhla.

“Kapil Dev suffered a heart attack. He was evaluated and an



emergency coronary angioplasty was performed in the middle of night...Currently, he is admitted in ICU and under close supervision of Dr Atul Mathur.

Kapil Dev is stable now and he is expected to get discharged in a couple of days,” the hospital said after only mentioning chest pain in its initial statement.

Covid takes shine off Delhi’s famed Ramleela celebrations

No Ravana’s effigies, light & sound effect for Ravana Dahan

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Citing lack of time for preparations and pending permissions amid Covid-19 pandemic, major Ramleela committees in the city have shelved burning of Ravana effigies, while others plan to employ

light and sound effects to recreate “Ravana Dahan” this Dussehra.

Also the Ramleela Ground at Red Fort, the hub of Dussehra festivities attracting commoners as well as dignitaries, including the Prime Ministers and Presidents every year, will be deserted this Dussehra

“We had applied for booking the venue at Ramleela Maidan about three months back, but the permission has not yet been granted by the

Archaeological Survey of India. It is impossible to celebrate Dussehra with burning of Ravana effigy on October 25 this year as there was no time for preparation due to Covid-19,” said Ravi Jain of Shri Dharmik Ramliila Committee.

Some organisers, however, are trying their best to celebrate the day by cutting down on the scale of festivities as per the standard operating procedures for holding big gatherings amid the pandemic.

Pak remains in terror watchdog’s grey list

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan’s hopes of satisfying the global watchdog on terror financing and money laundering, 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 its 27-point action plan.

The decision was taken on Friday during the virtual plenary 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 address its strategic counter-terrorist financing-related defi-

ciencies.

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.

CAPSULE

FEMA CASE: PUNJAB CM’S SON SUMMONED
New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has summoned Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder 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 away in Uttar Pradesh’s Firozabad, officials said.

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I, Malkit Singh S/o Bawa Singh R/o Dashmesh Nagar, Gurdaspur declare that registries (1) Dalip Kaur w/o Himmat Singh r/o VPO Nainekot Distt Gurdaspur situated at Shahzada Nanagal, Gurdaspur (2) Tarjinder Kaur w/o Malkit Singh situated at Shahzada Nanagal, Gurdaspur have been lost on dated 20.10.20 near Bus stand , Gurdaspur. If found please inform Mobile No.98146-48146

It is Notified For The Information That My Original Qualifying Examination Certificate Of Main Secondary, Senior Secondary Examination Of Year 2017 And Roll No 2333219 Issued By CBSE Has Been Actually Lost. Name Of The Candidate Navjot Singh R/O 128 (C) Phase-I,Village Mohali (Distt. Mohali).

It is Notified For The Information That My Original Qualifying Examination Certificate Of Main Secondary School Examination Of Year 2018 And Roll No 2300793 Issued By CBSE Has Been Actually Lost. Chandanjender Singh S/O Kabul Singh Vill. Hansawala Po.Pindian Tehsil Khadur Sahib Distt.Tarn Taran. M.No. 9914236641.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Dilbar S/O Sh. Gulam Chand R/O Village Juihar nagar Distt S.A.S Nagar(Mohali) Have changed my name to Dilwar.

I, Anil Kumar S/o Kishan Chand resident of village NangalBhoor, Tehsil Distt.Pathankot, That I have Changed my name from Anil Kumar to Anil Singh.

I, Neeloo Sharma W/o Mahesh Kumar R/o B-22/391, Street No 11, ward No 09, Dashmesh Nagar Hoshiarpur have changed my name to Neelu Sharma Concerned Note.

I, Samaan Mattu son of Garifan Masih resident at House no. 100, Sunder Nagar, Pathankot Tehsil & District Pathankot (Punjab)-145001, have changed my name from Samaan Mattu to Samaan Masih vide Affidavit No.3516 dated 19-10-2020 at Pathankot.

I, Gayatri Devi W/o Mansa Ram Kestwal R/o Village Kesta, PO Pokhal, Tehsil Kotdwara, Distt Pooni Garhwal, Uttarakhand have change my name From Gyetri Devi To Gayatri Devi.

I, Kiran Kumari W/o DFR Rambir R/o VPO Madana Kalan, Tehsil Beri, Distt. Jhajjar (Hry) Pin-124102 have changed my name from Kiran Devi to Kiran Kumari vide affidavit no. 17/07 & 18/08 dated 22 Oct 2020 befor Hissar Court (HR).

I, Army No.14828380X Sep/MT Thakor Kanuji Chhanaji P/o 666 Coy ASC (TKtPTr) C/o 56 APO have chagned my wife's name from Thakor Kubar Ben Kanuji to Thakor Kuvar Ben Kanuji in my Army Records.

I, Shycy Joshin legally wedded Spouse of No. 15789494A Nk (DS) Joshin T John Presently Residing at 513 AD MSL Regt (SP) C/o 56 APO.Have Changed my Wife Name from Shycy Joshin To Shicy Mathew.

I, Rakesh Kumar S/o No. 14624018 Sep Late Ramesh Kumar R/o VPO Lalpur, Tehsil Hansi, Distt. Hissar have changed my name from Rakesh Kumar to RAKESH. My DOB is 04-01.1999.

I, JC-731604M Ex Sub Ram Kumar S/o Sh. Hari Singh R/o VPO Bhaganwa, Tehsil & Distt. Hissar have changed the name of my son from Ravi Kumar to RAVI. His DOB is 11-11-2000 and Aadhar No. is 5948 8998 0220.

I, No. 2612721X, Sep, Ranjith KM, Vill. & PO Koravangala Teh. & District Hassan State Karnataka 573 201 Presently serving with 10th Battalion The Madras Regt C/o 56 APO have Changed my wife name from Supriya KN to Supriya DN vide affidavit dated 23 October 2020 Before at Notary Ferozepur.

I. No. 2604932N, Hav, M Vino Rajesh, Vill. & PO Thalakulam, Teh. Kalkulam, District Kanya Kumari State Tamil Nadu 629802 Presently Serving With 10th Battalion The Madras Regt C/o 56 APO have Changed my wife name from Melba V to Melba D vide affidavit dated 23 October 2020 Before at Notary Ferozepur.

I, Vinod Kumar S/o Sh. Bhajan Lal R/O H.No. 86, Gali No.3, Jawahar Nagar, Hissar hereby declare that my daughter age 15 years have changed her name from Hiram to Hariyda Bishnoi for all puposes. In case of any objection I am responsible.

I, No. 15772457W Rank Hav Amit Kumar S/o Devendar Singh Unit 513 AD MSL Regt (SP) C/o 56 APO. Have Changed my Wife DOB from 20.10.1986 To 18.10.1986.

I Balwinder Kaur W/O Pritpal Singh R/O Vpo. Zahura District Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name To Balvinder Kaur.

I, Service No 15202884M NK Vikas Kumar Of Unit 40 Arty Div C/O 56 APO have changed my wife Pratima date of birth from 25.03.1986 to 20.07.1984 in my service records.

I, Reva Parmar W/o Sh. Sunil Kumar R/o H. No. 31A, Uttranchal Colony, Jandli, Ambala City. Have changed my Son name from Abhay singh parmar to Abhay parmar.

I, Rajesh S/o Rajpal R/o Village Babail Teh. and Distt Panipat declared that change my name from Rajesh to Rajesh Singh Ahlawat for all future purpose.

I, Khyati W/o Mansih Luthra R/O H.No. 3358, Sector 27-D, Chandigarh have changed my name to Khyati Marwah.

I, Parveen Kumar S/o Sh Pawan Kumar R/o House No 474-R Model Town Panipat declare that I have changed my name Praveen Kumar to Parveen Kumar In future my name Parveen Kumar for all purposes.

I, Sunita Rani W/o Rajpal Singh R/O H. No. 830, Sector-13, Hissar declare that I have changed my name from Sunita to Sunita Rani for all purposes in future.

I, Bhavani is legally wedded spouse of Yugandhar Babu Vadisetty resident of village Rama Krishna Puram, PO & Tehsil Chirala, Distt Prakasam, State Andhra Pradesh, PIN 523155 have changed my name Bhavani to Vadisetty Bhavani vide affidavit No. AL 419079 date 06-10-2020 before notary Harmanjeet Bedi, Pathankot.

I, Shashi Bhatia D/o Bansil Lal Bhatia W/o Subash Chand Bhatia, R/O 2366-A, Gali No.6, Raja Park Shakur Basti, Saraswati Vihar, North West Delhi have changed my name to Kanta Rani.

I, Indira Chattri, spouse of no 820710-T NCE, Moila Chhetri resident of House No. 898A, Sector 47-A, Chandigarh. Pin-160047. Have Changed My Name From Indira Chattri To Indira Chhatrai Vide Affidavit Dated 18-07-2020 Before At Notary Chandigarh.

I, Mohit S/o Sh. Daya Kishan R/O H.No. 124/30, Gali no. 1, Malviya Nagar, Sonipat have changed my name from Mohit Verma to Mohit for all future purposes.

I, Harmeet Kaur W/o Sh. Gurcharan Singh R/o Moujgarh, Tehsil Dabwali, Distt. Sirsa have changed my name to Gurvinder Kaur after marriage. Concerned note.

I, Minakshi Pandey wedded spouse of No. 14937067H Rank NK Name Dharendra Kumar Pandey P/o 11 MECH INF (18 RAJ RIF) C/o 56 APO R/o Vill- Jagannath Pandey Pur, PO- Dubey Pur, Teh- Sadar, Distt- Pratap Garh, State- U.P.- 230501 hereby declare that I have changed my name Minakshi Pandey to Meenakshi Pandey for all purposes.

I, Rujmina Begum Wedded Spouse of No. 15498130W Rank LD Name Rujdar Khan P/o 83 ARMD REGT C/o 56 APO R/o Vill- Jatoli, PO- Akbarpur, Teh- Alwar, Distt- Alwar, State- Rajasthan- 301001 hereby declare that I have changed my name from Rujmina Begum to Rujmina for all future puposes.

I Gurdeep Ram S/O Sarma Ram R/O Vpo. Kariha Tehsil Nawanshahr District S.B.S. Nagar Have Changed My Minor Son's Name From Vikas To Vikas Kaler.

I Rajesh Kumar S/O Krishan Lal R/O House Number-332 Mohalla Choniana Mohri Gali Inside Pahari Gate Batala Gurdaspur Punjab India 143505 Have Changed My Name To Rajesh Sharma.

I Harjit Kaur Wife Of Manmohan Singh R/O House Number-482 Gokal Nagar Hoshiarpur Punjab India146001 Have Changed My Name To Hardeep Kaur.

I Chahat Nagla D/O Ram Dass R/O Vpo. Sangro Katrala Tehsil Mukerian District Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name To Chahat Nangla.

I Narinder Kumar S/O Guru Dass R/O Ward No.11 Nangal Road Deep Colony Garshankar District Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Minor Son's Name Nitán Bawa To Nitin Bawa.

I Jaswinder Singh Jhim Son Of Naranjan Singh R/O Village Nai Abadi Pandori Rukman Post Office Nasrala District Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name To Jaswinder Singh.

I Surjit Singh S/O Partap Singh R/O Vpo. Dhapai Distt. Kapurthala Have Changed My Name To Surjit Singh Randhawa.

I, Sukhdev Kaur Randhawa W/O Surjit Singh Randhawa R/O Vpo. Dhapai Distt. Kapurthala Have Changed My Name To Sukhdev Kaur.

I Jasvir Kaur Gill W/O Dilbag Singh Gill R/O Village Sodhi Wala Distt. Ferozepur Changed My Minor Son's Name Manpreet Singh To Manpreet Singh Gill.

I Baljit Kaur W/O Mukand Singh Malhi R/O Vpo. Daulatpura Niwan Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Baljit Kaur Malhi.

I, Ranjina Devi wedded spouse of No. JC-771821L Rank NB/SUB name Harikesh Kumar Mall R/o Vill- Machhrihwa, PO- Laxmipur, Teh- Rudrapur, Distt- Deoria, State- U.P.- 274204 hereby declare that I have changed my name from Ranjina Devi to Ranjina Mall and my date of birth from 10.06.1978 to 05.08.1978 for all future puposes.

I, Meena Devi wedded spouse No. 14650632P Rank HAV Name Mithlesh Bharti R/o Vill- Saraba Nand Dehri, PO- Kushi, Teh- Bikramganj, Distt- Rohtash, State- Bihar-802205 hereby declare that I have changed my name from Meena Devi to Minu Bharti and date of birth from 11/01/1984 to 25/08/1986 for all future puposes.

I, Rajani Bala wedded spouse of No. 15495441Y Rank ALD Name Raj Kumar R/o VPO- Dadoli, Teh- Kangra, Distt- Kangra, State- Himachal Pradesh-176026 hereby declare that I have changed my name from Rajani Bala to Rajni Bala for all future puposes.

I, Sadhana Devi wedded spouse of No. 14651993A Rank NK Name Pankaj Kumar R/o Vill- Gajipur, PO- Adai, Teh- Adai, Distt- Gaya, State- Bihar-824207 hereby declare that I have changed my name from Sadhana Devi to Sadhana Sinha for all future puposes and my date of birth is 06.08.1983.

I, Surinder Singh alias Surennder Singh S/o Nasib Singh R/o Village Dheru Majra, PO Umri Tehsil Thanesar District Kurukshetra, have changed my name to Surennder Singh.

I, Paramjit Kaur W/O Paramjeet Singh R/O Village Bhule Chak, Po- Pul Tibri, Tehsil/Distt Gurdaspur. Have changed My Name To Paramjeet Kaur.

I, Jasvinderjit Kaur W/O Jaspal Singh R/O Vpo. Akgalgarh New Abadi (Ludhiana) Changed My Name From Jasvinderjit Kaur To Jasvinderjit Kaur.

I, Prajit Singh S/O Rajwant Singh R/O H.No.871, St.No.2, Deep Nagar, W.No.24, Malerkotla Road, Khanna (Ludhiana) Changed My Name To Prajit Singh Bimbraw.

I, Puneet Kaur D/O Sarabjit Singh, W/O Prajit Singh Bimbraw R/O H.No.871, St.No.2, Deep Nagar, W.No.24, Malerkotla Road, Khanna (Ludhiana) Have Changed My Name To Puneet Kaur Bimbraw.

I, Daljit Kaur W/o Gurbhaj Singh R/o Sandhwa (Tarn Taran) changed my name to Daljeet Kaur.

I, Neha Jabbal W/o Simarpreet Singh Saggi R/o Bara Pind Road Vpo. Rurka Khurd Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) changed my name to Neha Saggi After Marriage.

I, Sukhvinder Singh S/O Kartar Singh R/O 390 Ward No. 06 Guru Karam Singh Nagar, Gunuharsahai, District Ferozepur Changed My Name To Sukhvinder Singh.

I, Gurnee Singh Alias Meja S/O Gurdas Singh R/O Ghoki Wala Tehsil And Distt Ferozepur I Am Known By Both Names As Above.

I, Sanjeev Kumar S/O Puran Bhagat R/O Anand Nagar Jalalabad Distt Fazilka Have Changed My Minor Son Name Rayan Makkar To Aayansh Makkar.

Ground water users in Himachal to register before December 31

PNS ■ SHIMLA

The entire State of Himachal Pradesh was notified for control of regulating the extrac-tion of ground water in any form with effect from 19 November, 2019, and beyond this date no ground water extrac-tion in any form is allowed without proper per-mission of the HP Ground

Water Authority.

A Spokesperson of the Jal Shakti Department on Friday said the existing ground water abstraction structures for domestic irrigation, commer-cial and industrial purposes, constructed in the entire state of Himachal Pradesh are now also required to be registered.

He said that all the existing users of ground water in Himachal Pradesh have been advised to submit their online applications for 'Certificate of Registration' through www.emerginghimachal.hp.gov.in portal of HP Ground Water

Authority on or before 31st December, 2020.

This portal would be deac-tivated after 31st December, 2020 and no application would be entertained after this date. The spokesman said appropriate action would be taken under HP Ground Water (Regulation and Control of Development and Management) Act, 2005 and rules 2007 against the users of unauthorised existing tube-wells, borewells and energised handpumps not registered with the HP Ground Water Authority Shimla.

Seven houses gutted in fire at Kinnaur

₹10,000 COMPENSATION FOR AFFECTED ANNOUNCED

PNS ■ SHIMLA

Seven houses were gutted in a devastating fire at Purbani village in Kinnaur district on Friday afternoon.The fire also engulfed the village temple and left it partially dam-aged.The fire had reportedly started around 3:30 pm. The fire tenders rushed to the spot after receiving the information.

On the directions of the Chief Minister, the District Administration has provided immediate relief of Rs 10,000 to each affected family.

Till the filing of the report, the cause of the fire was not

known. No casualty has been reported while property worth lakhs of rupees were damaged.

The Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur expressed grief over the fire incident.Thakur directed the District Administration to provide immediate relief and rehabilitation to the affected families. He assured that all possible help would be pro-vided to the affected families.

Earlier, Deputy Commissioner, Kinnaur Gopal Chand along with other senior officers of the district had rushed to the incident site and supervised the relief and rescue operations.

U'khand witnesses big jump in recovery rate

Dehradun:In an indication of major improvement in the si-tuation of the pandemic of Covid-19 in Uttarakhand, the recovery rate has witnessed an increase of almost 19% in the last one month. The recovery

rate on September 22 was 71% which now has jumped to 89.84 percent. Udham Singh Nagar district has the highest recovery rate in the state. Here 95% of 9284 patients have so far recovered from the disease.

PUBLIC NOTICE
BEFORE MANISH KUMAR LOHAN, HCS, ASSISTANT ESTATE OFFICER, EXERCISING THE POWERS OF THE ESTATE OFFICER, U.T. CHANDIGARH



Subject: Transfer of ownership rights to the extent of **33.34% Share** in respect of House No.527, Old Plot No. 52, Street-C, Sector 20-A, Chandigarh on the basis of Intestate Death of **Late Smt. Anju Sharma Dated: 06.04.2016**. It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office the property known as House No. 527, Old Plot No. 52, Street-C, Sector 20-A, Chandigarh to the extent of **33.34% Share** stands in the name of **Late. Smt. Anju Sharma**. (It has been reported by (i) **Sh. Madan Sharma**, (ii) **Sh. Devansh Sharma** and (iii) **Sh. Devasheesh Sharma** that Smt. Anju Sharma is the owner to the extent **33.34% Share** of the above said property and had expired on **06.04.2016** & leaving behind the following legel heirs :- (a) **Sh. Madan Sharma - Husband**, (b) **Sh. Devansh Sharma - Son** & (c) **Sh. Devasheesh Sharma - Son**. Now (i) **Sh. Madan Sharma**, (ii) **Sh. Devansh Sharma** and (iii) **Sh. Devasheesh Sharma**, have applied for the transfer of above said property to the extent of **33.34% Share** on the basis of Intestate Death of **Late. Smt. Anju Sharma Dated: 06.04.2016**, as informed by the applicants.

However, if anybody has any information about any others legel heirs of the deceased owner other than mentioned above, the same may be intimated to the Estate Office U.T., Chandigarh immediately. If anybody has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of above named applicant they may furnish in writing in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the said share in the said property will be mutated accordingly and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained at any later stage.

Manish Kumar Lohan, HCS,
 Asstt. Estate Officer, Exercising the powers of the Estate Officer, U.T. Chandigarh.

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Notice is hereby given, on behalf of my client, That my client M/s LIC Housing Finance Limited has sanctioned a Home Loan against property to Smt. Suman Devi W/o Sh. Surjeet Kumar. That the said Loan is sanctioned against the property situated at Vaka Raquba Darra Khurd, Tehsil Thanesar, Distt Kurukshetra New Colony Thanesar, Plot No. 45, Raquba Taqadi 115 sq. Yards, Muramba No. 20, Killa No. 9/2, 10, 11, 12/1, 12/2, 12/3, 19, 20. That in the chain of title original Sale Deed No. 13884 dated 04.10.2011 in favour of Surennder Singh S/o Tara Chand is lost. If any one Claims to be possessor of the above said Lost Sale Deed, He / She can Contact Dr. Rajiv Jain Advocate, at 4254/P, 3 Cross Road, Ambala Cantt. Contact No's. 9416028460, 0171-4005980, within in Fifteen Days after the same any claim or objection shall be considered to be waived off for ever.

PUBLIC NOTICE
 This is to inform and seek Public That Standard Chartered Bank Branch Office At SCO No.137-138, Sector 9 C, Chandigarh is Advancing Financial Services Against 50% Share in Ground Floor of H.No.216, Sector-18A, Chandigarh Which is Presently Owned By Sh. Subhash Bansal S/o Sh. Suresh Bansal and Smt Anshu Bansal W/o Sh. Subhash Bansal And Standard Chartered Bank Sanction The Facility To Sh.Subhash Bansal S/o Sh. Suresh Bansal And Smt Anshu Bansal W/o Sh.Subhash Bansal To Take over The Existing Relation From HDFC Bank Against The Above Mentioned Property. That During The Execution Of Sale Deed 21.04.1999 Bearing Vaska No.175 And Issuance Of Transfer Letter Dated 11.06.1999 The Name of Smt. Anshu Bansal w/o Sh. Subhash Bansal By Mistaken Written As Anshu Bansal S/o Sh.Subhash Bansal If Any Person, bank, financial Institution, Govt. body, private Lender etc. for Having Any Objection In The Above Mention Property By Subhash Bansal S/o Suresh Bansal And Smt. Anshu Bansal W/o Sh. Subhash Bansal Than requested to contact the Undersigned or Raise Their Objection In Writing With 07 Days From The Date Of Publication. (RAJESH GOEL AND CO.) SCO 77-78 First Floor Sec 5 MIDC, Panchkula Hry. Pin: 0172-4644664

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PUBLIC NOTICE				
It is notified for the general public that the Person has applied for transfer of flat/share/ transfer of lease right as under :-				
Sr. No.	Name of Applicant	Name of Original Allottee	Category & Flat No.	On the basis of GPA/SPA /WILL/Family transfer
1.	Sh.Vinayak Narula s/o Sh.Ashok Mohan Narula and Smt. Anita Narula w/o Smt.Ashok Mohan Narula	Sh. Surinder Kumar Sharma s/o Kans Raj	1580-A, 2nd Floor	Sale Agreement

That Smt Neelam Sharma W/O Sh Dinesh Kumar Sharma R/o H No 40 R.K Puram Colony Jandli tehsil and Distt Ambala is the owner of Property Bearing Plot No 156, MC Permanent Property ID No 203C81U323 measuring 187 sq Yards, J. J. Colony, Comprised in khewat Khatouni No 522/50 Kharsa No 40/19/2(4-9) situated at village Jandli, H.B. No 113, Tehsil & Distt Ambala. That Sh. Gaurav S/o Sh Ashok Kumar R/o 1054 R.K Puram Colony Jandli Tehsil & Distt Ambala has approached the undersigned for purchase of Property Bearing Plot No 156, MC Permanent Property ID No 203C81U323 measuring 187 sq Yards, J. J. Colony, Comprised in khewat Khatouni No 522/50 Kharsa No 40/19/2(4-9) situated at village Jandli, H.B. No 113, Tehsil & Distt Ambala out of bank finance. He has informed the undersigned that the previous title deed No 5255 dated 19.12.2001 S/O Ambala of above said house has been lost by the owner and DDR No 12 dated 11.09.2001 PS Sector 9 Ambala City has been lodged. Now the general public/banks/financial institution through this notice are informed to submit the written objection to the undersigned within 15 days from the date of publication , failing which it will be presumed that there is no objection from anybody and loan can be advanced/sanction to the borrower.

Aruna Passi Branch Address :Bank of India, New Grain Market Senior Branch Manager Branch, Shop No 18, New Grain Market, Office Email : grainmarket.chandigarh @bankofindia.co.in Ambala City Haryana 134003

INBRIEF

MP PANDOVE INVITED AS A GUEST BY BCCI SECY

Patiala: Former member of the IPL Governing council and former Secretary of the Punjab Cricket Association MP Pandove will be part of the final of the Indian Premier League (IPL) Season 13 in Dubai. MP Pandove who has been working with the board for three decades, has been invited as a guest by the current BCCI Secretary Jay Shah. Pandove has worked on many important assignments in the BCCI, which includes the posts of Junior Selection Committee Member, Senior Selection Committee Member, Joint Secretary and Treasurer . He has also worked with Indian Cricket Board and Punjab Cricket Association for a long time.

HARTEK POWER BAGS UT ELECTRICITY DEPT ORDER

Chandigarh: Marking its entry in the power infrastructure space in Chandigarh, Hartek Power Pvt Ltd has bagged an order from the UT Electricity Department for laying underground electricity cables and heavy-duty electricity wiring in Sectors 7, 9, 11 and 26. To be executed at a cost of Rs 8.05 crore and scheduled to be completed by December, the project is intended to eliminate the grave hazard posed by overhead transformers and high-tension wires that hang precariously on the edges of slip roads, road berms and parking lots in the four sectors. The UT Electricity Department has singled out these sectors to begin with as the existing power infrastructure there is more than 50 years old, which leads to frequent breakdowns and disruptions in supply.

BRAHM MOHINDRA LAUNCHES WEB PORTAL FOR PUNJAB SHEHRI AWAS YOJNA

Chandigarh: Aiming to provide maximum benefits to the applicants of Punjab Shehri Awas Yojna, Local Government Minister Brahm Mohindra has launched a web portal. He said, Punjab Government was committed to provide financial assistance to the needy people for the construction of houses under the Punjab Shehri Awas Yojna. With a view to expedite the process, a new web portal pmdpcprojects.punjab.gov.in/pmay has been launched. This will help the applicants to avail the benefits of this scheme immediately. So far, Punjab Government has sanctioned 96,383 houses under this scheme out of which 28,466 houses have been completed and the remaining houses are under construction. He said that in the second phase a target of 1.5 lakh houses has been set.

PM KUSUM YOJANA IMPLEMENTED IN HIMACHAL

Shimla: A spokesperson of the Himachal Agriculture Department said Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Surksha evam Uthtan Mahaabhiyan Yojana (PM KUSUM) has been implemented in the state to provide irrigation facility to the farmers. Under the scheme, with the use of solar pumps irrigation water would be made available to farmers in the fields for which development of necessary infrastructure has been proposed in the state. Besides this, to facilitate the farmers various irrigation schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana, Pravah Irrigation Scheme and Suksham Irrigation Scheme have been implemented in the state. Under PM KUSUM Yojna, a provision of 85 percent financial assistance for pumping machinery has been made for setting up of solar pumps at personal and community level by farmers, he added.

HRV POLICE ARRESTS 3 PERSONS, SEIZES DRUGS

Chandigarh: Haryana Police, in separate incidents, have arrested three persons on the charges of drug-peddling and seized 50 kg ganja and 380 tablets falling under the category of banned medicines in district Fatehabad. In addition, Police have also confiscated 967 bottles of illicit liquor and arrested seven persons in this connection. A spokesperson said, a team of CIA while conducting checking near village Badopal on National Highway signaled an Innova car to stop. A search of the vehicle led to the seizure of 50 kg ganja. The arrested accused were identified as Malkiyat Singh and Vikram, from district Hissar. In another incident, a Police team during patrolling has arrested Gurpreet alias Babu, a resident of Dhani Babanpur after it recovered 380 intoxicating tablets from him.

Covid-19 count mounts to 59,796 in U'khand

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The death toll from the novel Coronavirus (Covid-19) in Uttarakhand climbed to 979 on Friday with the state health department reporting the death of 11 patients. The department reported 288 fresh cases of Covid-19 on the day.

The state now has 59796 patients with the disease. The authorities discharged 518 patients of the disease after their recovery from different hospitals of the state on Friday. A total of 53718 patients have

Sukhbir’s multiple U-turns on farm laws show lack of moral scruples: Capt

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

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 scruples 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 withdrawal 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 political drama through protest rallies and yatras 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 Punjab 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 possible considering the massive 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 years.”

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 ludi-

crous.

In any case, he said, what was important was not declaring the farmers by lying about the Constitutional and legal position of the state. The Constitution gives the state clear and unequivocal right under Article 254 (II) to seek amendments to central laws, he pointed out, adding that the legislations of the Government of India also fail to stand scrutiny on grounds of being anti-federal.

The CM also lashed out at Sukhbir for persistently misleading the farmers by lying about the Constitutional and legal position of the state. The Constitution gives the state clear and unequivocal right under Article 254 (II) to seek amendments to central laws, he pointed out, adding that the legislations of the Government of India also fail to stand scrutiny on grounds of being anti-federal.

CAPT TRASHES BJP’S DALIT YATRA, SAYS PARTY TRYING TO DIVIDE SOCIETY ON CASTE

A day after police stopped the state BJP from taking out a rally against “injustice” towards Dalits, Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Friday accused the party of trying to play politics over caste. “They are trying to divide society on caste lines to promote

their political interests,” he said in a statement.

“I will not let them disturb the peaceful atmosphere of Punjab at any cost”, he said, referring to the opposition party’s “futile attempt” to take out the rally “without due permissions. These divisive tactics will never succeed in Punjab, whose people are happily living together for their collective progress, the chief minister said.

Police had on Thursday stopped the BJP from taking out a “Dalit Insaf Yatra” from Jalandhar to the CM’s residence in Chandigarh, saying the organisers did not have permission. BJP state chief Ashwani Sharma was among the party leaders briefly detained. The planned yatra was in protest against alleged atrocities on the Scheduled Caste community and over a “scam” in a scholarship scheme

for post-matric Scheduled Caste students.

Capt Amarinder said the BJP had no moral authority to talk about Dalit rights, which it was “brazenly trampling” wherever it is in power. The Punjab CM said Uttar Pradesh had recorded the highest number of cases in the country of atrocities against the Scheduled Castes in 2018. “Is this your definition of justice for Dalits? Is this what you are offering the SC people of Punjab?” he asked.

He said the BJP is indulging in “theatrics” to divert public attention after finding itself totally cornered over the “draconian, anti-farmer and unconstitutional farm laws”. He claimed the BJP was rattled over the state government’s successful launch of its own scholarship scheme for SC students after the Centre withdrew a similar scheme.

Maharaja Bhupinder Singh Punjab Sports University to come up with ₹500 crore

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

To preserve the rich sporting heritage and dominance of the State in sports, the Punjab Government will establish a sports educational institute of international eminence, with an ultra-tech campus of the first sports university of the state Maharaja Bhupinder Singh Punjab Sports University, Patiala. This would come up on 92.7 acres of land with the cost of around ₹500 crore.

Addressing a news conference here on Friday, Punjab Sports, Youth Services and NRI Affairs Minister Rana Gurmit Singh Sodhi, said, the own campus of the Maharaja Bhupinder Singh Punjab Sports University, the brainchild of Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh, will be coming up on the Patiala-Bhadson road at village Sidhuwal and adjacent to the Rajiv Gandhi National Law University, where 92.7 acres of land has been acquired to establish the campus equipped with the ultra-modern sports facilities.

The Minister also released a booklet with complete details about the university on the occasion.

“The Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh will lay the foundation stone of MBS Punjab Sports University on October 25”, the minister said, adding that the architectural plan of the university has been prepared by the Chief Architect, PWD Punjab.

The Minister said a modern campus with world class training and academic infrastructure to promote sports education in sports sciences, sport technology, sports management and sports coaching of international standards, will



be established with an estimated cost of Rs.500 Crore by Public Works Department (B&R).

The Sports Minister added that currently, the University is functioning from the Annexe of the Mahindra Kothi, Patiala and the Gursewak College of Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh, will be coming up on the Patiala-Bhadson road at village Sidhuwal and adjacent to the Rajiv Gandhi National Law University, where 92.7 acres of land has been acquired to establish the campus equipped with the ultra-modern sports facilities.

Sodhi, who was accompanied by Olympic Champion Shooter Abhinav Bindra, Hockey Olympian Ajit Singh and Prabhjot Singh, MBSPSU Vice Chancellor Lieutenant General (Retd.) Dr. Jagbir Singh Cheema, Principal Secretary Sports & Youth Services K. Siva Prasad, Director Sports D.P.S. Kharbanda, MBSPSU Registrar Col. Navjit Singh Sandhu, amongst others, said that besides imparting education in sports sciences, technology, management and coaching, the university will also function as a training center for select disciplines by incorporating internationally established practices.

The Sports Minister said construction work of the campus of Maharaja Bhupinder Singh Punjab Sports University will comprise of state-of-the-art sports facilities such as; out-

door sports playground to include synthetic Athletic stadium, Astro-Turf hockey grounds, basketball, handball/volleyball courts and shooting cum archery range, Indoor Multi-purpose Halls for boxing and wrestling, weightlifting, Badminton, Squash, Gymnasium and Yoga, state-of-the-art Fitness Center equipped with latest scientific apparatus and technology, Academic Block comprising of specialized scientific labs for sports science and biomechanics courses, auditorium, separate residential areas for girl and boy students, office block. Apart from this, the university will house a Museum to preserve the rich sporting glory, tradition and heritage of the Punjab.

Speaking on the occasion, Olympic Champion Shooter Abhinav Bindra said that setting up of the specialized sports university in Punjab will prove to be a game changer and would act not only as an institution providing State of the art training in sports but would be an inspiration for the youngsters of the State as well as the country. He also thanked the Sports Minister for playing a pivotal role for the establishment of the prestigious university.

Haryana Health Minister inaugurates new Covid-19 molecular laboratory

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Health Minister Anil Vij on Friday inaugurated a new COVID-19 Molecular Laboratory set up at District Hospital Yamunanagar through videoconferencing. This will be the eighth laboratory set up in Government Hospital of the state, which will increase the total figure of laboratories, including the ones in medical colleges to 17.

Vij said the state government is now providing COVID-19 testing facility at 19 government laboratories. Apart from these, this facility is also being provided to people by six private laboratories in the state. He informed that presently 14,950 tests are being conducted on a daily basis in government hospitals. Similarly, 5,620 tests are conducted in six private hospitals of the state.

The Health Minister said that during the early stages of the Corona pandemic there were no such laboratories in the state, due to which samples were sent to laboratories in Pune. Subsequently, the state government strengthened the health infrastructure in Haryana at a fast pace. Sharing more details on the steps being taken by the government he said that the state government is ensuring that modern facilities like MRI, CT scan, dialysis, digital X-ray is provided at all government hospitals in the state.

Vij also launched the District Vaccine Store at Charkhi Dadri and with this, all the 22 districts of the state have these stores now. He explained that the vaccine store has a significant role in maintaining the cold chain of medicines and vaccines. There are 15 cold chain points in the district, which will be supplied with vaccines from this store. Earlier, these chain points were linked through Bhiwani district. However, with the launch of the new vaccine store the burden on the Bhiwani vaccine store will be reduced.

ANDROID APPLICATION ASHA PAY LAUNCHED

The Health Minister also launched an Android application and web portal called ‘Asha-Pay’ for digital payment and monitoring of the state’s authorized social health workers (Asha workers). This will benefit 20268 Asha workers working in the state.

Vij said that Asha workers are a major strength of the department and with the help of this app, the payment of their monthly honorarium and incentive amount will be digital and faster. He said that along with this, verification and acceptance of the performance and evaluation report of Asha workers will also be digital. This was earlier done in person, due to which the submission of the report and payment of the amount was delayed, he added. He said that with the launch of this app, the old demand of Asha workers will be fulfilled. With the help of this app, the process will be fully monitored by Additional Chief Secretary and MD level officers themselves. He congratulated the officers over the creation of this application by the National Health Mission itself.

The Health Minister said that all Asha workers will be provided CUG SIMs with facility of unlimited calls and 30 GB of 4G Internet monthly data so that this process can be linked to Geo Locations soon. Through this app, Asha workers will upload their daily and monthly activities. Asha workers will also be able to view their incentive claims and find out about the approval and payment and incentive amount. He said that with the help of the app, Asha workers can also track their pending payments at various levels. Not only this, information about the approval and acceptance of activities can be obtained in the app and there will also be a provision to resubmit the rejected activities.

Shops of Haryana Khadi Board in all district HQ: Dushyant

State Govt wants to promote products made by ‘Haryana Khadi and Village Industries Board’ in a big way, says Haryana Deputy CM

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala on Friday said shops of Haryana Khadi and Village Industries Board will be operational in all the district headquarters of the state in the next six months.A big shop will also be opened at the Rest House of the Public Works Department in Chanakypuri in New Delhi so that Khadi products of Haryana can be sold to foreign tourists, he said, adding that all these shops will be attractively designed in the same standard, size and design.

The Deputy CM, who also has the portfolio of Development and Panchayats Department during a review meeting being held under his Chairmanship directed the officers of ‘Haryana Khadi and Village Industries Board’ to encourage the villagers of the rural areas of the state to start manufacturing biscuits made of Bajra, Kurkure and various new products other than khadi jacket, kurta - payjama, bedsheet, quilt, pickle, honey, soap, oil, shampoo and spices.

He said that Micro, Small, and Medium Industries (MSMEs) manufacturing the said products will be given Mudra-Loan under the ‘Atmanirbhar Bharat Yojana’ of the Central Government.

Chautala said the State government wants to promote products made by ‘Haryana Khadi and Village Industries Board’ in a big way, adding that the products will be sold with a ‘logo’ of the Board on it so that ‘Haryana Khadi and Village Industries Board’ emerges as a brand.

17 more Covid-19 fatalities in Haryana, 1270 fresh cases reported

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana on Friday registered 17 more Covid-19 fatalities as the death toll due to the coronavirus in the State reached 1705, the State health department said in a health bulletin. A total of 1270 fresh cases pushed the total infections to 1,55,765, bulletin stated.

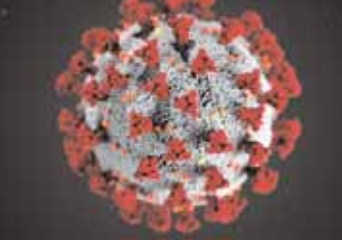
Of the fresh deaths, three each were from Faridabad, Hisar; two each from Bhiwani, Gurugram and one each from Karnal, Palwal, Jhajjar, Kurukshetra, Fatehabad, Kaithal and Jind, the state health department said in a health bulletin. A total of 1180 Covid-19 patients were cured and released from the hospitals in the State, taking the total count to 1, 43, 978. Among the districts which reported a big spike in the cases were Gurugram (351), Faridabad (188), Hisar (125), Mahendergarh (66), Rewari (64) and Sonapat (53). There are 10,082 active cases in the state and the recovery rate is 92.43 percent.

2 DEATHS, 72 FRESH CASES IN CHANDIGARH

Two city residents succumbed to the COVID-19 as 72 fresh positive cases were reported in Chandigarh on Friday. “The death toll reached 214 and the total case tally stood at 13920 in Chandigarh”, stated Chandigarh Health Department’s evening bulletin.”There were 697 active cases till the evening. 85 patients have recovered in the past 24 hours taking the total number of recoveries to 13009. The recovery rate increased to 93 percent while the

active ratio of cases was recorded at 5 percent which means for every 100 confirmed cases, 5 are currently infected in the city,” as per the health bulletin.

Till now, 100045 samples have so far been tested in the city. 1064 tests were conducted in the last 24 hours and the result of 131 was awaited, the bulletin stated.



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 added.

Punjab approves industrial developement in agri and mixed-use land subject to conditions

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

To further boost industrial development and investment in the State, Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh took a slew of important decisions, including allowing industry in agricultural and mixed-use areas, subject to certain conditions, besides reduction in non-construction fee by allottee if he does not construct on estates developed by Government and Development Authorities within three years.

The decisions, also aimed at generating employment, were announced after a virtual meeting of the Punjab Regional and Town Planning and Development Board (PRTPD) and Development Authorities headed by the Chief Minister.

A 30-day public notice would be issued by the government, after which these decisions will be finalized, said an official spokesperson.

As per these decisions, industry shall be allowed in agricultural areas beyond 3 Kms. of the Municipal Corporation cities and beyond 2 Kms. of the smaller towns, provided the land has a 19-22 feet access.

Further, red category industries should be at least 500 meter away from the village populace for the purpose of establishment of such industry.

On the mixed land area use, it was decided to permit

industry only along major roads.

The meeting also decided on the development of industrial hubs in 1100 acres in Rajpura and in another 1000 acres near Ludhiana. In another important initiative, the Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA), also headed by the Chief Minister, decided to set up an Industrial Estate in Mohali. The estate will have two parts, with about 530 acres to be developed by GMADA and comprising smaller plots, while another 250 acres will be allowed to be developed by private players.

Further, to give fillip to the residential sector in New Chandigarh, a decision was taken to allow affordable housing colonies in 25 acres and above, and other residential colonies in 50 acres or above, from the existing requirement of 100 acre minimum.

Coming on the heels of the affordable housing policy, notified recently by the state government, the move will provide homes to tens of thousands of people.

Meanwhile, the Chief Minister also approved two key projects for Patiala, including cleaning up and beautification of the Chhotti and Badi Nadi by sewerage system along its length and creating a Water Body by the Check Dam, at a total cost of Rs 180 crore.

In addition, Rs 42 crore has

been approved for beautifying Patiala’s main bazaar through its redevelopment as Heritage Street.

The meeting also decided to allow development of approximately 200 acres near the airport by land owners on payment of external development charges, with the aim of promoting development in the area.

PUNJAB CM APPROVES ADDITIONAL RS.55 CR FOR BHAGWAN VALMIKI TIRATH STHAL

In another decision, Capt Amarinder approved additional funds to the tune of Rs.55 crore for sprucing up the Bhagwan Valmiki Tirath Sthal at Ram Tirath in Amritsar, while directing the Cultural Affairs Department to develop the historic shrine as a world-class tourist attraction.

The funds are in addition to the Rs.195.76 crore already spent on the prestigious project at the holy shrine. Of the Rs. 55 crore, Rs. 30 crore will be spent for the completion of the shrine’s panorama, depicting the life and teachings of Bhagwan Valmiki ji, who composed the epic Ramayana.

The rest will be spent on several development works, including installation of filtration plant for sarovar, completion of parikarma, facade lighting, furnishings of Sarai for devotees, solar power system etc.

Navy ramps up operational readiness

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

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Against 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 present.

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 Navy.

The Indian Navy



Spokesperson tweeted that the missile homed in on its target, an old ship, hitting with deadly accuracy at its maximum range. “#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 at sea.

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 force's overall combat readi-

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 deployment 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 high-tempo of operations in coming months.

“He also complimented the Carrier Battle Group and its

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 statement.

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 maintain a high tempo of operations 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 said.

Captured PLA soldier was carrying sleeping bag, storage device

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The Chinese soldier, who was apprehended in Ladakh on Monday and released 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 Liberation Army (PLA).

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 thoroughly for nearly one and



half days and later handed him back to the Chinese at the Chushul-Moldo border meeting 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 volatile border. The sixth

round on September 21 saw both the sides issuing a statement stating they will refrain from sending more troops to the border.

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

process of disengagement and de-escalation at the friction points in the mountainous region.

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 unilaterally 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 conclave.

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 the LAC.

Covaxin cleared for third phase of clinical trial



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Covaxin, the coronavirus vaccine being developed by Hyderabad-based drug pharma Bharat Biotech in collaboration 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 candidate.

“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 statement here.

Covaxin is being developed by Bharat Biotech in collaboration with ICMR's National Institute of Virology (NIV).

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 given permission to Bharat Biotech to conduct Phase 1 and 2 clinical trials of its COVID-19 vaccine.

The primary end-point of the late-stage trial, used to determine the efficacy of a vaccine, will be to see if the

Aspirin use may cut death risk in severe Covid patients

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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 have said.

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



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

on average, who were hospitalised over the past few months due to complications of their infection.

About a quarter of the patients were taking a daily low-dose aspirin (usually 81 milligrams) before they were admitted or right after admission to manage their cardiovascular 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

while hospitalized.

Doctors often recommend a daily low-dose aspirin for patients who have previously 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 disease.

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

“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.

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



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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.

The World Meteorological Department (WMO) has entrusted India 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 countries to issue impact-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 flood.

There is a general lack of flash flood warning capabilities 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 global coverage.

The system has been 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 Research Centre (HRC).

'India making all-out effort for safe return of Indians held hostage in Somalia'



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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 eight months.

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 Somali authorities. We are in touch with the Somali Embassy in India.” He also said we “hope for an early resolution.”

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.

CBI books persons under POCSO for posting obscene materials online

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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 allegedly created three accounts and around 20 channels / groups on Telegram App for sale of obscene/objectionable material (videos/photos) including CSAM (Child sexual abusive material).

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

for sale of obscene videos / photos including the CSAM, 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 others.

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 groups / channels.

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 continuing, it added.

A Special Unit “Online Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Prevention/ Investigation (OCSAE)” has 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 abuse and exploitation.

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

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The construction of the new 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 construction of the new Parliament House on Friday along with Union Minister Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri.

The new Building will have

separate offices for MPs. Among other facilities for the Members, each seat for them in the Chambers will be comfortable (with blocks of two seats) 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

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 facilities 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 elaborated.

Ivermectin lacks efficacy in Covid-19 treatment: ICMR study

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Widely used for treatment of intestinal parasites and scabies, anti-parasitic 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 efficacy based on randomised trials 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 intestinal 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 treatment 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 thera-

pies” in the Clinical Management Protocol for Covid-19.

Interestingly, a white paper on Ivermectin drug as potential therapy for Covid-19 prepared by head of King George's Medical University's (KGMU) respiratory medicine department 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 safety.”

Along with KGMU, Dr VK Arora (Delhi), Dr D Behera (Chandigarh), Dr Agam Vora (Mumbai), Dr T Mohan Kumar (Coimbatore), Dr Narayana Pradeep (Kerala) and a team of other doctors published the white paper.

HC ends its blanket order extending bails

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court has decided that its blanket 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

Maha announces ₹10 cr aid for flood-hit 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 this year.

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 disbursed 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

for carrying out repairs damages 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 administration was dealing with.

The Chief Minister slammed the Narendra Modi government at the Centre for

its delay in the release of a staggering ₹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 meeting called to review the rain and flood situation in the state. Deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar, Revenue Minister Balasaheb Thorat, Water Resources Minister Jayant 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.

Uddhav had toured several 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 Sivasankar, the former principal secretary to Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, has links with the gold smuggling 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 through Thiruvananthapuram Airport. The Court after hearing both the sides said that it would announce the verdict on October 28. Justice Menon also asked the ED not to arrest Sivasankar till then though the agency was free to summon him for questioning.

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

gling activities, the ED told the court. The ED submitted all relevant details establishing Sivasankar's role in gold smuggling 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 demanding the resignation of Chief Minister Vijayan. "Vijayan is continuing in his chair only because of the help rendered by Swapna Suresh and Sivasankar. The duo and Vijayan are functioning as a mutual help cooperative society. Sivasankar 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 Sher 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 'laksman rekha' while claiming she would not raise the national flag until Jammu & Kashmir's flag, constitution 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 Tricolour, 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 too".

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

ernment 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 difficulties".

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 illegally, 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 restoration 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

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Minutes after he formally joined the 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 weeks.

Two days after after he 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 against him.

"A woman was used by them to malign me. They steeped to low-level politics. A case of molestation was registered 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

rules".

Welcoming Khadse to his party, Pawar said that with the entry of the ex-BJP 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.

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

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 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

the Sena-BJP government (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 power in the state in 2014. However, Devendra Fadnavis pipped him to the post.

Khadse was the number two in the Devendra Fadnavis-led BJP Cabinet. At one stage, he held 10 crucial portfolios with him.

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.

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 a 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 Congress (Mani) to the front.

The CPI(M) boss in Kerala said

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 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 convener 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 would be a consolidation of minori-

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 State. The UDF won 19 out of the 20 Lo Sabha seats in the State.

Five killed in blast in TN fireworks factory

Madurai (TN): At least five people, including 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 from Virudhunagar and Srivilliputhur were used to put out the blaze. **PTI**

Valmikiis: We'll fight oppression, but conversion is no solution

PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH

In Ghaziabad, Valmiki society has got a strong reaction to the religious conversion of 50 Valmiki families to Buddhism in protest of Hathras incident. Leaders of the society have said that this is the personal decision 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 has happened in Ghaziabad, For this, the teams have been constantly reconnaissance in 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

our neighborhood and family have converted to Christianity but people still called them Valmiki Christian. No battle is fought by caste or religious conversion. What has happened in the Hathras incident, we would say 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 their religion? But I would like to tell the people of Ghaziabad that they have done wrong".

Billu Chauhan, State General Secretary, Sanitation Labor Union told that "I cannot comment on why this happened 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 called Hindus, but we do not 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 investigation".

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 of puja. But shortage of girls had hit hard and it is not easy for arranging girls for mass feeding in the localities. Also because of corona, the families are scared to call the children at the end of puja.

JNMC faculty gets award

Aligarh: Mr Salman Khalil, Associate Professor, Department of Community Medicine J N Medical College (JNMC), Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) has been conferred with the VDGOD 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 excellence in biostatistics teaching.

Morcha for reservation of SC/ST/OBC in AMU

PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH

AMU Bachao Morcha has been formed to provide reservation to scheduled caste, scheduled tribe and backward class students in AMU. Front leaders have announced that on 23rd January, they will march to AMU with thousands of students on the day of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's birth anniversary and submit a memorandum regarding demands to the Vice Chancellor of AMU.

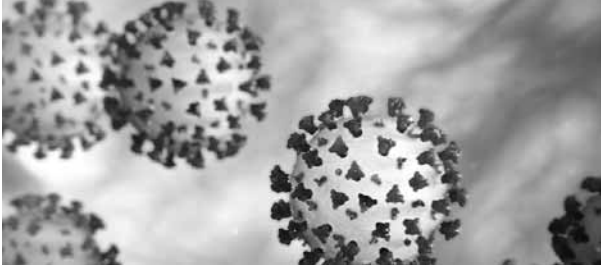
Saurabh Chaudhary will be the Morcha president and Amit Goswami will be the general secretary.

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 years.

The Karnataka health department 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-

Covid-19 tally crosses eight lakh in Andhra



Amaravati: Andhra Pradeshs 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

said.

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

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 after reaching the first one lakh on July 27.

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.

The state also recorded 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 registered 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**

Free Covid vaccine: K'taka CM says he'll take a call once vaccine is available

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 it.

Till now the government has been giving universal vaccination for free, so it will continue.

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, governments 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

its manifesto for the Bihar 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

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.

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

Health Minister K Sudhakar has said a meeting

has been convened here next week to discuss how the vaccine should be administered, once available.

Union Health Minister 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 months.

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



Political 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 co-morbidities? 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



People 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 persistently 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.

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



JS RAJPUT

India completed the year-long 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, values 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 non-violent 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



country." In this very statement, 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 and after which, he concluded, was due to the lack of education and consequent ignorance. He started 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-violence 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

personality could only be termed unparalleled. He gave a new interpretation of force, courage and valour to his people 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

succinctly summarises: "He 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, his 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 communities.

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 two-nation theory, expectedly, disliked 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 strife-torn 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 leadership 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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SOUNDBITE

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



Prime Minister
—Narendra Modi

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



Cueist
—Pankaj Advani

I don't believe a full lockdown is the right course. To all those enduring these restrictions in all parts of the country, I want to repeat my thanks for your bravery and your patience.



UK Prime Minister
—Boris Johnson

By the end of January, enough vaccines will be available for all of our seniors as well as our healthcare workers and first responders.



US HHS Secretary
—Alex Azar

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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 property 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 healthcare.

Noor Ahmad
Hyderabad

Death penalty is not a deterrent

The Karnataka High Court rightly said that an "attack on anybody's daughter is an attack on our daughter." 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 provisions 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 rape-cum-murder cases, as in the Nirbhaya case, but is not applicable for cases of gang-rape 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
Hassan

Noxious haze

Sir — Once again, US President Donald Trump has made a critical reference to India during a presidential debate. Earlier, he 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 just 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 Swiss-based 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 everyone's priority. This year, let us pray from our humble abodes.

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FIRST COLUMN

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

The 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 split it in half.

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 prosperity 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 hook 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.

(Gwynne Dyer’s new book is *Growing Pains: The Future of Democracy and Work*.)

POINT COUNTERPOINT

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



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 JOE BIDEN

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

Forty five-year-old Ayesha (name changed), a resident of a small town in west Uttar Pradesh (UP), first spotted a tiny painless lump in her breast in April this year. However, the Coronavirus-induced 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 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 relatively 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 happen 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 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 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 consultation 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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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 diagnosis, 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 years.

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 treatment can help improve survival rates in India too.

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 the whole breast in all patients. It is possible to offer a breast conservation surgery

in nearly 60-70 per cent of the patients either upfront or after chemotherapy. Similarly, complete removal of armpit 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 tested for the presence of the tumour.

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 avoid chemotherapy.

Cancer patients face a higher risk of catching the Coronavirus infection as well 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 a complete metamorphosis over the decades and modern machines enable us

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-stage tumours within minutes.

By comparing the tissue composition of one breast with the other, the system is sensitive enough to detect anomalies less 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 mammography or magnetic resonance imaging. In addition to reducing patient wait times and enabling earlier diagnosis, the device would eliminate radiation exposure, improve patient comfort and work on particularly dense breasts, a problem with mammograms. However, this technology will take a while to come to India as it is still at the nascent stage.

In the end, people have to realise that while the Coronavirus is a serious pandemic, 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 normal now.

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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

India’s unaided private school education 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 world-class facilities and sky-high fee structure, these are also in crisis today.

However, it is the online, low budget 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 schools.

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 people 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 Adityanath Government also found that the district officials interfered 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 interesting as there are many glitches and teachers, too, find themselves struggling 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 mortar schools.

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 of budget private schools can adversely 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 long-term 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)

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 led organisers to introduce the 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.

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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 interference 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 elected,” 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 interfere with the election.

Trump said he would “stop the recent election interference.”

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Top US intelligence officials last week claimed that Russia has obtained information that would allow it to interfere in the election.

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

The British government announced in July that it will open a new special pathway to obtaining British citizenship for eligible 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) passport.

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 BNO(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 government'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 years.

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

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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. **PT**

Istanbul: The US Embassy in Turkey issued

WASHINGTON

President Donald Trump and challenger Joe Biden clashed head-to-head on immigration, race and climate change during the first debate, just ahead of the first presidential election, as millions of Americans with sharply differing views of where they would like the country to go over the next four years. The two leaders traded barbs throughout the debate that lasted just 90 minutes, attacking each other's positions on controlling the coronavirus pandemic and the country's world-leading economy, with Trump ending over 223,000 jobs.

Washington: A Covid-19 vaccine is "ready" and coming "within weeks" and would be distributed by the military, US President Donald Trump said on Thursday while his Democratic challenger Joe Biden alleged that America is about to enter into a "dark winter" as they clashed over their policies on the pandemic during the final presidential debate.

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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 presidential 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 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 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 concerning 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 at this time," he said.

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coming. It's ready, it's going to be
announced within weeks and it's
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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.

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AP ■ JERUSALEM

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 open area.

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 power.

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.

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Islamabad: Pakistan's anti-corruption body has

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 dignitaries. 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 their authority".

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Kathmandu: Nepal Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli

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 security. "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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		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	30th September 2019	31st March 2020	30th September 2020	30th June 2020	30th September 2019	30th September 2020	30th September 2019	31st March 2020
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1	Total Income from Operations	2,320.08	2,114.62	2,903.22	4,434.70	4,757.92	8,510.70	2,351.14	2,176.42	2,864.71	4,527.56	4,694.17	8,469.98
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax,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)
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax,Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)- from Discontinued Operation	-	-	7.63	-	6.54	(359.94)	-	-	7.63	-	6.54	(359.94)
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (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)
5	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)- from Discontinued Operation	6.25	0.06	(70.78)	6.31	(120.35)	(156.82)	14.00	(19.97)	(109.40)	(5.97)	(182.06)	(236.56)
6	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	-	-	7.63	-	6.54	(259.80)	-	-	7.63	-	6.54	(259.80)
7	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	6.25	0.06	(63.15)	6.31	(113.81)	(416.62)	14.00	(19.97)	(101.77)	(5.97)	(175.52)	(496.36)
8	Paid-up equity share capital (Face value ₹10/- each)	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48
9	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	-	-	-	3,752.27	-	-	-	-	-	3,434.35	-	3,434.35
10	Earnings Per Share (after extraordinary items) (of ₹ 10/- each)-from Continuing Operation	0.06	0.00	(0.69)	0.06	(1.17)	(1.53)	0.14	(0.19)	(1.07)	(0.06)	(1.78)	(2.31)
11	Earnings Per Share (after extraordinary items) (of ₹ 10/- each)-from Discontinued Operation	0.06	0.00	(0.69)	0.06	(1.17)	(1.53)	0.14	(0.19)	(1.07)	(0.06)	(1.78)	(2.31)
12	Earnings Per Share (after extraordinary items) (of ₹ 10/- each)	-	-	0.07	-	0.06	(2.53)	-	-	0.07	-	0.06	(2.53)
13	(a) Basic (')	-	-	0.07	-	0.06	(2.53)	-	-	0.07	-	0.06	(2.53)
14	(b) Diluted (')	-	-	0.07	-	0.06	(2.53)	-	-	0.07	-	0.06	(2.53)
15	Earnings Per Share (after extraordinary items) (of ₹ 10/- each)	0.06	0.00	(0.62)	0.06	(1.11)	(4.06)	0.14	(0.19)	(0.99)	(0.06)	(1.71)	(4.84)
16	(a) Basic (')	0.06	0.00	(0.62)	0.06	(1.11)	(4.06)	0.14	(0.19)	(0.99)	(0.06)	(1.71)	(4.84)
17	(b) Diluted (')	0.06	0.00	(0.62)	0.06	(1.11)	(4.06)	0.14	(0.19)	(0.99)	(0.06)	(1.71)	(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 Requirements) 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 discontinued business has been disclosed under "Profit/(Loss) from discontinued operations" separately. 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 .

Place : New Delhi
Date : 10/23/2020

Anil Khaitan
Chairman Cum Managing Director
DIN 00759951

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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

Rs 156 crore and annual expenditure of Rs 52 crore is expected on 52 new courts. The outright expenditure is expected to be Rs 3 crore per new court building and furniture, Rs 156 crore on 52 courts.



SUSHMITA SEN

Fashion has a special place in my heart. Over the years, 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 around the world.



VIJAY 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 I was part of projects that didn't meet the thunderous success of *Gully Boy*, so that was the only difference.



ANURAG BASU

Ludo is unlike any film I've made before. It was fantastic working with such a talented 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.



MIRA NAIR

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 BIRD SINGS

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

Why are the best examples sought from our everyday 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, who

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. Excerpts:

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. And yet, my home was not her home because she had her family in her village in

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 lockdown, unable to go back home. Luckily, my didi turned out to be a fantastic actor. I cast her as the only character in my film. I shot the film on my

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

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 directed 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 challenging to single-handedly do everything, it actually empowered me. It 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 the employer's home. It's a completely 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 her home.

How do you think lockdown gave birth to new ventures for many?

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 someone 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 showcase 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 leisurely 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 cinema took off. The tough times always, always, contribute to art for the better and hopefully, so will 2020!

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, always.

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 more.

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 filmmaker just to be able to do this.

STUDIO CHAT 30 MINUTES

A 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 is about the journey of redemption. 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 parcel 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 pitch."

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 entertainment 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 fiction-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

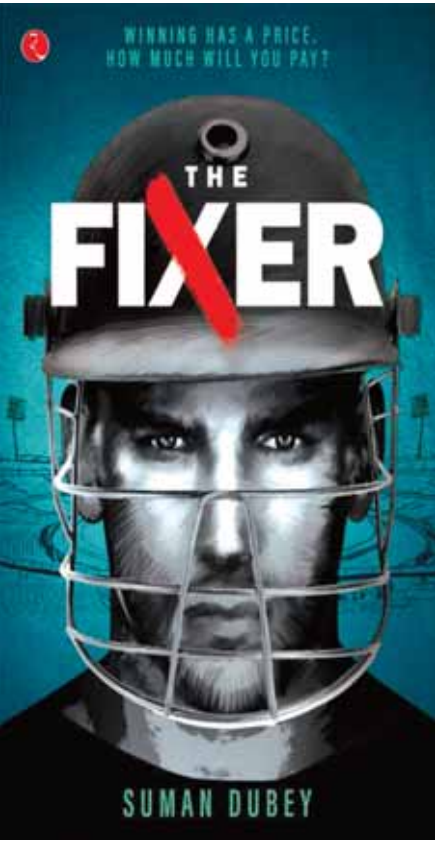
Actor Arjun Kapoor had recently invested in an emerging food delivery start-up, FoodCloud, with the aim to improve gender parity. He seems to have pivoted towards empowering as many people as possible to be self-reliant during the Coronavirus pandemic with his business platform.

Arjun says, "The Coronavirus pandemic has thrown extraordinary 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 have managed to create about 1,000 new food

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 lockdown 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 pandemic. 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 dreams."



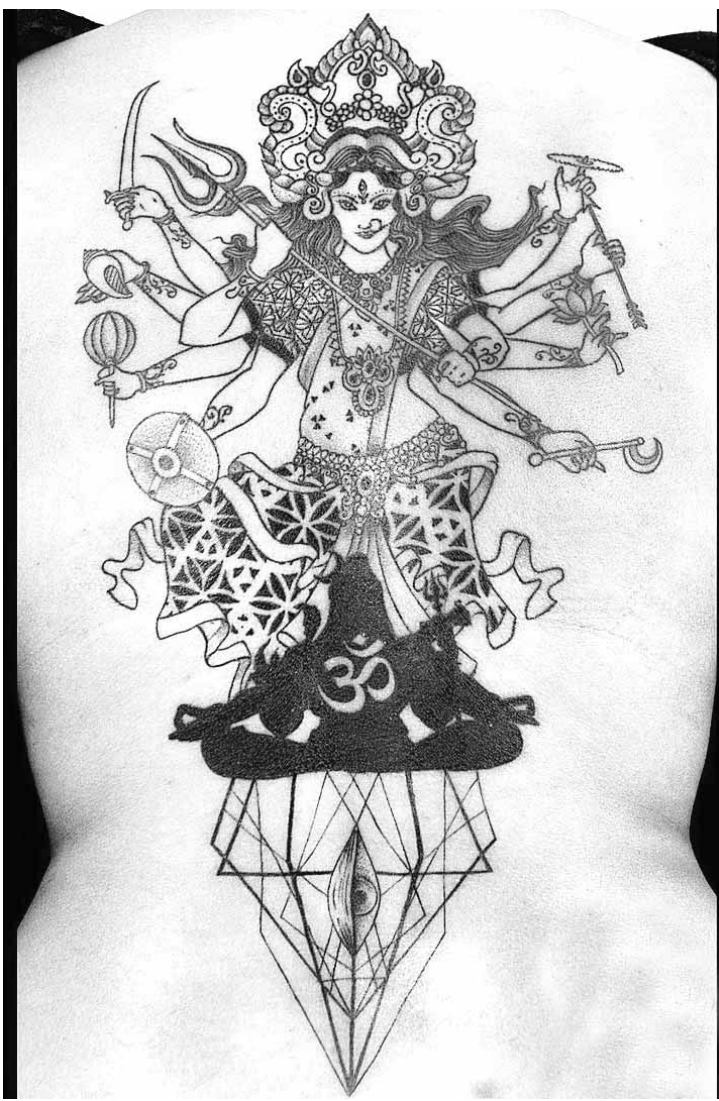
IMMERSIVE 45 MINUTES

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

During 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 positivity and spirituality. 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 prehistoric 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

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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-



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

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

They have started being experimental. Getting inked is now being recognised as an art form. The trends such as realistic portraiture,

VOGUE 30 MINUTES



Lakmé Salon and designer duo 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 become a guidebook for the brides of 2020 — from opulent makeup and hair created to the intricately handcrafted couture collection the designers. The show was a presentation of oomph, style, craftsmanship and skill, but above all, an ode to the many moods and emotions of the bride.

Designers Monica and Karishma showed that they deeply understand the dreams and hopes of brides on their wedding day and immortalised these feelings through couture.

The designers drew inspiration from their own experiences — 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 handcrafted designs for *Ek Taar lehengas* (where each piece is intricately handcrafted with just one thread), textured skirts, antique silver thread-work jackets and elegant blouses that gave a twist to the



traditional splendour with a global perspective. Each ensemble was further underscored using masterfully crafted accessories like silver bibs, *Ek Taar* belts, embellished mules and cross-body sling bags.

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 hairstyles featuring textured braids and twisted buns, fixing the spotlight firmly on the 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 playful 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



moments to a French twist for a modern rendition of the classic chic style and the timeless 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 texturing 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.”

A twist to traditional styles

Designers MONICA & KARISHMA of JADE and Lakmé Salon came together to launch a collection — *The New School of Brides* — an ode to the many moods and emotions of newly-weds

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 plenty 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 tattoos 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



Gulabsha

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
Extn.-210
Fax: 011-24368639

SHO
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.

SHO
P.S. Punjabi Bagh, Delhi
Ph.No.: 011-25225616, 0122-25225614
Mob.: 8750871124
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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



RENU

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 anyone have any information about this missing/kidnapped girl please inform the undersigned.

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Whereas The undersigned being the authorized officer of Omkara Assets Reconstruction Private Limited (OARPL) a Company incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956, and duly registered with Reserve Bank of India (RBI) as an Asset Reconstruction Company under Section 3 of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFESI Act, 2002), acting as Trustee of Omkara PS24/2019-20 Trust and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice. The Borrower(s)/Co-borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s)/Co-borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the said Act read with rule 8 of the security interest Enforcement Rules, 2002. The Borrower(s)/Co-borrower (s) and the Guarantor (s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the OARPL acting as Trustee of Omkara PS24/2019-20 Trust. The borrower (s)/Co-borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) attention is invited to provisions of sub-Section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.				
S.N.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of secured asset (Immovable property)	Possession Notice Date
1.	Gaurav (Borrower) Sangeeta (Co-Borrower)	21-07-2020 Rs. 34,92,719/-	All that piece and parcel of House No. D-440, Colony Indraprastha Tehsil & Dist. Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh 201010 ALONGWITH CONSTRUCTION THEREON PRESENT AND FUTURE BOTH.	20-10-2020
2.	Rajesh Kumar (Borrower) Khushboo Devi (Co-Borrower)	21-07-2020 Rs. 15,36,350/-	All that piece and parcel of Flat No-401,4th Floor,ARSH Eco Homes, Plot No-154 & 155, Vayusena Enclave, Kharsa No. 135, Shahberi, Greater Noida West, Uttar Pradesh 201301 ALONGWITH CONSTRUCTION THEREON PRESENT AND FUTURE BOTH.	19-10-2020
3.	Rajiv Kumar (Borrower) Orbit Group, Karan Sahani, Urmila Devi (Co-Borrower)	21-07-2020 Rs. 23,66,384/-	All that piece and parcel of Plot No-604, Block-K, Gali No. 3, Gautam Vihar, Vill Ghonda Gurjan Khadar, Shahdra, Mendu, Near Primary School, East Delhi, Delhi-110053 ALONGWITH CONSTRUCTION THEREON PRESENT AND FUTURE BOTH.	19-10-2020
4.	Rajni Sharma (Borrower) Krishna Kumar Sharma (Co-Borrower) Krishan Kumar Nimavat (Guarantor)	21-07-2020 Rs. 19,18,909/-	All that piece and parcel of Flat No. SF-202, 2 nd Floor, Plot No. 36, Kharsa No. 8M, Ward No 42, Green Avenue Village Harsau, Pargana Dasna, Tehsil & Distt. Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201002 ALONGWITH CONSTRUCTION THEREON PRESENT AND FUTURE BOTH.	19-10-2020
5.	Ramesh Kumar Jena (Borrower) Ajay Kumar Jena , Bijay Kumar Jena , Sasmita Jena (Co-Borrower)	21-07-2020 Rs. 36,83,552/-	All that piece and parcel of Property No-60 Upper Ground Floor Out Of Rect No 38, Kila No 20, Gali No- 12, Sarojini Park Known As Shastri Nagar, Village Khureji Zillaqa, Shahdara, East Delhi, Delhi 110031 ALONGWITH CONSTRUCTION THEREON PRESENT AND FUTURE BOTH.	20-10-2020
6.	Yadav Munni Lal (Borrower) Sabitar Devi, Sabita Devi, Farender Yadav (Co-Borrower)	21-07-2020 Rs. 13,81,966/-	All that piece and parcel of Property No. 59A, New No. RZ-126-A, Kharsa No. 12/14, without Roof/Terrace Rights, Village Khayala, West Block EXTN 2, Vishnu Garden, New Delhi-110018 ALONGWITH CONSTRUCTION THEREON PRESENT AND FUTURE BOTH.	19-10-2020
Place :- Delhi Date :- 24.10.2020		Sd/- (Authorised Officer) For OMKARA ASSETS RECONSTRUCTION PRIVATE LIMITED (Acting in its capacity as a Trustee of PS24/2019-20 Trust)		

PTI ■ DUBAI

Their campaign back on track 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 sides.

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 rate.

And both the teams need to win their remaining four games to guarantee their place

in the play-offs

It has been a terrific turn-around especially for KXIP after a slow start to the tournament.

After the initial hiccups, 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 winning momentum forward to break into top four.

While KXIP's batting is in the safe hands of skipper Rahul, Mayank Agarwal, Chris Gayle and Nicholas Pooran, the shaky form of Glenn Maxwell remains a concern.

USP

LIC OF INDIA launches LIC's New Jeevan Shanti (Deferred Annuity plan)

Life Insurance Corporation of India has introduced LIC's New Jeevan Shanti plan which is a Non-Linked, Non-Participating, Individual, Single Premium, Deferred Annuity Plan. The annuity rates are guaranteed at the inception of the policy and annuities are payable post deferment period throughout the life time of Annuitant(s). This plan can be purchased offline as well as online from 21 st October 2020. Two Annuity options are available under the plan. Option 1 Deferred annuity for Single life After Deferment period, the annuity payments, as per the chosen mode, shall be made in arrears for as long as the Annuitant is alive. In case of unfortunate death, during or after Deferment period, Death benefit will be payable to nominee of the annuitant. Option 2: Deferred annuity for Joint life After Deferment Period, the annuity payments, as per the chosen mode, shall be made in arrears for as long as the Primary Annuitant and/or Secondary Annuitant is alive. On death of the last survivor, during or after deferment period, the death benefit will be payable to the nominee. The joint life annuity can be taken between any two lineal descendant/ascendant of a family (i.e. Grandparent, Parent, Children, Grandchildren) or spouse or siblings. The Minimum Purchase Price is Rs.1,50,000/- (subject to minimum annuity criterion.) The modes of annuity available are yearly, half-yearly, quarterly, and monthly. The minimum annuity is Rs.12,000 per annum. There is no ceiling on Maximum Purchase Price. An Incentive for Purchase price of Rs 5,00,000/- and above is available by way of increase in the annuity rate. The plan is available for ages from 30 yrs to 79 yrs. The Minimum Deferment Period is 1 year and Maximum Deferment Period 12 years subject to Maximum Vesting Age (80 yrs). The plan can also be purchased for the benefit of Divyangjan (Handicapped Dependant) with minimum Purchase Price of Rs 50,000. Loan facility is also available under this plan. There is also a provision for immediate liquidity in case of dire need as the policy can be surrendered at any time during the policy term. For further details and to purchase the plan online, log on to our website www.licindia.in. LIC also has LIC's Jeevan Akshay VII plan which provides immediate annuity. In the Ulip Business also LIC is surging high through its three Ulip Plans viz LIC's SIIP, LIC's Nivesh Plus, LIC's New Endowment Plus which offer dual advantage of Insurance and Investment.

PNB celebrates 'Digital Apnayan' Day

Onboards more than 5 lakh new customers in just 45 days 22nd October 2020 - To amplify its innovative and successful digital campaign, the nation's leading public sector bank, Punjab National Bank (PNB) celebrated the "Digital Apnayan"Dayacross 10,931 branches. Since the launch, the campaign has been an effective hand-holding approach to make the masses self-dependent,migrate more customers todigital banking means and induce merchants to encourage the use of digital channels including RuPay Debit Cards, UPI and AePS accounts for all financial needs. It also supports the Government's vision to onboard about one crore customers to digital payment modes. On the occasion of 75th Independence Day this year, Shri CH. S. S. Mallikarjuna Rao, MD & CEO, PNB had announced the launch of the digital campaign "Digital Apnayan", following which the bank successfully integrated more than 5 lakh new customers who conducted more than 8 lakh digital transactions, during 15th Aug. to 30th Sept. 2020. The Bank contributed more than Rs. 40 lakhs to PM CARE Fund as CSR on behalf of its customers (Rs. 5 per selected transaction) who embraced the digital way of banking.

Union Bank of India is celebrating Vigilance Awareness Week Union Bank of India is celebrating Vigilance Awareness Week 2020 from 27 th October 2020 to 2 nd November 2020 with the theme "Vigilant India - Prosperous India". In this context Regional Office, Chandigarh has conducted seminar on the above theme for Bank Staff. The program is organized under the guidance of Sh. Jagmohan Singh, Field General Manager and in the presence of Sh. Hari Om Vats, Regional Head Chandigarh. The Chief Guest and speaker of the function is Mr. Surinder Singh from Central Bureau of Investigation, Anti Corruption Branch Chandigarh having vide experience in the field of Banking frauds. The program is attended by Deputy Regional Head, AGM SARAL, Chief Manager Vigilance, and the staff members of Regional Office. Sh.Surinder Singh has explained about the frauds and complaints regarding banking activities in a brief and simple manner. All the members also participated in the interactive session and clear their doubts. Sh. Surinder Singh also guide that how the bank employee can avoid the frauds by becoming vigilant.

BSNL Festival Offer to its prepaid customers

On the Occasion of the ongoing festive season, as a Gift to its subscribers, BSNL has extended the validity of various PV/STVs. Below mentioned promotional offers will be available on PAN India basis w.e.f. 17-10-2020 to 30-11-2020. Validity of plan 1999 has been extended to 425 days from existing 365 days during the promotional offer period. Plan 1999 offers, unlimited voice calls and 3GB/Day data. Free BSNL Tunes with unlimited song change option(365 days) + Lokdhun (365 days) + EROS Now Entertainment Service (two months). Validity plan 699 has been extended to 180 days from existing 160 days during the promotional offer period. PV 699 offers, unlimited voice calls, data 0.5GB/Day. 100 SMS/Day, Free BSNL Tunes for 60 days. Validity plan 247 has been extended to 40 days from existing 30 days during the promotional offer period. PV 247 offers, unlimited voice calls, data 3GB/Day. 100 SMS/Day, Free BSNL Tunes(30 days) + EROS Now Entertainment Service (30 days). Validity plan 147 has been extended to 35 days from existing 30 days during the promotional offer period. PV 147 offers, unlimited voice calls. Data 10 GB data. 100 SMS/Day & BSNL Tunes(30 days). Full talk time is being offered on topup of Rs. 60/. Shri Sandeep Divan CGMT, Punjab Circle conveyed best wishes for festival season to the subscribers and has informed that continuing with its tradition, BSNL has launched these services for its subscribers to extend festivities of the season. Detailed information in this regard may be seen at our website www.punjab.bsnl.co.in.

Survival of the fittest

KXIP, SRH meet in must win game to keep play-offs hopes alive

It has been an erratic season for KXIP so far despite having the tournament's top two run-getters in openers Rahul (540) and Mayank Agarwal (398) in its ranks.

But the successful 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-wicket win over Rajasthan



Kings XI Punjab skipper KL Rahul reacts after win against Delhi Capitals on Tuesday. IPLT20.com

Royals on 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 — own up some responsibility.

PTI ■ 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 providing 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 economy 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 making the new ball talk.

So, what has worked for him this season?

"The break (due to Covid-19) was really nice both for the body and mental freshness. Good to

be playing 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 home-work. 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 boring. You always want

to get tested as a cricketer.

"You need to bowl fast, bowl yorkers and hit sixes. What more do you want. Have not been smacked yet but it is going to come, that is the nature of the beast, the IPL. But when that happens I will keep my clarity intact else things go pear shaped."

Europa biggies start with win

AFP ■ LONDON

Gareth Bale said it felt good to be "loved and appreciated" after helping Tottenham to a 3-0 win over Austrian club LASK in the Europa League on Thursday.

The Welsh international started his first match since his return from Real Madrid and played for an hour before Jose Mourinho gave him a break.

"It is amazing to be back," Bale told *BT Sport* on Thursday.

"It is a big reason why I play well and why I came back. You want to be loved and appreciated. I will give everything for this shirt."

However, he admitted it will take time to find his feet. "I am a bit stiff. It is like a mini pre-season for me and I am trying to get minutes into the legs," he said.

Despite Bale starting, it was on-loan Carlos Vinicius who made an impressive 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 Heung-min, 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 a comfortable 3-0 win over Zorya Luhansk of Ukraine. James Maddison, Harvey Barnes and Kelechi Iheanacho were on the scoresheet.

In Glasgow, Celtic struggled against Serie A leaders AC Milan who were 2-0 up at half-time thanks to goals from Rade Krunic and Brahim Diaz.

Mohamed Elyounoussi reduced the arrears after the break, but Jens Petter Hauge



David Luiz put them level 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 beaten 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 lead.

Then three minutes into stoppage time Kemar Roof produced a wonder goal from the halfway line, the ball flying over the head of bewildered keeper Arnaud Bodart.

Benfica had claimed the first goal of the night and they 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.

English cricketers take 15% pay cut

AFP ■ LONDON

England's centrally contracted men's cricketers have agreed to take a 15 percent pay cut as part of cost-cutting measures due to the coronavirus pandemic.

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.

Bowlers Stuart Broad and Chris Woakes have said recently that players are willing to take a pay cut, which the ECB 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.

PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT HARYANA

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Govt. of Haryana is in the process of implementing various Single/Multi Village Rural Water Supply Schemes for which it needs to generate awareness among rural communities, development of Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and build their capacity. So through a systemized procedure, PHED Haryana invites Proposals from Agency/Trust/Firms/NGOs empanelled with NGO Darpan portal, Niti Ayog, Government of India at <https://ngodarpan.gov.in>. As per the eligibility criteria, to conduct awareness generation, community mobilization and capacity building activities among Block Jhajjar, Sahawas, Badli, Bahadurgarh, Machhrauli & Matanhail Distt. Jhajjar for habitations under Single/Multi Village Rural Water Supply Schemes.

Eligibility Criteria shall be as follows:

- 1.The applicant's performance for each completed work should be certified by an authorized officer.
- 2.The Agency/Trust/Firms/NGOs who has been blacklisted by Department / Board / Corporation of Central Government or any State Government shall not be eligible to bid for this work.
- 3.Only empanelled agencies registered with Darpan portal, Niti Ayog, Government of India are eligible to submit proposal for evaluation.
- 4.The Department reserves the right to verify the particulars furnished by the applicant independently. If any information furnished by the applicant is found to be incorrect at a later stage, the Agency/Trust/Firms/NGOs shall be liable to be debarred from all future bidding in the Department. Besides blacklisting the Agency /Trust/Firms/NGOs, the legal action will also be initiated, and allotment shall be liable to be cancelled.
- 5.The bidder shall be selected based on the technical score of the eligibility evaluation. The details are indicated in Terms of Reference. (TOR).
- 6.Bid security Rs. 5000/-.
- 7.Bid document can be obtain in any working day from this office during working hours.
- 8.Proposal is to be submitted offline in sealed envelope.
- 9.Date and time for submission of proposal 13-11-2020 latest by 5:00 PM.

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KKR aim to stay in hunt

PTI ■ ABU DHABI

Table-toppers Delhi Capitals would expect more from their batsmen after an underwhelming performance in the loss to Kings XI Punjab when they take on a low-on-confidence Kolkata Knight 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 have included two ducks.

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 in Capitals' superb run thus far along with his South African compatriot Kagiso Rabada, had a nigggle and missed the last match against Punjab.

If he comes back, it will add sting to DC's attack and in that

case Australian pacer Daniel Sams will have to make way for him.

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.

It certainly was a confidence-crushing defeat and KKR need to regroup quickly.

Sitting at fourth place in the table with 10 points, they would be desperate to increase their tally to stay alive in the play-offs race. Even the change in captaincy has not instilled much confidence in the side.

The performance of pacer Lockie Ferguson has been the only bright spot for them amid the disappointment of Andre Russell's poor run.

Russell missed out on the last match due to an injury and it will be interesting to see if the team management reposes faith in him, if he is fit.

ਬਾ-ਅਦਾਲਤ ਸਹਾਇਕ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ ਸਹਿਕਾਰੀ ਸਭਾਵਾਂ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਪੱਛਮੀ ਦੀ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਕੇਂਦਰੀ ਸਹਿਕਾਰੀ ਬੈਂਕ ਲਿਮ: (ਬ੍ਰਾਂਚ ਸਿਵਲ ਲਾਈਨਜ਼) ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਬਨਾਮ

- ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਸ਼ਵਨੀ ਚੇਟਲੀ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਚਰਨਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਚੇਟਲੀ ਵਾਸੀ 32 ਈ-ਸਾਹਮਣੇ ਦਿਆਨੰਦ ਹਸਪਤਾਲ ਟੈਗੋਰ ਨਗਰ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ।
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IN THE COURT OF MS. NAZUK KUMAR IAS, SUB-DIVISIONAL MAGISTRATE (C) - CUM - MARRIAGE OFFICER, U.T. CHANDIGARH

Mr. Varun Kumar Singla S/o Mr. Parmod Kumar Singla, Permanent and Temporary R/o 3302, Sector 23-D Chandigarh, Pin Code: 160023.

AND

Ms. Ayushi Dube D/o Mr. Ashish Kumar Dube, Permanent R/o 8/17, Station Road, Faizabad, UP-224001

have given Notice u/s 5 of the Special Marriage Act, 1954, for Solemnization of marriage to be registered within three calendar months, under the Special Marriage Act, 1954.

Whereas, the above named parties have filed a petition for the solemnization of their marriage within three calendar months in this court, notice is, therefore, issued through this publication to the general public that in case there is any objection to it, the same be filed in this court on or before 22/11/2020 failing which the marriage shall be solemnized under the Special Marriage Act, 1954 in accordance with law.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on 23.10.2020.

S.D.M (C)-cum- Marriage Officer, U.T., Chandigarh

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

e-Procurement Notice
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

1. The Executive Engineer, Killar Division, HP.PWD. Killar (Pangti) on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the online bids on item rate, in electronic tendering system, in 2 Cover System for the under mentioned work from the eligible and approved contractors/Firms registered with HP.PWD Department.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	EMD	Cost of Tender	Time limits	Eligible class of Contractor
1	C/O Mable link road from Udean Nallah to Village Udean km 0/0 to 2/870 Sub-Hd. - Formation cutting 5/7 Mtrs. wide at RD 0/740 to 2/870.	Rs. 4260020/-	Rs. 71400/-	Rs. 2000/-	6 Months	C & B Class

2. **Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission:** The Bid document is available online and bid should be submitted in online mode on website <https://hptenders.gov.in>. Bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). "Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HP.PWD may obtain the same from the website: <https://hptenders.gov.in>. Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender

3. Key Dates:

1.	Date of Online Publication	04.11.2020 10:00 HRS
2.	Document Download Start and End Date	04.11.2020 10:30 HRS upto 17.11.2020 17:00 HRS
3.	Bid Submission Start and End Date	04.11.2020 10:30 HRS upto 17.11.2020 17:30 HRS
4.	Physical Submission of EMD and Cost of Tender Document	17.11.2020 upto 10:30 HRS
5.	Date of Technical Bid opening, Evaluation of Technical Bid	17.11.2020 11:00 HRS

The undersigned has right to extend or cancel the bids without declaring any reasons there of.

Executive Engineer
Killar Division HP.PWD Killar (Pangti)
On behalf of the Governor Himachal Pradesh

RO 3875/2020-21 Dated 22.10.2020

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

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

Whereas

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Mukesh Popli/ Vanita Devi LBNKLN00002872788	Plot No. 166, Property ID 166C11U45 Shop, Waka Brahm Nagar, Hansi Road, Karnal Haryana/ October 20, 2020	December 31, 2019 Rs.12,04,785/-	Karnal
2.	Kanwal Deep Rana/ Rajni/ Santosh Rani/ LBNKLN0003009164 LBNKLN00004627595	Shop No- 519/4, Ward No- 7, New Ward No- 4, Gharanda, Karnal Haryana/ October 20, 2020	December 31, 2019 Rs.23,75,106/-	Karnal
3.	Subhash Chander Aggarwal/ Kamlesh/ LBYGR00001403998	House No- 41, Situated At Khewat No-1168, Khatoni No-1165 & 1265/1, Khasra No-179 (7-1) & 178(4-10) Hb No-76, Bangra Wali Gali Ladwa Haryana/ October 20, 2020	January 31, 2020 Rs.5,76,666/-	Yamuna nagar

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : October 24, 2020
Place: Haryana

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited