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# India, US focus on China threat

## Both exert China must respect rule of law; US assures help to deal with LAC face-off, Chinese assertiveness in Indo-Pacific, South China Sea

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In an obvious reference to China's expansionist and aggressive behaviour, India and the US on Tuesday made it clear that Beijing must respect the rule of law and sovereignty. The US also assured India of all help in the backdrop of the ongoing face-off at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh and the growing Chinese assertiveness in the Indo-Pacific region and the South China Sea.

This strong and terse message came after the extensive 2+2 dialogue between the two countries here. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar discussed the entire range of strategic issues with their respective counterparts Mark Esper and Mike Pompeo. The two visiting US dignitaries also called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval.

Rajnath and Jaishankar put forth India's assertions strongly but refrained from naming China during their statements. However, Pompeo was forthcoming and blunt in blaming Beijing as he said the coronavirus pandemic that "came from Wuhan" has set off a "robust discussion" about the Chinese Communist Party.

Giving details of his discussions during the 2+2 conference and bilateral meeting with Esper a day earlier, Rajnath said at the joint Press conference after the dialogue that the two sides shared assessment of the security situation across the Indo-Pacific.

"In that process, we reaffirmed our commitment to peace, stability and prosperity of all countries in this region. We also agreed that upholding the rules based international order, respecting the rule of law and freedom of navigation in the international seas and upholding the territorial integrity and sovereignty of all states are essential. Our defence cooperation is intended to further these objectives," he said. India and the US also welcomed Australia joining the forthcoming Malabar exercise.

Pompeo maintained, "Our leaders and our citizens see with increasing clarity that the CCP is no friend to democracy, the rule of law, transparency nor the freedom of navigation, the foundation of a free and open and prosperous Indo-Pacific. I'm glad to say India and the US are taking all steps to strengthen cooperation against all threats and not just those posed by the CCP. Last year, we've expanded our cooperation on cyber issues, our navies have held joint exercises in Indian ocean."

In a joint statement later, the two nations reaffirmed their commitment to fight the scourge of terrorism and resolved to jointly face the challenge posed by the coronavirus pandemic.

The two countries discussed ways to further strengthen four pillars of the Strategic Energy Partnership (SEP) covering Oil & Gas, Power and Energy Efficiency, Renewables and Sustainable Growth. Pompeo said the US "stands with India to deal with any threat".

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and US Defence Secretary Dr Mark T Esper during a meeting, in New Delhi on Tuesday. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, National Security Adviser Ajit Doval and US Ambassador to India Ken Juster are also seen PTI

# India, US take ties to new heights

## Sign BECA to help Indian forces gain precision data

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India and the US on Tuesday elevated their strategic and defence ties to new heights with the signing of the critical Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement (BECA) after the 2+2 dialogue here. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh described the pact as a "significant move" and said the military co-operation between the two countries was moving forward positively.

BECA will see the US sharing advanced satellite and topographical data for navigation for missiles in the military sphere. Indian armed forces will gain access to precision data and topographical images on a real-time basis from the US military satellites under the BECA.

BECA is called the foundational agreement and completes finalisation of three other pacts crucial for strengthening strategic ties. The three pacts are the General Security of Military Information Agreement (GSOMIA), Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA) and the Communications, Compatibility and Security Arrangement (COMCASA). While GSOMIA was inked in 2002, LEMOA was firmed up in 2016 and COMCASA came about in 2018.

Besides BECA, the two sides this time also signed four other agreements namely Agreement for Technical Cooperation on Earth Sciences; Arrangement extending the arrangement on nuclear cooperation; agreement on postal services; and agreement on cooperation in Ayurveda and cancer research.

BECA comes at a time when India and China are engaged in a stand-off for the last five months at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh. The BECA will provide the Indian security establishment latest high technology images through satellites.

The LEMOA enables reciprocal logistics support including refueling and berthing facilities at each other's ports and airports for warships and aircraft.

# Now, any Indian can buy non-agri land in J&K

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Lifting the barrier on the purchase of non-agricultural land, the Ministry of Home Affairs on Monday notified the new land laws for the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir triggering widespread condemnation from various Kashmir-based political parties who termed it as a huge betrayal and step towards putting "J&K up for sale".

Significantly, the new land laws were notified on the same day when the erstwhile State of Jammu & Kashmir had acceded with the dominion of India on October 26, 1947.

As per the new notification, the Centre has set no precondition like the requirement of Permanent Resident Certificate or Domicile Certificate on the purchase of land in Jammu & Kashmir, as existed under Article 370 for the outsiders.

The MHA in its release Stated that the order will be called the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir Reorganisation (Adaptation of Central Laws) Third Order, 2020. It added that it will come into effect immediately.

The Centre also notified that the "permanent resident of the State" clause has been omitted now.

Before the Abrogation of Article 370 and Article 35-A in August last year, non-residents could not buy any immovable property in Jammu & Kashmir.

## Govt lifts domicile condition in UT

Responding to the negative campaign spearheaded by the vested interests, including leaders of different Kashmir based political parties, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha swiftly clarified that the new land laws being introduced in the Union Territory will not impact agricultural land.

"I want to say this forcefully and with full responsibility that agricultural land has been kept reserved for farmers; no outsider will come on those lands.

The industrial areas that we have defined, we want that like rest of the country, here too industries come so that Jammu & Kashmir also develops and employment is generated," the LG said.

# 5 States buck national Covid decline trend

## At 4,853, Delhi sees highest single-day hike, while national daily count lowest in 3 months

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

There is a contrasting trend being witnessed in India. While India has been registering a consistent decline in the Covid-19 death rate in the past five weeks with the new confirmed cases in the last 24 hours falling below 40,000 for the first time in three months, States like Kerala, West Bengal, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Delhi are reporting high number of cases, which the Government on Tuesday said is the second wave of the infection.

At 4,853, Delhi recorded its highest single-day coronavirus cases on Tuesday. Delhi is inching towards its third peak while an unprecedented rise is being witnessed in Kerala and West Bengal.

The Centre expressed apprehensions that winters, ongoing festivals as well as the slowing down of the containment strategies could be playing a role.

"We are fortunate that today we are showing a decline of the (Covid-19) pandemic, except in two or three States. This decline is particularly noteworthy because in other countries of the northern hemisphere there is a severe increase in the intensity of pandemic," chairperson of the National Task Force on Covid-19, VK Paul, said at a Press briefing here on Tuesday while comparing India's status with the world.

"The situation related to the pandemic in the world is particularly concerning and it has been seen that countries of much greater economic capability and per capita income, and having a good health system, can succumb to a huge second peak," he said.

"This must be a lesson for all of us," Paul, who is also the NITI Aayog member for health, said as he pointed out that rising cases in three States and a few UTs has remained a matter of worry.

Around 49.4 per cent of new Covid-19 cases in the last 24 hours were reported from Kerala, West Bengal, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Delhi.

Similarly, 58 per cent new Covid-19 deaths in the last 24 hours were reported from Maharashtra, West Bengal, Delhi, Chhattisgarh and Karnataka, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said.

**Covid-19 IN INDIA**

**TOTAL**

CASES: 79,79,139
DEATHS: 1,19,871
RECOVERED: 72,43,180
ACTIVE: 6,14,720

| STATES | TOTAL CASES | DEATHS | RECOVERED |
|---|---|---|---|
| Maharashtra | 16,48,665 | 43,348 | 14,70,660 |
| Andhra Pradesh | 8,11,825 | 6,625 | 7,77,900 |
| Karnataka | 8,09,638 | 10,991 | 7,27,298 |
| Tamil Nadu | 7,14,235 | 10,983 | 6,75,518 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 4,74,054 | 6,940 | 4,40,847 |
| Kerala | 4,02,675 | 1,377 | 3,09,032 |
| Delhi | 3,64,341 | **6,356** | 3,30,112 |
| West Bengal | 3,57,779 | 6,604 | 3,14,003 |
| Odisha | 2,83,942 | 1,325 | 2,68,115 |
| Telangana | 2,31,834 | 1,311 | 2,11,912 |
| Bihar | 2,13,383 | 1,065 | 2,03,244 |
| Assam | 2,04,789 | 914 | 1,91,027 |
| Rajasthan | 1,89,844 | 1,867 | 1,72,028 |
| Chhattisgarh | 1,77,608 | 1,861 | 1,53,654 |
| Gujarat | 1,69,073 | 3,698 | 1,51,988 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 1,67,969 | 2,890 | 1,54,222 |

# Bihar campaign gets acerbic as leaders hit below the belt

## Nitish targets Lalu's family, Tejashwi hits back, drags in PM

DEEPAK UPRETI ■ NEW DELHI

The air is toxic as the tongue has gone acerbic in Bihar that on Wednesday goes to poll for the first of the three-phased elections. The captains of political parties in their quest to damn and damage each other to the hilt are hitting below the belt, leaving aside their "gentleman façade". And in the process, Prime Minister Narendra Modi too is being dragged in.

Turning the big battle for Bihar more personal this week, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, otherwise known for attacking his rivals from within the dignified confines, took potshots at rival Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) supremo Lalu Prasad Yadav for having nine children, in his pursuit for a son.

Though the Chief Minister didn't mention the Yadavs in his jibe, he did not leave much to the imagination of his poll audience when he said, "They have eight-nine children. They have no faith in daughters.

After so many daughters, they had a son. You all can see — this is the kind of Bihar they want to make."

Nitish Kumar could say so about Lalu's "numbers" as his own family is small and incognito.

In a sharp response, Lalu's son Tejashwi Yadav, reminded Kumar that Narendra Modi also has several siblings and by commenting on my family, he is targeting the Prime Minister also. "Using such language, Nitish Kumar has insulted women and my mother's sentiments.

They don't speak on the main issues, like inflation, corruption, unemployment," Tejashwi, who has been targeting Nitish by calling him "mentally and physically tired", said.

Siding with its ally, the Congress said Nitish's conduct shows he is upset and worried about his defeat.

But this is not the first time that the Chief Minister took up the "cause" of "daughters" in the ongoing Bihar poll. Early this week, he raised the issue of the alleged misbehaviour with Aishwarya Rai, the estranged wife of Lalu Yadav's elder son Tej Pratap Yadav.

"Look at what kind of ill-treatment was meted out to an educated girl…whatever happened made us feel very ashamed," Nitish exclaimed while addressing her father Chandrika Rai's election rally. Rai is seeking re-election as JD(U) candidate from Parsa Assembly segment.

## CAPSULE

**NMC SR DOCTORS GO ON INDEFINITE STRIKE**

**New Delhi:** Patients of North Corporation-run hospitals faced hardship as senior doctors there went on an indefinite strike on Tuesday.

**SALLAHUDIN, BHATKAL BROS NAMED ULTRAS**

**New Delhi:** Continuing to deal with terrorism with an "iron hand", government on Tuesday designated 18 more individuals as "terrorists" including chief of banned Hizbul Mujahideen Syed Sallahudin.

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# 315 students get Covid positive in Mizoram after schools reopen

## Setback to school resumption plan; ICMR says kids can be spreaders or super spreaders

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In a setback to various State Governments' planning to open schools post Diwali, the Centre on Tuesday said children can be spreaders or super spreaders. The observation came following reports of at least 315 active cases among children in Mizoram, prompting the Northeastern State to close down the schools.

Talking to reporters here on Tuesday at a Press briefing, Dr Balram Bhargava, DG of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) said, "Children were thought to be protected but we now have some evidence which states

that children can be spreaders and even super spreaders."

He was replying to a question about the Mizoram decision to close down the schools after 315 school students were found to be infected with the virus.

The Mizoram Government closed all schools from October 26 after a number of Class 10 and 12 students, who had been attending classes since October 16, tested positive for coronavirus.

When asked if the children were suffering with Kawasaki disease, he said in negative and explained that "This (Kawasaki) is a rare condition and common among males. Kawasaki disease is an autoimmune disease that affects children who are less than 5 years of age. It is less common in India. I don't think we have had any experience of Kawasaki with Covid-19 in India so far."

He further said overall the figure in India is that below the age of 17 years, only 8 per cent are found to be Covid-19 positive, and below the age of 5 years, that figure would be much less.

While, school students found Covid-positive have been probably first of such kind instance in the country on record, a study carried out by researchers from the Princeton Environmental Institute (PEI), Johns Hopkins University and the University of California Berkeley in collaboration with public health officials in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu showed that children and young adults have more propensity to transmit novel coronavirus, especially within households.

# SC: HC to monitor Hathras probe, CRPF to provide security to victims

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI investigation in Hathras case, in which a Dalit girl was allegedly brutally raped and died of injuries, is to be monitored by the Allahabad High Court and the CRPF would provide security to the victim's family and witnesses in the case, the Supreme Court said Tuesday.

The issue of transferring the trial out of Uttar Pradesh would be considered if the need arises in future, apex court said, observing that all aspects of the matter are left open to be considered by the high court.

A bench headed by Chief Justice S A Bobde noted in its verdict that Lucknow bench of Allahabad High Court has taken note of Hathras incident and passed order directing registration of suo motu petition.

# Credit of 'interest on interest' during moratorium by Nov 5: Govt to SC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre has informed the Supreme Court that lenders have been directed to credit in the accounts of eligible borrowers by November 5 the difference between compound interest and simple interest collected on loans of up to Rs 2 crore during the RBI's loan moratorium scheme.

The Ministry of Finance has said that after crediting this amount, the lending institutions would claim reimbursement from the Centre.

In an affidavit, the Government has said that Ministry has issued a scheme as per which lending institutions would credit this amount in accounts of borrowers for the 6-month loan moratorium period which was announced following Covid-19 pandemic situation.

# Ankhi Das quits FB for public service

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Ankhi Das, the controversial India policy head of Facebook who was accused of opposing blocking of right-wing hate content, has quit the company. "Ankhi has decided to step down from her role in Facebook to pursue her interest in public service. Ankhi was one of our earliest employees in India and played an instrumental role in the growth of the company and its services over the last 9 years.

She has made enormous contributions. We are grateful for her service and wish her the very best for the future," Facebook's Managing Director India Ajit Mohan said in an e-mailed statement.

Ankhi was accused of posting messages in support of the BJP for several years on a Facebook group of the company's employees.

Over 40 human rights and internet watchdog organisations had called on Facebook to place Das on leave until the company finishes conducting an ongoing audit of its India operations.

# SRHU, VC Vijay Dhasmana walks 'The Pioneer Talk'

## The varsity to train and support 1000 youths on various aspects of home stay scheme; enters MoU with 'Learnt-it'

**PNS ■ DEHRADUN**

In an endeavour to develop skills of local youth, the Swami Rama Himalayan University (SRHU), Jollygrant has decided to provide training to 1000 youths on various aspects of home stay scheme. In the initial phase, 100 youth will be given free training.

For the purpose the university has entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Learn-it, an organization working in the field of self-employment. Under this, learn-it experts will train youth in SRHU. It is worth mentioning here that the Vice Chancellor (VC) of the university, Vijay Dhasmana had made an announcement for his intention for such an endeavour during his interaction with The Pioneer during the popular 'Pioneer Talk' programme recently.

Dhasmana said that the focus of SRHU is not just on giving book knowledge to the youth and distributing degrees to them. "Our aim is to prepare students in that direction by understanding social needs. Our focus is on introducing courses through which youth can become self-reliant rather than jobs and a source of inspiration for society.

Uttarakhand has immense potential in the fields of agriculture, horticulture, floriculture, tourism and wellness. The youth of Uttarakhand can become self-reliant by working in the field of home stay. On a very large scale, SRHU is going to train the youth for home stay.

Many youths from Uttarakhand have returned during the Covid period and they have experience of working in hotels. These youth will be selected and they will be linked with the home-stay business," he said.The SRHU plans to support these youths after the training so that they can become successful entrepreneurs. In first batch, 100 youths will be given completely free vocational training.

The duration of this training will be around 200 hours, which will be completed in different stages. Interested youth can contact on phone number + 91-7869568769 for more information.

# Khattar attacks Cong for opposing farm laws

## Cong raises hue and cry whenever Govt takes any major decision: Haryana CM

**PNS ■ CHANDIGARH**

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Tuesday launched a scathing attack on the Congress over its criticism of the recent farm sector laws, and said the opposition party raises a hue and cry whenever the Government takes any major decision.

"The Congress is misleading the farmers by telling them that the new laws will ruin them, lead to dismantling of mandis and the minimum support price (MSP) system, and will help big corporate houses exploit them," the Chief Minister said while speaking at a state-level event in Hisar to mark the occasion of completion of one year of the BJP-JJP coalition in office.

"Chaudhary Devi Lal used to say it is difficult sometimes to make farmers understand, but easy to mislead them," the Chief Minister said referring to his deputy Dushyant Chautala's great grandfather and former deputy Prime Minister.

Manohar Lal and his Deputy Dushyant Chautala said the ruling combine is committed to take the state on a higher growth trajectory.

Over the next four years the government is committed to take the state on a higher growth trajectory, the Chief Minister said while talking to the mediapersons.

The Congress is repeatedly spreading lies and is in the habit of raising a hue and cry whenever the government takes any major decision, be it the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution or the Ram temple construction in Ayodhya, he said.

He said during the first term of the BJP-led Government in the state and now during the past one year of the coalition Government, jobs have been given on merit. We will give one lakh jobs in five years. During the past one year, we have already given 10,000 jobs, he said, adding that the government is committed to reserve 75 per cent jobs in the private industry for Haryana youths.

The Chief Minister also took a dig at the Congress, saying only father-son (former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda and his MP-son Deepender Hooda) are campaigning for party candidate Induraj Narwal in Baroda. "No other Congress leader is ready to go there," he said, adding that the opposition party knows their candidate will meet the same fate as seen in the Jind bypolls in January 2019.

"The Congress had fielded a big leader in Jind (Randeep Singh Surjewala), but he had to face a humiliating defeat. He not only lost in Jind, but in the 2019 assembly polls he lost his Kaithal seat too and now is campaigning in Bihar," Manohar Lal said.

He further said despite the challenges posed by COVID-19, Haryana is comparatively better off than many other states.

With the State Government laying a lot of emphasis on digitalisation, he said, this had helped during the pandemic situation to extend relief to various sections who were adversely hit.

Manohar Lal , who had also tested positive for COVID-19 in August and later recovered from it, appealed to people not to lower their guard even if the recovery rate is quite high.

He also condemned the burning of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's effigies on the occasion of Dussehra by some farmer leaders in Haryana and asked should a "Ram bhakt" PM be equated with demon king Ravana.

On the occasion, Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala, a JJP leader, said, "A year ago, the opposition used to say this government will not complete three months, then they used to say it will fall after six months, but now we have completed one year. "

He said that not only has the government taken strong steps against corruption but also towards increasing the revenue.It is the aim of the State Government to take the state to new avenues of development, and in the next 4 years.

# Haryana CM dedicates 306 projects entailing ₹1,848-crore expenditure

**Foundation stones of 166 projects costing ₹959.20 cr were laid in various districts**

**PNS ■ CHANDIGARH**

On the completion of the first year of the second term of his Government, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Tuesday dedicated 306 developmental projects entailing an expenditure of ₹1,848.09 crore in 21 districts.

A total of 140 projects completed at a cost of ₹888.89 crore were inaugurated, while the foundation stones of 166 projects costing ₹ 959.20 crore were laid in various districts except Sonipat.The Chief Minister said that today is a historic day as inauguration and laying of foundation stones of 306 development projects has been done simultaneously in the state.He said that perhaps inauguration and laying the foundation stone of such a large number of projects have never been done at this scale in any part of the country before. The projects include one to construct a runway for Phase-II of the Integrated Aviation Hub in Hisar.

The Chief Minister said that the project is being developed in a phased manner.

In phase-I, Hisar airport became the first DGCA licensed Aerodrome of the State and phase-Il of the project involves the development of the 3rd largest airport of NCR Region.

Phase-ll of the project includes an extension of the runway to 10,000 feet and it will have CAT-II lighting system cum Instrument landing System/DVOR.

# Sukhbir blasts move for reduction in States' share in revenue pool

## Calls for a national initiative to 'protect federal structure'

**PNS ■ CHANDIGARH**

Lashing out at the Centre's proposed move to further slash States' share in the divisible pool of revenue, the Shiromani Akali Dal president Sukhbir Singh Badal on Tuesday reiterated his party's demand that the states' share in this pool must be raised to 50 percent "at the very least"

Also calling for a national initiative to protect the country's federal structure, Sukhbir said: "Time has come for a nationwide awareness and movement for securing greater fiscal autonomy for all States. This is the only long-term solution to the Centre's growing hegemony, which in fact is working against our national interest."

He said that the SAD has always been a votary of more powers to the States and has made huge sacrifices for this cause. "Strong states mean a strong India, just as strong limbs mean a strong body. You cannot weaken legs and arms or heart and lungs and still claim that the body as a whole would remain strong. Those at the helm at the Centre need to understand this," he said.Sukhbir also stressed the need for revisiting the formulae for the horizontal allocation of funds among various states.

"It is unfortunate that the country's federal structure has been under constant attacks from successive governments at the Centre. Unfortunately, the present Government is no exception. The states have already been reduced to the status of beggars at the Centre's door. The latest reported move is only one more step to impoverish them further and to make them complete slaves before the Centre," said Sukhbir in a strongly worded statement.

Sukhbir added that the Centre has been usurping the states' resources by using the backdoor channels such as the subtle and frequent shifting of issues from the States to the Concurrent List.

"Further, the Centre has been taking a frequent resort to legislating on the Concurrent List to leave little breathing space for the states. All this has reduced the country's federal structure to a mere joke," he added.

Scoffing at the reason being advanced to justify the latest move at reducing states' share in the revenue pool, Sukhbir said: "Giving COVID-19 as the reason for Centre's increased liability is ridiculous.

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# Jakhar slams Modi Govt for destroying country's federal structure

**PNS ■ ROPAR/CHANDIGARH**

Punjab Congress president Sunil Jakhar on Tuesday said that to hide its failures, the Narendra Modi Government at the Centre was hell bent upon destroying the country's federal structure.Jakhar, interacting with the farmers, arhtiyas and labourers under the 'mass contact program' to awaken the people against the anti-farmers laws, said that the Bills passed by the Modi Government would have a castigating effect on the farmers and the labourers.

During the mass interaction, major thrust would be laid on making the people aware about how the bills passed by the Punjab Government led by Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh would safeguard the interests of the farmers from the anti-farmers stance of the Union Government.

"Earlier in the international arena, one nation used to put economic restrictions on the other; but for the first time in the history of the country, the Modi Government has unleashed this regime against the states," said Jakhar.Citing the examples, Jakhar said that by not giving the state's share in GST to Punjab and now by stopping movement of goods trains in the State, the Modi Government was targeting Punjab as its farmers were raising voice against the draconian bills of the Union Government.

"This attitude of the Modi Government is the blatant violation of the federal structure in the country," Jakhar said, adding that the bills passed by Union Government would ruin the agrarian economy of the State besides being fatal for the arhtiyas, transporters, small traders and labourers.

He said that to mitigate the woes of all stakeholders, the Capt Amarinder Government has passed three laws in the recently-held Vidhan Sabha session. "As the Chief Minister has acted as saviour of Punjab's water by terminating the 2004 Water Agreement Act; in the same manner, he has now safeguarded the farmers of State by passing these bills in the state assembly," said Jakhar.

Quipping on frequent change of stance by SAD chief Sukhbir Badal on the issue, Jakhar said that without knowing about the serious repercussions of these bills of Modi Government, the Akali leadership supported the bill for three months by describing them as a boon for the farmers.

"The foundation of this anti-farmers bill was laid by the Akalis during their regime when they had converted the Rs 31,000 crore wheat scam into a loan and put the State in a whirlpool to repay it in 20 years," he said adding that both BJP and Akali Dal were two sides of same coin and have single common agenda of ruining Punjab.

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# Shivam to release new number

**PNS ■ DEHRADUN**

Vocalist and rapper Shivam Sadana is set to release his new number titled Shehenshah. "This is my one of the best hiphop Hindi rap track which I have composed myself and it is mixed and mastered by Pushkar.

It will be available on all music streaming apps by October 28 and on You Tube by November 12," he said.

Shivam has earned popularity with his two Punjabi singles (Paave Gucci and Kaint Teri Nazran) crossing more than 18 lakh views on You Tube.

"An original artist can work much better independently than working with labels as working with music companies includes obligations, restrictions and clauses. There is less freedom in that area. I have full confidence that this track will be liked by young hiphop listeners. I plan to release many more tracks including an English number in the future," he added.

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**अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना**

निम्नलिखित कार्यों हेतु दिनांक 16.11.2020 को उत्तराखण्ड कृषि उत्पादन विपणन बोर्ड मे वित्तीय रुप से सुदृढ पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से अपरान्ह 3:00 बजे तक अधोहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय में मोहरबन्द निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती हैं, जो उसी दिन अधोहस्ताक्षरी द्वारा अपरान्ह 3:30 बजे उपस्थित निविदादाताओं/प्रतिनिधियों के समक्ष खोली जायेगी।

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| हल्द्वानी | 1 | हल्द्वानी मण्डी के क्षेत्रान्तर्गत ग्राम करायल जौलासाल मोहल्ला नारायणपुर मे 260 मी0 सम्पर्क मार्ग का निर्माण कार्य। | 75000.00 | 2000.00+ G.S.T. | 6 माह | ब |
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# AAP urges Congress, BJP to broach farmers' issue with PM

**PNS ■ CHANDIGARH**

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Tuesday appealed to Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh, and BJP's state leadership to take up the issue of farmers with the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and have it resolved sooner than later.

Making the appeal, AAP's Punjab unit general secretary Harchand Singh Barsat said that the Bills passed by the Capt Amarinder Singh Government in the Vidhan Sabha, to amend the three Central anti-farmer agriculture laws, were not going to benefit the farmers in any way, "as they are unlikely to get the assent of Punjab Governor and the President, for sure".

He alleged that the Chief Minister had squandered away the people's money for his personal glorification through advertisements, only to mislead the people of Punjab by peddling lies about it.Similarly, the BJP leaders had been trying to mislead the Punjabis on the issue by resorting to political gimmickry. "If they have a little love lost for the farmers and their families, they should care for the Punjabis and help resolve the issues the farmers are fighting for," said Barsat while lamenting that, instead of being sensitive to the cause of farmers, who were fighting on the roads, railway tracks, the governments were not willing to talk to them even as 33 days of their relentless struggle had rolled by.Bursat urged Punjab Government and BJP leaders to be sensitive to enormity of issues of the farmers and immediately approach Prime Minister to resolve issue of Punjabis on a priority basis.

## Punjab Govt indulging in bullying unemployed teachers in State: AAP

**Chandigarh:** AAP's Punjab unit on Tuesday opposed the alleged harassment of the state's youth meted saying that instead of providing employment to them, the unemployed teachers fighting for jobs were being targeted. "Capt Amarinder Singh Government, like the previous Badal government, has been humiliating them," said AAP's state youth wing president and MLA Meet Hayer and MLA Rupinder Kaur Ruby.

They said that the unemployed teachers, including females, who were protesting in front of the Chief Minister's Moti Mahal in Patiala were first tortured by the Patiala police at the behest of those at the helms, and then cases were registered against them. Lashing out at the Government, they alleged that the unemployed BEd and DPE (873) teachers' union leaders protesting in front of the Moti Mahal were maltreated at CM's behest.

They demanded immediate cancellation of the cases registered against them and sought stringent action against those who misbehaved with the protesting teachers, saying that it was democratic right of unemployed teachers to hold protests for jobs.

# Edu Minister's lungs showing no improvement: Doctors

## Mahto to remain on life support system

**PNS ■ RANCHI**

Critically-ill School Education and Literacy minister Jagarnath Mahto, who had to be put on life support at a private hospital in Chennai following a severe Covid-19 infection, which damaged his lungs, is yet to show signs of improvement, doctors said on Tuesday. Doctors highlighted that Mahto's lungs were still in bad shape and may not function fully without external assistance in the near future.

The Co-director of Institute of Heart and Lung Transplantation & Mechanical Circulatory Assist Device at Mahatma Gandhi Memorial (MGM) Healthcare in Chennai, Dr. Suresh Rao said that Mahto was stable but his lungs were not improving despite being put on Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO). "We have to give his lungs more time to respond to the treatment. He is stable, but his lungs are not showing any signs of improvement as of now," said Dr. Rao.

ECMO is a life support system in which the gas exchange happens outside the body through the machine instead of the lungs. Once the blood is oxygenated and carbon dioxide is removed, it is given back to the heart, from where it circulates to other parts of the body.

At present, doctors at MGM were not even testing the efficiency of Mahto's lungs as the process of CT Scan may also pose health risks at this point in time, Rao added.

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# Covid-19 contagion on decline in U'khand

## 213 fresh cases reported on Tuesday. Only 922 active Covid patients in State now; recovery percentage climbs to 91.23

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The contagion of novel Coronavirus (Covid-19) is showing clear signs of getting contained in Uttarakhand. On Tuesday only 213 fresh cases of the disease were reported by the state health department. The state now has 60957 patients of the disease with the active cases at 922.

The department also reported the death of six patients of the disease on the day after which the death toll from the disease mounted to 1007.

The authorities discharged 422 patients of the disease after their recovery from different hospitals of the state. A total of 55610 patients have so far recovered from the disease. With increased recoveries and fewer fresh cases of the disease, the recovery rate from the disease has climbed to 91.23 percent in the state.

The Infection Rate (IR) which is calculated by dividing the total number of patients from that of total samples tested is at 6.26 percent.

Two patients of Covid-19 succumbed to the disease at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Rishikesh on Tuesday.

Similarly one patient each was reported dead at Himalayan hospital Dehradun, Mahant Indiresh hospital, Sushila Tiwari government hospital and Udham Singh Nagar on the day.

The authorities reported 58 cases of Covid-19 from Dehradun, 29 from Tehri, 24 from Nainital, 21 from Pauri, 16 each from Haridwar and Uttarkashi, 12 from Udham Singh Nagar, nine from Rudraprayag, eight from Bageshwar, seven from Pithoragarh, six each from Chamoli and Champawat and one from Almora on Tuesday.

Uttarakhand now has 3865 active patients of the disease. Dehradun district with 922 active cases is at top of table while with 481 active cases Pauri district has jumped to second position.

Nainital has 421, Haridwar 390, Udham Singh Nagar 276, Uttarkashi 262, Tehri 221, Chamoli 188, Rudraprayag 183, Pithoragarh 178, Champawat 134 and Almora 106 active cases of the disease.

With 103 active cases of Covid-19, Bageshwar is at the bottom of the table.

# Bansal files nomination for Rajya Sabha seat

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The Bharatiya Janata Party candidate for one Rajya Sabha seat from Uttarakhand, Naresh Bansal filed his nomination papers here on Tuesday.

Chief minister Trivendra Singh Rawat, BJP state president Banshidhar Bhagat, MP Ajay Bhatt, cabinet minister Madan Kaushik and state minister Dhan Singh Rawat among others were also present with Bansal on the occasion.

Earlier, in the morning Bansal visited the Dat Kali temple to seek blessings of the goddess. He then reached the BJP State office where he was welcomed by party's office bearers, MLAs and party workers.

Speaking on the occasion, the BJP State president expressed happiness at the party granting the ticket to Bansal. "He is an old party worker who had left his job in a bank to serve the party. Bansal has served the organisation in various capacities," said Bhagat.

Later in the afternoon, he went along with the CM, Bhagat and others to the statehood martyrs memorial to pay his respects. He then reached the Vidhan Sabha to file his nomination. Expressing happiness at Bansal being given the ticket, the CM said that he was a senior party worker who had served the organisation in various capacities.

Bansal thanked PM Narendra Modi, BJP national president JP Nadda, Home minister Amit Shah, Defence minister Rajnath Singh, the CM and the party's state president for the opportunity.

# CM Rawat chairs Devsthanam Board meeting

## Badrinath expansion vital to ensure proper management in future

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat presided over a meeting of the Char Dham Devsthanam Management Board at his residence on Tuesday.

In addition to discussing various issues related to the functioning of the board, approval was also granted to various draft rules prepared by the board which would be made available to the state administration.

This also includes the manual regarding the deciding and protection of traditional rights of priests, Nyasi, Teerth Purohits and other traditional right holders.

Regarding the expansion and beautification of the Badrinath temple compound and nearby sites, it was decided that considering the yearly rise in number of pilgrims arriving here the expansion and beautification is necessary to ensure proper facilities, traffic management and accommodation for the pilgrims.

It was decided that the Devsthanam Board will do the needful and prepare the proposal soon to submit to the state administration. The board will also be able to arrange technical and subject experts for this task at its level.

An agreement was also reached on the renovation of the Tungnath temple and Sabha Mandap for which a devotee from USA, Pankaj Kumar has expressed his wish to provide the fund.

Approval was also granted for construction of Ishaneshwar temple in Kedarnath to fund which a donor from Mumbai, Manoj Solanki has expressed interest.

Agreement was also reached on repairing the Kedarnath Rawal's room, renovation of Ukhimath temple in the future, digitalisation of old manuscripts and bringing the Kartik Swami temple under the purview of the board.

The CM who is the chairman of the board directed that details of priests, Pandas, Purohits and musicians in Badrinath and Kedarnath be prepared so that financial assistance can be provided to them also when required.

The board's CEO, Ravinath Raman informed that till October 25, about 1.72 lakh people had undertaken the Char Dham Yatra. The board has made two lakh registrations. Further, Rs 7.55 crore had been collected in Badrinath and Rs 75 lakh in Kedarnath.

Cabinet minister and the board's vice chairman Satpal Maharaj, MLAs Mahendra Bhatt, Gopal Rawat, secretaries Dilip Jawalkar, Sowjanya and others were present in the meeting.

# PPSA writes to Education Deparment to amend SOPs

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Stating that 90 per cent parents of the students of day schools are still against sending their children to schools from November 2 while the reply of several parents of students of residential schools is still pending,

the members of Principals Progressive Schools' Association (PPSA) have decided not to reopen schools with less than 50 per cent strength of students.

In a recent letter to the education secretary of Uttarakhand, R Meenakshi Sundaram, the head of PPSA, Prem Kashyap has stated that the private schools are being categorically targeted by the State government in the recently released Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).

According to the members of the association, it appears like a threat that as per the government, the schools will be booked under the relevant sections of the Epidemic Act if school management fails to abide by the issued guidelines.

They wrote to Sundaram that the students of day schools spend maximum time with their parents at home which makes it irrelevant and illogical to implement this act against school management in the current pandemic.

Moreover, they also asked the government to provide the facility of free Covid-19 test for students and staff members of schools and added that rather than the school management submitting the test reports daily to the chief education officer, the authorities can verify the reports during their regular inspection of the schools.

The association also raised the issue against the order that the arrangements should be made in the residential schools for non residential staff till the further orders and termed it as impractical.

The heads of several private schools expect that the government will hopefully consider the said issues of the school management and will amend the SOPs.

# U'khand HC quashes FIR, orders CBI probe

PNS ■ NAINITAL

Cancelling an FIR lodged in a case of a social media post targeting Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat, the Uttarakhand high court has ordered an investigation by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in the case.

The petition filed by the accused Umesh Sharma seeking quashing of the FIR was heard by the single bench of justice Ravindra Maithani. In the case, retired professor Harendra Singh Rawat had lodged a police complaint against Sharma for attempted blackmailing and other alleged crimes on July 31.

The petitioner had uploaded a video on the social media in which he had claimed that a person from Jharkhand had deposited money in the account of Rawat and his wife during demonetisation and that this money was to be given to the chief minister. He had further claimed in the video that the retired professor's wife was the sister of the chief minister's wife.

In the police complaint, the retired professor had stated that all the allegations were false and baseless, and that the bank documents shown in the video were forged.

Appearing for Sharma, senior Supreme Court lawyer Kapil Sibal and others in a case of alleged transactions during demonitisation lodged against Sharma in Jharkhand, he was already out on bail. Considering this, an accused cannot be arrested twice in the same case. After hearing the arguments, the high court quashed the FIR lodged against Sharma and ordered a CBI probe in the case.

# Maharaj directs special probe in Suryadhar project

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

No type of negligence or irregularity will be tolerated in construction of Suryadhar barrage which is the dream project of chief minister Trivendra Singh Rawat. The State's Irrigation minister Satpal Maharaj said this while issuing written orders to irrigation secretary for a special probe in this project.

The reply provided by department in response to report sought by administration has revealed anomalies at various levels in construction of Suryadhar project. Considering this, minister has ordered a special investigation in project. He stated that compared toestimated project cost of Rs 1,837.34 lakh, a sum of Rs 4,100 lakh was spent so far and possibility more will have to be spent.

# U'khand Govt failure on every front: Yadav

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The in-charge of Uttarakhand Congress, Devendra Yadav, has said that the BJP Government of State has failed on all fronts.

Talking to the media persons at the state headquarters of the party here on Tuesday he said that the state government has failed to tackle the pandemic of Covid-19 and has not fulfilled its promise to provide employment to the youth.

Speaking about the objective of his first visit to the state after being appointed as the in charge of the party, Yadav said that he would hold interaction with top leaders of the party as well as block level leaders.

He said that based on the feedback from all leaders a strategy would be formulated for return of Congress in power in Uttarakhand.

On the question of Congress being divided in different factions in Uttarakhand, Yadav said that all the leaders are united.

Meanwhile the three day visit of Uttarakhand in charge of Congress party Devendra Yadav started on a hectic note on Tuesday as he took a series of meetings with different leaders.

He started the day with a closed door meeting with the Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) president Pritam Singh, general secretary of All India Congress Committee (AICC) and former chief minister Harish Rawat and leader of opposition in state assembly Indira Hridayesh.

Former PCC president Kishore Upadhyaya also attended the meeting. The meeting assumed significance because the Uttarakhand Congress is believed to be divided into factions led by these leaders.

It is learnt that Yadav understood the dynamics of the party from these leaders and also conveyed the message of the party high command.

The meeting was also attended by AICC secretary, Qazi Nizamuddin and co in-charge of the party, Rajesh Dharmani.

After this meeting Yadav met the members of All India Congress Committee (AICC) and former MLAs, the leaders of different frontal organisations of the party and members of the PCC. The series of the meetings continued till late evening at the Rajiv Bhawan which remained the focus of hectic activity on the day.

Informing about these meetings, the Vice President of Uttarakhand Congress Surya Kant Dhasmana said that the state in charge took feedback on the political situation in the state.

He discussed the achievements of the Congress government in the state from 2012 to 2017 and compared them with the present Government. Yadav asked the Congress leaders to take this comparative account to the general public.

Dhasmana said that the Yadav directed the Congress leaders to focus on failures of Trivendra Singh Rawat Government and the union Government led by Narendra Modi and advised that the Congress leaders should attack these governments. In the meeting with the AICC leaders and former MPs, MLAs and MP candidates of 2019 elections, Yadav discussed ways to strengthen the party at booth level.

An understanding to raise the issues in the internal forum of the party was also reached in this meeting.

## Yadav accorded warm welcome

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The visit of the newly appointed in charge of Uttarakhand appeared to infuse enthusiasm in the state unit of the Congress party.

Hordes of Congressmen of all hues were seen in the Rajiv Bhawan and it was apparent that Yadav has done his homework well. Earlier on the day, the state in charge was accorded a warm welcome by the party leaders and workers. At Dehradun airport, he was received by the Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) president Pritam Singh and other leaders.

His cavalcade was stopped by the Congress workers at Doiwala, Mianwala, Mokhumpur, Nehru Colony and Aaraghar where he was garlanded.

# SCPCR sends third summon to purported victim & her husband

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCR) has sent the third summon to the woman who had accused Dwarahat MLA Mahesh Negi of sexual exploitation and her husband for alleged illegal DNA testing of her daughter who she has claimed was allegedly fathered by Negi.

The commission had sent the first summon to the woman and her husband in September on the basis of a Nainital based lawyer's complaint.

The woman has claimed in various platforms that she had tested the DNA of her daughter and her husband which did not match as the husband is not the biological father of the child but according to the complainant, it is illegal to test DNA without the permission of authorities.

Though the woman has failed to appear in the commission in response to the two earlier summons, she has asked the secretary of the commission this time to provide the copies of the documents like newspaper clippings or videos on the basis of which the complainant has filed complaint against her.

Regarding this, commission has directed Nehru Colony police station in-charge to provide required copies of documents to woman.

# District admin to introduce LED light strings in local market by Oct 31

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Promoting the spirit of vocal for local this year, the Dehradun district administration is planning to introduce LED light strings in the local market of the district for Diwali by the end of this month.

A few months back amid the Covid-19 pandemic, the administration started the training programme under the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) to provide training and develop the skills of the women associated with various Self Help Groups (SHGs).

According to the officials, there are about 3000 SHGs under NRLM so far and most of the women in these SHGs are housewives. Moreover, apart from working on various projects including making face masks and Take Home Ration (THR) packaging,these women also make LED string lights. The administration carries out training and working process of such string lights at the growth centre located in Thano area.

Also, the work of these women was recently displayed by decorating the buildings like the collectorate building and Clock Tower with the tricolour LED string lights on the occasion of Independence Day.

As per the officials, the administration would introduce over 3,000 LED string lights in the local market of the district to promote and encourage the local manufacturers and customers to sell and buy locally assembled quality LED string lights this Diwali.

According to Dehradun chief development officer (CDO) Nitika Khandelwal, the administration would release at least 3,000 LED light strings in the market by the end of this month.

However, she added that the administration might introduce more string lights in the market but it all depends on how much the women who are working on the light strings would be able to manufacture by the end of this month.

The officials maintain that all the said LED lights strings are waterproof and have better quality than the regular Chinese light strings that mostly dominate the local market during Diwali every year.


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| **Branch Name: Almora** | |
| 091205001120 | Saurav Joshi |
| 091205001200 | Parkash Chandra Pandey |
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| **Branch Name: Bhagwanpur** | |
| 364205000156 | Mohd Shahrukh |
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| **Branch Name: Dehradun-Chakrataroad** | |
| 159305001141 | Ravi Gupta |
| 159305001155 | Diwakar Pandey |
| **Branch Name: Dehradun-Preetienclave** | |
| 097905002113 | Praveen Kumar Dhiman |
| 097905002742 | Munni Khanduri |
| **Branch Name: Dehradun-Raipur Road** | |
| 351005000197 | Rahul Rajpoot |
| **Branch Name: Dehradun-Vikasnagar** | |
| 179605000491 | Tafseer |
| 179605000675 | Buti Nath |
| 179605000679 | Geeta Ram Dobhal |
| **Branch Name: Gadarpur** | |
| 408105000106 | Sukhajeet Kaur |
| 408105000190 | Nizamuddin * |
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| 024005002898 | Govind Singh Bisht |
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| 024005003373 | Bhuwan Chand Pandey |
| **Branch Name: Haldwani-Kaldungiroad** | |
| 192405000437 | Taradatta |
| 192405000626 | Guru Prakash Singh |
| 192405000584 | Bhuwan Chandra Belwal |
| 192405000594 | Gopal Gopal |
| **Branch Name: Haridwar** | |
| 023905005506 | Manish Kumar Mittal |
| 023905005473 | Sanjeev Kumar |
| 023905004406 | Deepti Khurana |
| 023905005121 | Kulavinder Kulavinder |
| 023905005142 | Ranveer Kumar Singh |
| 023905005660 | Arun Chauhan |
| 023905005717 | Yogesh Kumar |
| **Branch Name: Haridwar - Shivalik Nagar** | |
| 245905000510 | Sandeep Kumar |
| 245905000308 | Shivani * |
| 245905000779 | Barun Kumar |
| 245905000861 | Rao Sharik |

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| 090905002021 | Deepak Kumar Singh |
| 090905001018 | Warkat Ali |
| 090905001554 | Devendra Singh |
| 090905001638 | Premjeet Singh |
| 090905001721 | Gudiya * |
| 090905002000 | Gurvant Singh |
| 090905002056 | Anil Kumar |
| 090905002090 | Rajveer Singh Yadav |
| 090905002109 | Paramjeet Singh |
| 090905002402 | Pankaj Kumar |
| 090905002382 | Gunjan Sharma |
| 090905002438 | Surendra Singh |
| 090905002444 | Mohd Imran |
| 090905002465 | Harjindar Kaur |
| 090905002472 | Farukh * |
| **Branch Name: Kashipur-Katoratalroad** | |
| 160105001031 | Amit Kumar |
| 160105000800 | Gaurav Arora |
| 160105001956 | Manoj Gupta |
| 160105002397 | Sabir Hussain |
| **Branch Name: Khatima** | |
| 179405000435 | Amrinder Singh |
| 179405000525 | Irshad Wali Kha |
| 179405000695 | Tej Pal Singh |
| 179405000918 | Aasif Ansari |
| 179405000989 | Lakhavindar Singh |
| 179405001150 | Naveen Singh |
| 179405001162 | Md Shabab |
| **Branch Name: Kichha** | |
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| 199005001581 | Afaroj Ahmad |
| 199005001746 | Mohd Jakir |
| 199005001223 | Mukesh Chandra |
| 199005001254 | Mohd Tarik |
| 199005001301 | Mohd Tarik |
| 199005001303 | Baldev Singh |
| 199005001492 | Jiyaul Qamar |
| 199005001569 | Shamim Vano |
| **Branch Name: Kotdwara** | |
| 159705000572 | Naresh Chandra Dhasmana |
| 159705001029 | Vikas Vikas |
| 159705001170 | Pankaj Kumar |
| **Branch Name: Mussoorie** | |
| 159505000378 | Gagira Devi |
| 159505000383 | Poonam Na |
| 159505000430 | Shiv Kumar |
| 159505000470 | Leela Devi |
| **Branch Name: Nainital** | |
| 098005001921 | Kamalesh |
| 098005001650 | Irsad Husain |
| 098005001172 | Indra |
| 098005001893 | Santosh Kumar |
| 098005001912 | Suneel Joshi |
| 098005002315 | Vijay Kumar |
| 098005002346 | Sudheer Sudheer |
| 098005002397 | Girjesh Kumar |
| 098005002452 | Devendra Kumar |
| 098005002459 | Deepak Kumar |
| 098005002466 | Devendra Kumar |
| 098005002518 | Amrit Parasad |
| 098005002542 | Satish Chandra |
| 098005002872 | Naveen Chandra |
| 098005002904 | Vinod Kumar |
| 098005002929 | Hriday Ram |
| 098005002953 | Lalit Mohan Bisht |
| 098005003019 | Savita Arya |
| 098005003045 | Kamla Kamla Devi |

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| 101805000659 | Anil Negi |
| 101805000695 | Savita Kukreti |
| 101805000885 | Pushpa Devi |
| 101805000901 | Sandeep Naudiyal |
| 101805000924 | Pradeep Kumar |
| 101805001006 | Anita Devi |
| 101805001019 | Yogesh Kumar |
| 101805001020 | Bhupendra Singh |
| 101805001071 | Manish Kumar |
| 101805001076 | Asif Quraishi |
| **Branch Name: Pithoragarh** | |
| 158905000773 | Mohit Kumar |
| 158905000576 | Deepak Kumar |
| 158905000754 | Kavita Bhatt |
| 158905000818 | Nirmala Devi |
| **Branch Name: Ramnagar** | |
| 159905000994 | Ram Singh |
| 159905000795 | Suman Na |
| 159905000803 | Daljeet Singh |
| 159905000862 | Daljeet Singh |
| 159905001026 | Sriram Na |
| **Branch Name: Roorkee** | |
| 091305001139 | Sudhir Kumar |
| 091305001381 | Mo Javed |
| 091305001570 | Sandeep Singh Tomar |
| 091305001867 | Randeep Singh Rana |
| 091305002006 | Manoj Kumar |
| 091305002204 | Anoop Kumar |
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| 091305002489 | Ashokee Ashokee |
| **Branch Name: Rudrapur** | |
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| 053305002229 | Manoj Kumar |
| 053305003067 | Hardik Kumar |
| **Branch Name: Rudrapur-Sitarganj** | |
| 350805000325 | Dharmendra Singh |
| 350805000340 | Yasoda Devi |
| 350805000371 | Mushraf Ali |
| **Branch Name: Rudrapur-U.S.Nagar** | |
| 160005000347 | Sukhchain Singh |
| 160005001168 | Ajay Kumar Sharma |
| 160005001169 | Rajkumar Futela |
| 160005001170 | Yash Futela |
| 160005001171 | Manju Bala |
| **Branch Name: Srinagar-Badrinathroad** | |
| 117605000783 | Pushpa Devi |
| 117605000967 | Gyandeep Chaudhary |
| 117605000973 | Rakesh Rakesh |
| 117605000987 | Kuldeep Kumar |
| 117605001003 | Saleem Ahmad |
| 117605001072 | Praveen Praveen |
| 117605001089 | Sandeep Kumar |
| 117605001097 | Anoop Kumar Pal |
| 117605001110 | Pankaj Naithani |
| 117605001113 | Suresh Kumar |
| 117605001114 | Ramesh Anurag |
| 117605001139 | Sajeet Kumar |
| 117605001142 | Meenakshi Negi |
| 117605001143 | Dharmendra Singh Kathait |

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# India, US vow to fight terror, Covid jointly

**PNS** ■ NEW DELHI

India and the US on Tuesday reaffirmed their commitment to fight the scourge of terrorism and resolved to jointly face the challenge posed by the Coronavirus pandemic. The two countries also discussed ways to further strengthen four pillars of the Strategic Energy Partnership (SEP) covering Oil & Gas, Power and Energy Efficiency, Renewables and Sustainable Growth.

These issues came up for detailed discussion in the third 2+2 Minister-level talks between the defence and foreign ministers of the two countries here. The first such high profile dialogue was held in 2018 in New Delhi while the second annual event was in Washington.

A joint statement issued after the latest edition of 2+2 here said the two sides welcomed the virtual convening of the 17th meeting of the India-U.S. Counter Terrorism Joint Working Group and the 3rd Session of the India-U.S. Designations Dialogue on September 9-10, 2020.

They denounced the use of terrorist proxies and strongly condemned cross border terrorism in all its forms. They emphasised the need for concerted action against all terrorist networks, including al-Qaeda, ISIS/Daesh, Lashkar-e-Tayyiba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) and Hizb-ul-Mujahideen.

The Ministers called on Pakistan to take immediate, sustained and irreversible action to ensure that no territory under its control is used for terrorist attacks, and to expeditiously bring to justice the perpetrators and planners of all such attacks, including 26/11 Mumbai, Uri, and Pathankot.

The Ministers also committed to continued exchange of information about sanctions and designations against terror groups and individuals, particularly in light of recent legislative changes in India, as well as countering the financing and operations of terrorist organizations, countering radicalism and terrorist use of the internet, cross-border movement of terrorists, and prosecuting, rehabilitating, and reintegrating returning terrorist fighters and family members.

The Ministers intend to enhance their ongoing cooperation in multilateral fora, including the UN. They also reaffirmed their support for the early adoption of a UN Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism (CCIT) that will advance and strengthen the framework for global cooperation and reinforce the message that no cause or grievance justifies terrorism.

As regards co-operation during the COVID-19 Pandemic, the two delegations applauded the exemplary cooperation between India and the United States in confronting challenges emerging from the COVID-19 pandemic.

They reiterated their resolve to strengthen cooperation in the development of vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics, ventilators and other essential medical equipment. Recognizing that bilateral engagement in the research & development and the mass production of vaccines and therapeutics plays to our respective strengths, the Ministers sought to jointly promote access to high quality, safe, effective and affordable COVID-19 vaccines and treatments on a global scale.

The Ministers looked forward to the conclusion of an overarching MoU between India's Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), including their component agencies and departments, to enhance health cooperation, including on health emergencies and pandemics, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of communicable and non-communicable diseases, and biomedical research and innovation.

The Ministers also looked forward to the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAD/NIH) to collaborate through an International Center of Excellence in Research focused on infectious diseases including COVID-19 and other emerging threats.

The Ministers noted with satisfaction the significant strides made under the four Pillars of the Strategic Energy Partnership (SEP) covering Oil & Gas, Power and Energy Efficiency, Renewables and Sustainable Growth. They also appreciated the progress made under the India-U.S. Gas Task Force and the launch of industry-led projects.

In view of the announcement made during President Donald Trump's visit to India to establish a new India-U.S. Counter-Narcotics Working Group, the Ministers welcomed the proposal to convene the first such virtual meeting later this year, with an in-person meeting in 2021, to enhance cooperation between Indian and U.S. drug and law enforcement agencies.

## Modi slams Opp parties for dynastic corruption

**PNS** ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday slammed the Opposition parties for "dynastic corruption" and said it has become a part of the political culture in some States and has emerged as a formidable challenge that is hollowing out the country like a termite. He was inaugurating a three-day national conference on vigilance and anti-corruption organised by the CBI, the prime minister said that inaction in a single corruption case forms the foundation for future scams and corruption. His remarks came ahead of the polling in the Bihar assembly election, where the BJP-JD(U) alliance has been targetingTejashwi Yadav, the chief ministerial candidate of 'Mahagathbandhan', over corruption cases against his jailed father and RJD leader Lalu Prasad.

"Dynastic corruption, as in corruption transferred from one generation to another, has grown over decades to become a formidable challenge before the country," he said, reiterating strong action against the "dynastic corruption." "During the past decades, we have seen that when one generation of corrupt people is not punished adequately, its subsequent generations indulge in corruption with more impunity," said Modi. When a generation sees that a corrupt person in the family is let off without or very little punishment, their courage to indulge in corrupt activities grows manifolds, he said.

# Bihar poll: 34% candidates in second phase crorepati

**PNS** ■ NEW DELHI

Despite Bihar being one of the country's poorest States, the Assembly election has thrown up a high number of crorepati candidates. Out of the 1,463 candidates contesting during the second phase, 495 (34%) are crorepatis. The average of assets per candidate contesting in the Bihar Assembly Elections 2020 Phase II is ₹1.72 crore. Congress' Sanjeev Singh, who is fighting the Vaishali seat, is the richest candidate in the second phase of the election with Rs 56.6 crore, followed by RJD's Deo Kumar Chaurasia contesting the Haripur constituency with assets worth ₹49 crore. Anunay Singh, another Congress candidate, has assets worth ₹46 crore and is contesting from the Muzaffarpur Paru seat.

According to data collated by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) based on candidate affidavits filed with the Election Commission, out of the 1,463 candidates, 495 (34 per cent) are crorepatis. "Among the major parties 39 (85 per cent) out of 46 candidates from BJP, 20 (83 per cent) out of 24 candidates from Congress, 46 (82 per cent) out of 56 candidates from RJD, 35 (81 per cent) out of 43 candidates from JD(U), 38 (73 per cent) out of 52 candidates from LJP and 11 (33 per cent) out of 33 candidates from BSP have declared assets worth more than Rs 1 crore," it said. The average asset of candidates in the second phase election is ₹1.72 crore, the report said.

"Among major parties, the average assets per candidate for 24 Congress candidates is ₹10.25 crore, 43 JD(U) candidates is ₹4.95 crore, 56 RJD candidates have average assets of ₹4.82 crore, 52 LJP candidates have average assets of Rs 3.86 crore, 46 BJP candidates have average assets of ₹3.44 crore and 33 BSP candidates have average assets worth ₹1.30 crore.," it said.

The richest candidate in the election so far is RJD's Anant Singh, the don-turned-politician who is currently in jail on UAPA charges. Singh, who is contesting from Mokama, has declared assets worth ₹68 crore.

There are three candidates who have declared zero assets while 683 (47 per cent) candidates have declared liabilities in their affidavits.

Besides, of the 1,463 candidates,502 have criminal cases against them of which 389 are serious in nature. The report said that out of the 1,463 candidates analyzed, 502, which is 34 per cent, candidates have declared criminal cases against them. "While 389 candidates, which is 27 percent of 1,463 candidates have declared serious criminal cases against themselves," the report said.

The report also claimed that the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) has the maximum candidates with criminal cases registered against them followed by the BJP.It said, "Out of 56 RJD candidates, 36, which is 64 per cent, candidates have criminal cases against them, followed by the BJP with 29 out of 46 candidates which is 63 per cent." According to the ADR, red alert constituencies are those where three or more contesting candidates have declared criminal cases registered against them.

## MP Assembly bypoll: EC notice to Imarti for calling rival insane

**PNS** ■ NEW DELHI

The Election Commission (EC) on Tuesday issued a notice to BJP's Imarti Devi, who is contesting a bypoll in Madhya Pradesh, for allegedly describing an unnamed political rival as "insane" and making remarks against women members of his family. She has been given 48 hours to respond to the notice, failing which the EC would take a decision without further reference to her.

Earlier, taking note of former Madhya Pradesh chief minister and Congress leader Kamal Nath's "item" jibe against Imarti Devi, the commission had on Monday advised him against using such words during the period of the model code.

Imarti Devi, who is also a minister in the Madhya Pradesh Government, did not name the political rival in a video on social media.

The commission also refused to identify the leader, saying it does not know whom she was referring to. "Let the person reply to the notice. We have the transcript of the video," a senior EC official said. According to the transcript of the video, made part of the notice, Imarti Devi said after the person left the chief minister's post in Madhya Pradesh, he became "insane" (pagal). She also allegedly that the person's mother and sister could be "item" of Bengal. "We don't know," Imarti Devi said. The notice said her statement was found to be violative of the provisions of the model code.

Bypolls to 28 Madhya Pradesh assembly seats will be held on November 3.

## Cinemas, theatres, mutliplexes to continue op till Nov 30 with current guidelines

**PNS** ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre on Tuesday said the current guidelines allowing various activities like opening of cinemas, theatres and multiplexes with up to 50 per cent of their seating capacity will continue to be applicable till November 30 in areas outside the containment zones.

The re-opening guidelines issued on September 30 are extended till November 30, said the MHA spokesperson. Opening up of schools, colleges and universities are already allowed subject to the decisions of the concerned States.

The guidelines said that international travel, except those permitted by the Centre, would remain shut while state and UT governments were given the flexibility to decide on reopening of schools and coaching institutions in a graded manner. The coronavirus induced country-wide lockdown was first announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi from March 25 and it was extended in phases till May 31. The Unlock process in the country had begun on June 1 with the graded reopening of commercial, social, religious and other activities.

Political gatherings in poll-bound Bihar and those constituencies where by-elections will be held were allowed with attendance of a maximum of 200 people in a close space or hall and in an open space depending on its size. In respect of certain activities, having relatively higher degree of risk of COVID infection, State and UT Governments have been permitted to take decisions for their re-opening, based on the assessment of the situation and subject to SOPs. These activities include schools and coaching institutes, state and private universities for research scholars and allowing gatherings above the limit of 100 etc.

**SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED PERSON**

Raj Kumar

General public is here by informed that one Person **Namely:** Raj Kumar, **S/o** Sh. Lila Ram, **R/o** A-397, Gaon Wala Chowk, Raghubir Nagar, New Delhi. **Age:** 40 years, **Height:** 5'6", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** White Shirt & White Pant, Black Colour Shoes in feet has been missing since 06.10.2020 at 03:00 PM from his shop, D-362, Tagore Garden, New Delhi.

In this regard a FIR No. 865 U/s 365 IPC dated 13.10.2020 has been registered at P.S. Rajouri Garden, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far.

Any person having any information or clue about this person kindly inform to the following.

**SHO**
**P.S. Rajouri Garden, Delhi**
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**Website: http://cbi.nic.in**
**Fax: 011-24368639**
**Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641**

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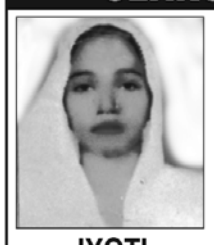

JYOTI

General public is hereby informed that a female (depicted in the photo), **Namely:** Jyoti **W/o** Bram Parkash **R/o** H. No. 138, Village Jhagola, Delhi has been missing since 21.09.2020 from her house. In this regard a case vide DD No. 63A dated 23.09.2020 has been lodged at Police Station Alipur, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

**Age** : 31 Years, **Height:** 5'3", **Complexion :** Wheatish, **Face**: Long, **Built:** Thin, **Hair:** Black, **Wearing :** Red colour suit-salwar and sleeper in feet.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing female, may inform SHO, Alipur, Delhi at E-mail Id – **cic@cbi.gov.in** or Website: **http://cbi.nic.in**

**Phone:**
**011-24368638, 24368641**
**Fax No. 011-24368639**
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**P.S. Alipur, Delhi**
**Outer North Distt., Delhi**
**Ph. No. 011-27202265, 7065036325**

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**
**Notice Inviting Tender**

**1.1. General:** - UMB division of northern railway invites single tender through E-tendering system from eligible agencies who fulfill qualification criteria as stipulated in tender document for "Dismantling, Shifting & Re-commissioning of 01 No. CNC Pit Wheel Lathe, Make HYT from MEMU Car Shed, SRE to MEMU Car Shed, KJGY".

**1.2** The key details are as follows:

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| **Tender No.** | 30-EL-MEMU-T-12-20-21 | **Type of Tender** | Single |
| **Name of work** | Dismantling, Shifting & Re-commissioning of 01 No. CNC Pit Wheel Lathe, Make HYT from MEMU Car Shed, SRE to MEMU Car Shed, KJGY. | | |
| **Approximate Cost** | ₹48,08,500/- | **Earnest Money** | ₹96,200/- |
| **Completion Period** | 04 (Four) Months from the date of issue of the letter of acceptance. | | |
| **Validity of offer** | 45 Days | | |
| **Tender papers issued by** | Sr.DEE/MEMU/SRE. | | |
| **Date of Closing/Opening** | 11.11.2020 at 10:30 Hrs./thereafter. | | |
| **Cost of Tender Document** | Free of Cost | | |

**NOTE: - 1)** The required earnest money will only be accepted through on line payment mode available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. up to tender closing date and time. Exemption from submission of Earnest Money for tenderer shall be as per Railway Board Guidelines. **2)** Manual payments through demand draft, banker cheque, deposit receipt, FDR etc are not allowed. Offers which are not complying above will be considered invalid. **3)** Tender must provide validity of the offer for 45 (forty five) days from the date of opening of tender. **4)** Public procure order 2017 issued by Rly. board vide L. No. 2015/RS(G)/779/5 Dt. 16.03.2018 shall be followed. **5)** The tender can be seen or upload on web portal as under : **Website Portal: https://www.ireps.gov.in**

**Tender Notice No:-12/2020-21**

**2360/20**

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# 15% global Covid deaths due to long-term exposure to pollution, reveals study

**PNS** ■ NEW DELHI

In a bad news to India which is grappling with air pollution besides Coronavirus, a global study has said that around 15 per cent of Covid-19 deaths worldwide may have been due to long-term exposure to pollution.

The study published in the journal Cardiovascular Research. The death proportion is highest in East Asia, in Europe, it was about 19 per cent and in North America it was 17 per cent.

"Since the numbers of deaths from COVID-19 are increasing all the time, it's not possible to give exact or final numbers of COVID-19 deaths per country that can be attributed to air pollution," said study author Jos Lelieveld from Max Planck Institute in Germany.

Referring to previous work that suggests that the fine particulates in air pollution may prolong the atmospheric lifetime of infectious viruses and help them to infect more people. Lelieveld said: "It's likely that particulate matter plays a role in 'super-spreading events' by favouring transmission."

According to the researchers, the particulate matter seems to increase the activity of a receptor on cell surfaces, called ACE-2, that is known to be involved in the way COVID-19 infects cells.

"So, we have a 'double hit'—air pollution damages the lungs and increases the activity of ACE-2, which in turn leads to enhanced uptake of the virus by the lungs and probably by the blood vessels and the heart," the authors wrote.

According to a recently release State of Global Air 2020, long-term exposure to outdoor and household air pollution contributed to over 1.67 million annual deaths from stroke, heart attack, diabetes, lung cancer, chronic lung diseases and neonatal diseases in India in 2019.

# IIT-G develops low-cost technology to produce anti-aging compounds

**PNS** ■ NEW DELHI

A low-cost membrane technology to produce psychoactive drugs and anti-aging compounds from a wide range of agricultural resources like camellia sinensis, citrus fruits and peels especially orange peels, berries, ginkgo biloba, parsley, pulses, tea, sea buckthorn and onions has been developed by a researcher of Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati (IITG).

Professor Mihir Kumar Purkait, head, Centre for the Environment, and Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering, IIT Guwahati along with his M Tech student V L Dhadge who have patented and developed the technique did not use any expensive organic solvents, but only water. Hence, the cost of the process and price of pharmaceuticals thereon is much cheaper than that of existing solvent-based separation technique.

Professor Purkait, said, "The technology is exclusively pore/particle size based pressure driven membrane separation process. The water extracts of above mentioned plants/fruits/leaves at optimum operating conditions are passed through a specially made cascade membrane units of fabricated with appropriate molecular weight cut off (MWCO) membranes capable of separating targeted flavonoids selectively. "Permeate and retentive part from appropriate membrane unit is then fridge dried to get the powdered product. We have synthesised stimuli responsive smart membrane for the selective separation and purification of targeted compound from the mixture of plants or leaves or fruits extract in simple water".

The commercially available techniques are using various costly organic solvents like: Chloroform, Acetone, Acetonitrile etc. As a result the price of these important pharmaceutical raw materials is quite high that ultimately increases the price of the antioxidant.

Hence, the patented membrane based green technology has enormous scope to replace existing costly organic solvent based techniques and can be used for continuation mode of operation in industrial scale, said Prf Purkait.

He also asserted that the developed technology will support "Make in India" initiative of the Government by producing these compounds in the country. "This will definitely reduce the import of said polyphenolic compounds. Implementation of the said technology will also create job opportunities in agriculture sector of the country," he said.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Information is given to general public at large that my client Mrs. Veer Mati W/o Mr. Ganga Ram owner of House built on land area measuring 47.22 Sq. Yards, out of Khasra No. 200, and situated at Waka Village Ukhlarsi Maruf Mohalla Brij Vihar Colony Murad Nagar Pargana Jalalabad Tehsil Modi Nagar Distt. Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh. By virtue of Sale Deed dated 16.05.2013 vide doc. No. 7764, Book No. 1, Vol. No. 6169 on pages 121-140, registered on 16.05.2013 with SR Modi Nagar and lost/misplace of Original sale deed dated 19.05.2010 if was executed in favour of Mrs. Seema W/o Mr. Raju and same property sold to be Smt. Priti Sharma and same property to be loan financed by M/s Vastu Housing Finance Corporation Ltd. A-32, 2nd Floor, Industrial Area, Phase-1, Naraina New Delhi-110028.If any person(s) have any objection(s) or Claim(s) with respect to the right, title or interest in the said property then contact us within 7 days from the date of this notice on the number mentioned herein below failing which my client i.e. M/s Vastu Housing Finance Corporation Ltd. A-32, 2nd Floor, Industrial Area, Phase -1, Naraina New Delhi-110028 shall not be held responsible in any manner whatsoever.

**Naveen Kumar Verma, Advocate**
**F-211, Sector-3 vaishali, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201010**

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**NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 that the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on **Wednesday, November 04, 2020,** *inter-alia*, to consider and approve the Unaudited Financial Results of the Company for the quarter and half year ended September 30, 2020 (the "Financial Results").

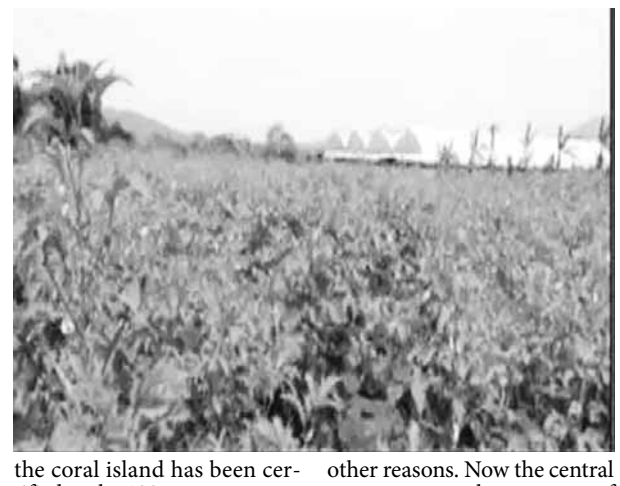
A copy of this Notice and Financial Results shall also be available at the Company's website www.perfectpac.com and the website of the Stock Exchanges BSE: www.bseindia.com and CSE: www.cse-india.com.

For **Perfectpac Limited**
**Shefali Chauhan**
Company Secretary

Place : New Delhi
Date : 27.10.2020

# Lakshadweep first UT to become 100% organic

**RAJESH KUMAR** ■ NEW DELHI



After Sikkim, Lakshadweep is the first Union Territory to become 100 per cent organic as all farming is carried out without the use of synthetic fertilisers and pesticides, providing access to safer food choices and making agriculture a more environment-friendly activity. The ministry of agriculture has declared the island as organic.

"Lakshadweep can benefit much from marketing organic products such as desiccated coconut and coconut milk. The organic tag will allow farmers to realize a premium for the farm produce there," said OP Mishra, Secretary, agriculture, Lakshadweep.

Coconut is the only major crop on the islands. There are eight lakh coconut trees that produce 11 crore coconuts in a year. Besides, horticulture crops such as brinjal, spinach, Banana, Drumstick, Pumpkin, Chillies, Snake Gourd, Cucumber, Beans, Ladyfinger, Ridge Gourd, Papaya, Watermelon are grown but in very small quantities. As per data,1500-2000 tons of vegetables are grown through natural processes. The coconut palms are grown under natural surroundings. As per data, there are 12450 farmers in the island.

In a communique to Secretary, ( agriculture) Lakshadweep, the agriculture ministry said, "After going through the evidences and certificates provided by the administration of UT, competent authority has approved the proposal for declaration of the entire territory of Lakshadweep as organic".

Mishra said that despite organic certification in 2012, Coconut farming which is the mainstay on the islands, but neither nuts nor copra fetch a premium, falsifying the belief that organic farming will bring fortune to the farmers.

According to Mishra, that the coral island has been certified as the 100 percent organic on the eve of 55 formation day of the UT on November 1." Actually one third of its area was documented and certified as Organic since 2012 as per US/EU standards for organic coconut farming but the department of agriculture was struggling to bring 100 percent area under the certification owing to one or the other reasons. Now the central sector scheme of Paramparagath Krishi Vigas Yogana launched by the central government and the financial assistance earmarked for Lakshadweep under this scheme became a breakthrough for farmers of this territory," he said.

"Now more than 12,000 coconut Farmers and about 100 million coconuts produced from this territory as well as value added products made from them will get a premium status and price in the consumer market," Mishra added. Agriculture is confined only to specific areas around habitations. The soils are medium to deep, alkaline in reaction and low in soil fertility. The land use is dominated by plantation crops like coconut and arecanut. The important crops grown are rice and pulses under rainfed conditions

India's smallest Union Territory Lakshadweep is an archipelago consisting of 36 islands with an area of 32 sq km. It is a uni-district Union Territory and comprises 12 atolls, three reefs, five submerged banks and ten inhabited islands. The islands comprise 32 sq km. The Capital is Kavaratti and it is also the principal town of the UT.

In January 2016, Sikkim became India's first "100 percent organic" State.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

It is Here by Inform that my client Smt. Manju Sharma D/O Sh. Jai Dayal Sharma, R/O H. No. 1/5981 Kabool Nagar, Near Shishu Gyan Public School, Shahdara, Delhi- 110032. I/ly Client Lost all the Original Property papers Chain/ Documents Namely:

1. Original Will dated 17.04.1989 executed by Sh. Jagdish Parshad Bhatnagar in favour of Sh. Rajinder Parshad Bhatnagar, Sh. Vijainder Parshad Bhatnagar & Sh. Krishan Parshad Bhatnagar.
2. Original Relinquishment Deed dated 06.02.1991 executed by Sh. Krishan Prashad Bhatnagar in favour of Sh. Vijainder Prashad Bhatnagar (both s/o Late Jagdish Prashad Bhatnagar) in respect of his share in the Entire area of the First Floor and Half Property of the Second Floor. (Doc.283, Book no.1,Vol.2292, on pages 74 to 75 in the Office of S.R.IV Delhi).
3.0riginal Relinquishment Deed dated 11.12.1991 executed by Sh. Rajinder Parshad Bhatnagar in favour of Sh. Vijainder Prashad Bhatnagar (both s/o Late Jagdish Prashad Bhatnagar) (Doc. No. 2652, Book No.1, Volume No. 2356, on Pages 168-173, Dated 11.12.1991, SRO-Delhi)
4. Original Sale Deed dated 29.05.2006 executed by Sh. Vijaindar Prasad Bhatnagar in favour of Smt. Suman Bhatnagar in respect of the Property, area measuring 110 sq. yards, out of Khasra No.17. (Doc. No. 2742, Book No.1, Volume No. 153, on Pages 73-83, Dated 29.05.2006, SRO-IVA)
5.0riginal Patwari Letter issued by Concerned Tehsildar in respect of the Property. (for mentioning that Khasra No.17 & Khasra No. 1869/17min are Part of Same Khasra)
6. Original mutation Letter issued by Concerned Authority in favour of Smt. Manju Sharma in respect of the Property.

That the Documents has been misplaced/ lost on Dated: 06.09.2014 at New Delhi, In any case anybody Finds it the same may be returned to My Client. I also Registered the Said Information to Crime Branch LR No.685476/2020.

**Harsh Dhingra (Advocate)**
**D-218, 2nd Floor, D Block,**
**Karkardooma Court, Delhi**
**Mobile: 8860844461**

# Bengal docs worried over corona surge

**SAUGAR SENGUPTA** ■ KOLKATA

The Bengal doctors have expressed concern over massive surge in corona cases in the State post lockdown 0.5 which coincided with the festive seasons.

According to latest reports shared by the Union Government Bengal stands second in terms of daily infection rate just behind Kerala. In terms of daily death rate too, the State stands just behind Maharashtra.

Sources also said that new guidelines could be sent for Bengal and some other States where the infection rate picked up in the past one month.

Expressing concern senior doctor Driptendu Sarkar said how the "Bengal was doing pretty well till September when the infection level in the state was appreciably low … it only went up with the advent of festive season and lockdown 0.5 when people went out shopping in crowded market places."

The doctor said the situation could have been even worse had the Calcutta High Court not intervened putting a bar on pandal hopping by lakhs of devotees during the Durga Puja days. He further appealed to the government and the people to exercise extreme caution in the coming days as "more festivals are coming… we have exercised restrain for the past 7 months. We need to do just that for another few months."

Another renowned doctor Kunal Sarkar said that if testing levels were not ramped up the silent spreaders would remain un-identified leading to further spurt in the number of cases. Currently the State was testing about 42-43,000 cases per day, which was not enough he said.

What seems to have created problem for the doctors is a sudden spurt in the number of viral fevers in various parts of the State. People are going for panic testing, sources said.

# BJP leader Khushbu arrested on way to Chidambaram to stage protest

**CHENNAI:** Khushbu Sundar, the yesteryear heart-throb of Tamil movie goers, who had recently switched over her loyalty from the Congress to the BJP was arrested by Tamil Nadu Police on Tuesday as a preventive measure while she was on her way to stage a demonstration against a VCK leader for his reported anti-women comments.

Thol Thirumavalavan, who was elected from Chidambaram Lok Sabha constituency in the April 2019 election by a margin of 3,219 votes, had uttered derogatory comments against women quoting Manusmrithi. This drew widespread protests from Tamil Nadu women who even took to the social media asking the VCK MP to apologise for his "ignorance about Manusmrithi".

Those who came out against Maragatha Meenakshiraja , grand daughter of V O Chidambaram Pillai, freedom fighter who was more popular by his name The Tamil Helmsman. *PNS*

# Man sent to police remand for spying for Pak in Barmer

**PTI** ■ JAIPUR

A local court here on Tuesday sent an accused arrested on espionage charges in Rajasthan's Barmer on six days police remand.

Accused Roshan Deen was apprehended on charges of spying for Pakistan in the international border area last week.

Additional Director General (Police Intelligence) Umesh Mishra said that after interrogation by joint agencies, the accused was arrested undertaking espionage activities for Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) in lieu of money.

# Black Holes don't move around sucking in objects like a vacuum cleaner, says IUCAA Director

**TN RAGHUNATHA** ■ MUMBAI

Seeking to bust some of the myths about black holes, Director of Pune-based Inter University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics' (IUCAA) Somak Raychaudhury said on Tuesday that "Black Holes don't move around sucking in objects like a vacuum cleaner and if the Sun turns into a black hole today, it won't suck the other planets".

"Unlike being portrayed in many science-fiction movies, Black Holes don't move around sucking in objects like a vacuum cleaner. If the Sun turns into a black hole today, it won't suck the other planets; the earth will still be revolving around the sun as if nothing happened, except that there won't be any light and that the earth will turn very cold…but still we will be revolving," Raychaudhury said.

Delivering an online lecture on 'The Nobel Prize 2020: Physics' – Unravelling the Mythical Black Holes' organised by Nehru Science Centre (NSC) Mumbai, Raychaudhury focussed on how the contribution of different scientists over different periods of time, right from Isaac Newton till date, had resulted in a better understanding of the black holes.

# Kerala HC refuses to stay CJM summons to 2 Mins

**KUMAR CHELLAPPAN** ■ KOCHI

A last ditch effort by the Kerala Government to save two of its Ministers from a court summons failed on Tuesday as the Kerala High Court quashed a petition by the former seeking a stay on the judicial proceedings against unpleasant incidents witnessed in the Legislative Assembly on March 13, 2015.

This means that EP Jayarajan, Minister for industries and K T Jaleel, Minister for higher education should present themselves before the Chief Judicial Magistrate Court, Thiruvananthapuram, on Wednesday in connection with the trial of the case.

On September 22, the CJM court had dismissed a plea by the Kerala Government requesting for permission to withdraw the criminal complaint filed by the then Government in 2015 against six LDF MLAs for destruction of public properties like computer terminals and furniture in their bid to prevent the then finance minister late K M Mani from presenting the State budget. The six MLAs against whom the criminal complaint was filed include Jayarajan and Jaleel.

The CJM made it clear that the request to withdraw the complaint at this juncture was like insulting and humiliating the people of Kerala who were watching the live proceedings of the House.

The CPI(M) had unleashed an agitation against Mani, who allegedly took an amount of Rs 1 crore from bar owners for reopening the bars which were shut down in the State as part of ushering in total prohibition.

# Maha logs 5,363 new cases, 115 deaths

**TN RAGHUNATHA** ■ MUMBAI

A day after the Covid-19 deaths and infections dropped to May 2020 levels, Maharashtra on Tuesday witnessed a minor upward fluctuation on Tuesday, as it logged 115 deaths and 5,363 new infected cases.

A day after the death s dropped to 84 and infections plummeted to 3645, the death tally rose about 100 to touch a figure of 115 and the infected cases climbed by 1700-odd cases to touch a figure of 5363.

With 115 fresh deaths, the total deaths in the state went up from 43,348 to 43,463. Similarly, with 5,363 fresh infections, the total infected cases jumped from 16,48,665 to 16,54,028.

As 7836 more people were discharged from various hospitals in the state, the number of people discharged from various hospitals after full recovery since the second week of March this year went up to 14,78,496. The recovery rate in the state rose from 89.2 per cent to 89.3 per cent.

# Athawale tests Covid +ve, hospitalised

**TN RAGHUNATHA** ■ MUMBAI

Union Minister of State for Social Justice Ramdas Athawale, whose video that showed him chant 'Go Corona Go' slogan with a Chinese diplomat had gone viral in the initial Covid-19 days, tested positive for Covid-19 on Tuesday.

On a day when NCP MP from Raigad Sunil Tatkare also tested positive for Coronavirus, Athavale was admitted to a private hospital in south Mumbai.

Announcing that he had contracted Coronavirus, Athawale tweeted: "I have tested #COVID19 positive and as per the advice of Doctors I have been hospitalised for few days. Those who have been in contact with me are advised to get COVID-19 tests done. Take Care & Stay Safe".\

"Athawale has tested Covid-19 positive and has been admitted to a private hospital… He is asymptomatic and his condition is stable. He will be in hospital for at least four days," RPI(A) spokesperson Hemant Ranpise said.

The development came a day after Athawale attended a crowded function in Mumbai when actresses Payal Ghosh, Soni Kanishka, lawyer Nitin Satpute, realtor Yogesh Karkera and businessman Ankush Chaphekar, formally joined the Republican Party of India (RPI)-A. Athavale is the founder-president of RPI-A

A flamboyant minister, Athawale had chanted 'Go Corona Go' along with Mumbai-based Chinese Consul General Tang Guocai and some Buddhist monks at a prayer meeting held at the Gateway of India in the third week of February. The video of the event had gone viral within weeks after it made it to the social platforms in March and April this year.

# Political parties engaged in old dogmas, beliefs for campaigning

**KOCHI:** The sayings old habits die hard or seldom die are time-tested adages and would continue to remain in vogue even after hundreds of years. Nowhere it is visible more than in Kerala where election fever to local bodies is catching up fast. Though the schedule is yet to be announced, candidates have been finalised and high-pitched campaign is on all over the State.

The campaign trend shows that people, especially those claiming to be progressive and forward looking are still entangled in age old dogmas and beliefs. A tour through Malappuram and Kozhikode districts, regions known for their high percentage of Muslim population prove that even CPI(M), the self-styled harbingers of social justice and secularism are not behind the reactionaries and conservatives.

# People of Aligarh will be able to fly from 2021

**Aligarh:** 4 crore rupees which were stuck for the construction of Dhanipur Mini Airport will be soon released after Diwali. The district administration has sent approval of the revised budget to the Government.

After receiving the budget, the fall ceiling, pump house, meter room, VCV room, operational boundary, parking capacity of 55 cars, which is currently only 15 cars will be completed by the State Construction Corporation. Along with this, the district officials said that from March next year, the Aligarh-Lucknow passenger will be able to fly.

The flight has already been approved under the Regional Connectivity Scheme for Aligarh-Lucknow. *PNS*

# JNMC surgeons remove 17-year old's rare cardiac tumour

**Aligarh:** Seventeen-year-old, Saba, a resident of Firozabad was weak and emaciated for the past four years. She complained of breathlessness and would fall unconscious. Her life upended after consultations from doctors revealed that she suffered a rare cardiac tumour and financial problems increased the severity of the situation. However, Saba now sits comfortably with family after a successful free-of-cost surgery conducted by cardiothoracic surgeons of the Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University (AMU).

"The surgery was not easy as a clinical perfusionist managed the working of the patient's heart and lungs for twenty minutes as it was necessary to stop the functioning of these organs for the tumour removal," said Dr M Azam Haseen, Chairman, Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery. **PNS**


## SEARCH FOR MISSING

Mohit

General public is hereby informed that a boy namely **Mohit, S/o: Shiv Kumar, R/o: H. No. C-39, 12.5 Yards TC Camp, Raghubir Nagar, Delhi has been reported missing since 13.10.2020 at 08:00 PM from above address. In this regard DD No. 98A dated 19.10.2020 has been registered at P.S. Rajouri Garden, Delhi.** The description of missing boy is as under:

**Name: Mohit, Age: 21 Years, Height: 5', Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Thin, Hair: Black, Wearing: White T-Shirt, Gray colour Pajama and Red colour Sleeper in feet.**

If anyone have any information about this missing boy please inform P.S. Rajouri Garden, Delhi.

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

**SHO**
**Police Station Rajouri Garden, Delhi**
**Ph: 011-25453990, 8750871127**

**DP/250/WD/2020**

## UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY

Rohit

General Public is hereby informed that one person **Namely: Rohit S/o: Unknown, Address: Unknown** was found dead at Anty ki Thokar, Burari Village, Delhi on 21.10.2020 in the area of P.S. Burari, Delhi. In this regard a case has been lodged vide **DD No. 15A dated 15.10.2020** at P.S. Burari, Delhi. The description of the dead person is as under:- **Age:** About 65-70 years, **Sex:** Male, **Height:** 5'7", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Oval, **Hair:** Black & white, **Wearing:** Dark green colour baniyan and white colour towel. If any one having any information about this dead person please inform undersigned.

**SHO**
**P.S. Burari, Delhi**
**Ph.: 011-27616844, 8750870132**

**DP/677/N/2020**

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| 1. | Establishment and operation of Delhi Jal Board Call Centre (1916) including CRM | Item Rate | 1,500.00 | 1,60,000.00 | Dt. 27.10.2020 2020_DJB_196086_1 | 10.11.2020 Upto 3 PM |

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## WESTERN RAILWAY

**VARIOUS ENGINEERING WORKS**

**Divisional Railway Manager (WA) Western Railway** invites the following E-Procurement Tenders:

| Sr. No. | Tender No. | Work and Location | Approx Work Cost ₹ | Earnest Money In ₹ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | BCT/20-21/238 Date: 26/10/20 | Udhna-Jalgaon Section : Disinfection of drinking water supply at Chalthan,Gangadhara, Bardoli, Timbarva, Madhi, Kaher, Lotarva, Vyara, Kikakui Road, Ukai Songadh Total Plants 23 Nos for 02 years under SSE(W)Vyara | ₹10,61,912.52 | ₹21,200.00 |
| 2 | BCT/20-21/239 Date: 26/10/20 | Udhna-Jalgaon Section : Repairs to road surface of LC gates No.5, 17,35,36,53,65,73,69,27,43 and height gauge of LC-17 under ADEN-Vyara. | ₹1,10,53,286.60 | ₹2,05,300.00 |
| 3 | BCT/20-21/240 Date: 26/10/20 | Udhna-Jalgaon Section: Nandurbar: Providing potable water fighter tanker to meet emergency condition in year 2020-21 | ₹5,21,218.30 | ₹10,400.00 |
| 4 | BCT/20-21/241 Date: 26/10/20 | Udhna-Jalgaon Section : Reconditioning of Tongue rails SEJ and Slide Chairs etc.under DEN/East Section | ₹51,14,891.96 | ₹1,02,300.00 |
| 5 | BCT/20-21/242 Date: 26/10/20 | Udhna-Jalgaon Section: Providing drains in yards in connection with sanctioned track works and widening of formation under ADEN-Amalner in connection with widening of formation -250Kms. | ₹8,89,09,168.03 | ₹5,94,600.00 |

**Sr. No. 1 - 4 Last Date of Submission:** On 24.11.2020 at 15:00 hrs **Date & Time of opening :** On 24.11.2020 at 15:30 hrs **Sr. No. 5 Last Date of Submission:** On 01.12.2020 at 15:00 hrs **Date & Time of opening:** On 01.12.2020 at 15:30 hrs

Regarding detailed nature of work, containing cost of tender document (non refundable), EMD, eligibility criteria, similar nature of work, detailed tender conditions, please visit **www.ireps.gov.in** Manual offers will not be considered. 377

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| 375205000376 | Mool Chand Prajapat |
| 375205000402 | Dokka Kranthi Kiran |
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# Bihar's new chapter

As the State goes to the polls today, the question is whether BJP will sweep federalism away or a young Tejashwi can halt the tide

This is probably one time when Nitish Kumar is relevant because of his irrelevance. And his young opponents, sons of his peers, thought to be irrelevant, are carving their own generational relevance at his jaded expense. The Janata Dal (United) leader and Bihar Chief Minister is for all practical purposes a face that nobody wants to see despite the BJP's repeated endorsement of him as a chief ministerial candidate. And for a short time he may own the chair, towed by his hefty alliance partners, who don't want to be seen as sinking him mid-course or appear unprincipled. For a man, who was once seen as a messianic figure and deeply trusted to pull the State out from the dark ages of Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) chief Lalu Yadav's misrule, he has ended up being as one of its worst performers. For all the gush of the early years and the morality of prohibition, he stumbled and fumbled along the way without notching up the State's development index significantly. And the pandemic sealed his fate as an inept administrator who had bungled on rehabilitating returnee migrants, students and flood refugees. For an entire generation growing up under Nitish's rule, development has still been a pipe dream. Politically, the man who crafted his survival by pitting the majoritarian BJP against the secular-socialist Lalu, swinging between both depending on trade winds, and retaining the throne in the bargain, is now trapped by his own machinations. He cannot go back to Lalu, having shut the door forever when he deserted him and chose the BJP. And his relationship with the BJP, built on political expediency, is coming apart as its ideological push is against the grain of his inclusive politics. And although he crafted a new caste equation, rallying the downtrodden and nowhere people, the extreme backward castes and Mahadalits, that, too, can no longer be overplayed in a statewide epidemic of joblessness and hopelessness. At one time an asset as a regional leader, today Nitish is the BJP's biggest liability. He knows that and can scarcely do anything about it except give in to uncharacteristically angry outbursts. The BJP, by all estimates so far, is expected to be the biggest gainer in these elections, and will be charioteering Nitish. For long, it has been ambitious about being the single largest party in the State and having its own CM face but publicly, it didn't want to appear as an unreliable ally, which used regional partners for its own benefit and gobbled them up in the end. And despite promising big economic packages and special status in 2015, it didn't quite push them, unwilling to benefit Nitish by association. But it did push the Modi aura and Central schemes aggressively and even deployed Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, who is the new-found favourite of Bihar's electorate, comprising a large number of migrants and students, whom Nitish did not want to accept for fear of a disease spread but who found a home at camps in UP. And for all the public denials of losing faith in Nitish and denouncing co-ally Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) leader Chirag Paswan for contesting against JD(U) outside the NDA fold, the fact is it wants the exact opposite. Chirag has been relentless and savage in his criticism of Nitish and proportionately laudatory about Modi, even vowing a life-long commitment to him and promising a BJP-LJP Government. The tacit support is evident as the central BJP leadership has barely pulled up Chirag in public or shared the stage, Modi included, with Nitish. If the verdict swings decisively in the BJP's favour, then there's no guarantee how long it will continue to back its CM nominee. As more and more of its allies get pushed into a corner, are choked and part ways, like the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) in Punjab, the big question arising out of the Bihar results, assuming the BJP does deepen its footprint, will be whether the central party's new target will be co-optive federalism, transplanting regional satraps with single-party rule in States and subverting the local agenda altogether. In his speeches, Modi has largely focussed on Central achievements than his plans for the State. The BJP's biggest strength, that of the Modi aura, is also its biggest handicap at the State-level where it lacks magnetic leaders. The halo is good for swinging a verdict but deliverables need to be felt at the State level with a well-meaning leader.

It is here that RJD leader and Lalu's son Tejashwi Yadav has undoubtedly seized the narrative in the public imagination. The huge crowds may not be a litmus test of a vote shift but he has certainly given what would have been a colourless election a talking point. Criticised much for not performing as Nitish's deputy and cooling heels in Delhi, he has woken up to the duty of legacy, parked himself in the State, worked the grassroots and built a connect across segments. He knows full well that he cannot fill his father's big shoes just yet and that RJD would still get the traditional caste-based loyalty and minority votes based on Lalu's goodwill. He also knows that people know why his father is incarcerated, because of the scams in his time. So he wants to carve out a broader constituency for himself that is more contextual than historic, which will focus on what he has to offer afresh and help him bury taints of the past. So instead of harping on the RJD's core plank of caste, he has made unemployment of the State's youth the pivot of his campaign, promising 10 lakh jobs to the surging crowds that gathered to hear him out. Such was the impact of his speeches that the BJP, while appearing unfazed, had to promise 19 lakh jobs in its manifesto as a reactive strategy. He has even co-opted the Left to appeal to all marginalised voters irrespective of caste and evolved an inclusive umbrella of those cheated by the NDA-Nitish combine. In that sense, he embodies Bihar's cure. Question is if he is too late for this round?

# Be prepared

As India and the US enter into more formal agreements on the military front, we are also making major operational adjustments

The founder of the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, Lord Robert Baden-Powell, had a simple motto for the children who signed up. Just "be prepared", he would say. Twice in the space of 20 years, India's military intelligence and border guards have been caught napping, first during the Kargil intrusion and then the recent events in eastern Ladakh. The ferocious riposte by our soldiers has caught the enemy off-guard in both instances albeit with a heavy price in blood. However, the recent incident with the Chinese has led to further strengthening of the India-US military relationship and the presence of the US Secretaries of State and Defence in New Delhi a week ahead of the presidential election is a sign that this will be priority for any regime that comes in. The signing of the Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement (BECA), the fourth and final foundational agreement between both nations, is significant. While this does not mean that India and the US are military partners or are close to forming any alliance, it does set in stone the military partnership for the coming decades, particularly with respect to the Indo-Pacific where China wants to make a mark.

In addition to these changes, there is also the dramatic shift in India's own military preparedness with the creation of five theatre commands and finally better integration between the various arms of the forces. Until now, communications frequencies of the three forces were separate even in an era of combined arms warfare. That it took the lives of 20 of our gallant soldiers to commit to such changes is tragic but it appears that the loss of Colonel Babu and his men will not have been in vain. An integrated northern command keeping an eye on China is a start but India needs to dramatically improve its intelligence gathering resources and on that front, the collaboration with the US will help tremendously. One thing is certain now, while China might benefit from a less aggressive Democrat-led US, India is certain to have a permanent ally. India is preparing to be prepared.

# NEP: Promise or platitude?

Without increasing public investment, neither the infrastructure, nor the standards required for the New Education Policy 2020 can be achieved

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There have been plenty of debates and discourses about the New Education Policy 2020 (NEP) but not many focussed on its implementation. No doubt, the NEP is the most progressive and futuristic document and if implemented with sincerity in letter and spirit, it has a tectonic potential to transform India from an educationally laggard nation into a knowledge superpower. Indeed we have never had any education system, only a system of examinations and that, too, an inefficient one, based on rote learning that kills all creativity and innovation. The NEP aspires to transform this moribund system by aiming to produce "good, thoughtful, well-rounded, and creative individuals," who are needed to transform the 21st century India. But it has failed to provide a specific implementation roadmap, except specifying some broad targets.

Neither has it prescribed any accountability mechanism for its implementation. But most importantly, any great idea like this needs great finances. Education being a concurrent subject, both the Centre and the States need to share the responsibility for its implementation as well as finances. But the NEP has almost skirted the issue altogether.

The higher education in the country has seen phenomenal growth during the last two decades. The number of colleges, universities and students has quadrupled since 2001, and the private sector has grown much faster than the public institutions. Today, we have 993 universities, about 40,000 colleges and 10,000 standalone institutions, and nearly four crore students. But unfortunately, most of these institutions produce unemployable graduates and postgraduates annually, with very little knowledge and skill.

If we can forget for a moment our current military standoff with China, a comparison with that country might be instructive in many respects. In *India Unlimited: Reclaiming the Lost Glory*, Arvind Panagariya has provided some tale-tell statistics about China and India. Based on the Scopus database of articles published and cited in international journals, the National Science Foundation of US brings out annual rankings of different countries. In 1996, in almost all subject areas, China and India were ranked more or less evenly. In fact, India was a tad better. In terms of the total citations, India was ranked 19th amongst all countries, while China was ranked 21st. In social sciences, India was ranked 21st against China's 24th, in chemistry and molecular sciences, India was ranked 11th and in physics 17th against China's 13th in both. But by 2017, China moved far ahead of us in all subjects — third in terms of total citations against India's 14th. In social sciences, chemistry and physics, China ranked fifth, first and second while India lagged way behind with 14th, fifth and eighth ranks respectively in these subjects. In the Times Higher Education Ranking 2020, China has three universities among the top 100 of the world, four in the next 100 and altogether 72 among the top 1,000. India has none among the first 200 and 36 among the top 1,000, half of China's 72.

How could China race so much ahead of us in just two decades? Actually, it had started its economic liberalisation in 1976, a good 15 years ahead of us. But it started reforming the education system in 1995, 25 years ahead of us. It realised that to become a great power and a great nation, the primary need is to have a good system of education.

What is a good system of education? If we take the US as the model, we would appreciate that a good system of education needs basically two things: adequate funding and decentralised governance with a very high degree of autonomy to the institutions. The US universities have complete autonomy in deciding admission, courses and faculty and they compete amongst themselves to attract the best faculty, students and research endowment funds. They function independent of federal and State Government regulations with practically no interference by the State.

We had inherited a colonial legacy of higher education where universities were primarily tasked with granting degrees with very little focus on research, and by and large, we still remain the same. China has modelled its system of education in the Soviet-style after 1949 but Mao Zedong's Cultural Revolution nearly did it in. Then in 1995, as Panagariya informs, it launched the so-called Project 211 with the slogan: "For the 21st century, manage the top 100 universities successfully." In 1998, it passed the Higher Education Law, which liberalised and decentralised its higher education just like the US, with academic and administrative freedom given to higher educational institutions (HEIs). That law recognised the need for ensuring adequate funding and allowed tuition fees to be hiked by the universities, with State subsidies for those who couldn't afford it. So the tuition fees rose steeply from ¥600 in 1992 to ¥10,000 by mid-2010. The Project 211 funded $4.6 billion (30 per cent on infrastructure) to 107 universities between 1995 and 2005. In 1998, China launched another project — Project 985 — to create world-class universities out of the 107 universities selected for Project 211. Under this, the top two universities (Peking and Tsinghua) received $240 million for three years. By 2007, the project had covered 39 universities. Of these, 27 are now ranked within the top 600 universities of the world.

The NEP has correctly identified many of the problems that beset our higher education system — like a severely fragmented ecosystem characterised by a rigid separation of disciplines with little emphasis on cognitive skills, learning outcomes or quality research, limited institutional autonomy, poor leadership and ineffective regulatory and governance systems. The result is that the Gross Enrolment Ratio in higher education is a paltry 26 per cent compared to 58 per cent in Senior Secondary and 79 per cent in Secondary schooling. The NEP promises to correct this by focussing on multi-disciplinarity, flexibility, emphasis on skill acquisition and quality research. To fix the problems, it prescribes that there would no more be any rigid separation between arts and sciences, curricular and extra-curricular activities, or vocational and academic streams. Students will select subjects of their choosing across all streams to excel wherever they can and discover their aptitude and potential. For this, it prescribes a roadmap of credit-based undergraduate degree courses with multiple exit options.

It has also suggested a new institutional framework comprising a new overarching body — the Higher Education Commission of India — with four verticals for regulation, accreditation, funding and learning outcomes, which will end the multiple conflicts of interest that bedevil our current regulatory system. Research gets the maximum emphasis with a National Research Foundation to "seed, grow and facilitate research" in academic institutions. Most importantly, the NEP recognises that the HEIs need to be depoliticised and educationists appointed on their Board of Governance instead of bureaucrats. But given the present stranglehold of retired bureaucrats and politicians over the HEIs and their stubborn objections to any reform, it would be difficult to end their dominance over our higher education anytime soon.

The most revolutionary part of the NEP is perhaps its single-minded focus on multi-disciplinarity by creating large universities and HEI clusters and ending the present system of affiliated colleges. But such a major shift would also need enormous resources, and it is here that the NEP disappoints. The total combined public expenditure on education by the Centre and the States, currently at only about four per cent of GDP, falls way behind the target of six per cent envisaged in all our previous education policies. Consequently, our expenditure on research remains a pathetic 0.69 per cent of GDP. Without investment, neither the infrastructure nor the standards required for the NEP would be achieved.

The NEP only paid some lip-service to this crucial element — by hoping that the Centre and the States will work together to raise expenditure to six per cent of GDP which it recognises as essential for "progress and growth." But it stops short of recommending that a law should be enacted to enforce the same. Thus, there is neither any commitment nor an accountability structure built into the NEP to ensure implementation. Maybe the committee had felt restrained by pandemic-related budgetary stress. This would be over some day but the future will not wait.

Meanwhile, universities can think of going beyond operating from their individual silos. They can form provincial and regional consortiums for better synergy. By mapping their educational resources and sharing these among themselves, they can together provide students access to the best facilities. Each institution can expand capacity in its strength area to optimise investment and specialisation and share this through a network of institutions. The mantra should be to give access to quality learning to all who desire to learn.

*(The writer is former Director-General from the Office of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India and an academic)*

## SOUNDBITE

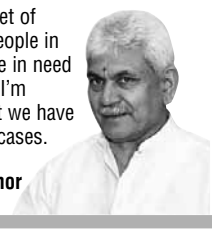
Minorities in India have been under continuous suppression. Lockdown in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) is the worst example of suppression and barbarity.

**Pakistan Prime Minister**
—Imran Khan

International cooperation is the only way to defeat the COVID-19 pandemic, the climate emergency, rising inequality and the spreading of hatred.

**UN Secretary-General**
—Antonio Guterres

We had taken up a target of covering at least two people in each panchayat who are in need of financial assistance. I'm happy to announce that we have covered nearly 10,000 cases.



**J&K Lieutenant Governor**
—Manoj Sinha

The plan for the Olympics is very clear to everyone and more importantly all players are clear about their own roles. Everyone is gaining confidence day by day.

**Hockey player**
—Navjot Kaur

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### A new Bill

Sir — As the world continues to live with the Coronavirus and there is no vaccine in sight, Governments across the world are trying everything possible to curb its spread. In a first, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said that he is considering to make wearing face masks mandatory in the State by proposing a Bill in the forthcoming Assembly session. Interacting with district collectors, college principals and other officials through a video conference on October 27, Gehlot said that every section of society should join the Government's initiative and make it successful. Given the fact that many are reluctant to follow the necessary precautions even during these trying times, passing a law to implement the same might help curb the spread of the virus, especially since we have just entered the festive season.

**Amit Singh Kushwaha**
*Satna*

### Air quality in Delhi worsens after Dussehra

Air pollution levels in Delhi have drastically increased after the city celebrated Dussehra and burnt firecrackers in the process. The concentration of pollutants nearly doubled post the celebrations but bear in mind that Diwali is yet to come and with it, the Air Quality Index (AQI) will deteriorate further. However, this has become a yearly phenomenon and the problem lies with the Government taking only reactive measures like Graded Response Action Programme (GRAP) rather than opting for institutional steps before the quality of air decreases. In these grim times when the entire world is fighting the pandemic, this is aggravating our chances of falling sick.

Burning of agricultural waste in Punjab and Haryana is the main reason for the high air pollution levels and the Centre and State Governments should introduce an action plan to recycle the waste. Alternative uses of crop stubble should be discovered and made viable for the farmers. Improving public transport, increasing the use of clean renewable energy, using more electric vehicles, introducing less polluting fuel and strict emission regulations can also keep us away from serious detriments. Obviously, there is no quick fix for reducing air pollution, it requires a series of different actions. However, the time has come to prioritise people's health by controlling the factors which affect the quality of air.

**Ravi Teja Kathuripalli**
*Hyderabad*

### Free vaccine?

Sir — The announcement of free Corona vaccine in the poll-bound State of Bihar by the BJP should not agitate those in the Opposition as people are well aware that such a promise will not be translated into action. It is no secret that scientists across the globe are racing to develop a vaccine for COVID-19 which has killed over 1.16 million people globally. And several dozen vaccine candidates are currently undergoing clinical trials. So, if and when a vaccine does work, every citizen of the country should get the vaccine free of cost. BJP's sad attempt to lure the electorate in Bihar with "free vaccine" has not worked but it has definitely started a debate on whether these kinds of promises should be allowed to be made during elections. Also, while the BJP is trying to play the COVID card, it seems to have forgotten to take the basic preventive measures during its rallies where people are neither following social distancing nor wearing masks. It is crucial to remember that such mass gatherings can easily become large virus spreading events. Though the BJP claims to be concerned about the people of Bihar, in reality, its only concern is winning the elections.

**KV Seetharamaiah**
*Hassan*

### Goa's blue economy

Sir — Goa's locational advantages have allowed it to exploit economic gains from tourism and fisheries. While arguments over the under-utilisation of the available resources to boost marine tourism cannot be overlooked, it must be said that the ingenuity of locals in tapping the business potential from the ocean has been less innovative and more destructive. The matter of big trawler owners using Light Emitting Diode (LED) lights to net a better catch of fish comes readily to one's mind. Given its natural dependence on marine assets, the State could only be charting a disastrous course if it doesn't follow eco-friendly practices. Hence the foundation stone ceremony of the construction of a common facility centre for the Konkan Maritime Cluster at Verna Industrial Estate could be seen as a welcome step towards the State reaping the benefits of a sustainable ocean-based development pathway.

**Pachu Menon**
*Margao*

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FIRSTCOLUMN

# Next poll stop in Tamil Nadu

One thing is for sure, the Sasikala and Rajinikanth factors will certainly play out in the 2021 elections in the State

KALYANI **SHANKAR**

The ruling AIADMK in Tamil Nadu (TN) is quietly preparing to face the Assembly elections scheduled for early next year. With just a few months left for the polls, the party is sorting out its internal problems by declaring the incumbent Chief Minister E Palaniswami (EPS) as its chief ministerial candidate and sidelining the other claimant and Deputy Chief Minister O Panneerselvam (OPS). Significantly, the 2021 polls will be the first without the two icons, M Karunanidhi and J Jayalalithaa, and will be a litmus test for the AIADMK and DMK leadership. In fact, none of the two parties has a charismatic leadership and more importantly, no party has ever had a hat-trick so far.

Though the fight is between the two major Dravidian parties, there are two X factors. The first is Sasikala Natarajan, companion and confidante of Jayalalithaa for years. Sentenced to four years in jail in a disproportionate assets case, she will come out of prison in February 2021. She has enough money and political skills to either take over the AIADMK or join hands with her nephew TTV Dinakaran. He has floated an outfit (Amma Makkal Munnetra Kazhagam) of which Sasikala is the chief. So far Sasikala has kept her cards close to her chest. *Chinnamma,* as she is affectionately called by her followers, Sasikala has many loyalists within the AIADMK, too, as she was a major force during Amma's time.

Sasikala's re-entry in the Tamil political scene at this time might ruffle many feathers. The only consolation is that as per law she cannot contest elections for the next six years. The party backed Sasikala soon after the demise of Jayalalithaa but after her sentencing, it united under EPS. The Chief Minister believes that his Government has managed to deliver on several fronts, including the management of the Coronavirus crisis, and he has strengthened himself within the party and the Government. Second, it is not clear whether Chinnamma will continue to have the same clout in the influential Thevar community, whom she empowered earlier. Third, Sasikala could also break the AIADMK and draw the disgruntled elements in the party to her side.

Fourth, the party faces several other challenges, including anti-incumbency, internal instability, the absence of a charismatic leader, and the onslaught of the DMK, which has been painting the EPS Government as weak and a pawn in the hands of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This is not surprising as the BJP has so far controlled the AIADMK Government from Delhi as EPS has a good equation with the Centre. The BJP has also worked to keep the party united in the State. It has no interest in dealing with Sasikala or her nephew and the sudden raid on Sasikala's property in Poes Garden last month reveals the party's strategy. Sasikala plans to move into the palatial mansion which she is currently constructing opposite Jayalalithaa's house in Poes Garden. As many as 64 of her properties have been attached, too.

The second unknown factor is the Tamil superstar Rajinikanth. Though he is depending on his fan clubs, it is not known whether he has the skills to organise and run his proposed party. Though wooed equally by the Congress and the BJP, it was only in 2017 that Rajinikanth announced his intention to launch a political party, ending two decades of suspense. In March he announced that his proposed party would contest all 234 seats in the Assembly elections. Rajinikanth is now focussed on strengthening Rajini Makkal Mandrams (a political variant of his fan clubs).

He also stated that issues such as power-sharing in case of an alliance with fellow superstar Kamal Haasan, who had floated his Makkal Needhi Maiam (MNM) last year, would be discussed only ahead of the polls. Together, the two superstars would certainly draw a huge crowd but their vote-catching capacity is as yet unknown. Rajinikanth has been out of touch with the masses due to the contagion while Kamal's party got just two per cent votes in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls and failed to win any seat. Rajinikanth wants to fill the huge political vacuum left by Jayalalithaa and Karunanidhi. "This is the opportune time to create a movement (to oust the Dravidian behemoths). If not now, it will be never," he commented some time ago. The superstar once declared that he would not project himself as the chief ministerial candidate and would prefer to nominate someone young for the job in 2021. This clearly shows that he wants to be a puppeteer. However, many of Rajinikanth's fans believe in his famous dialogue from the blockbuster movie *Muththu,* "Nobody knows when I will come, how I will come, but I will be there when the time comes."

The political momentum and regrouping of parties will pick up in the next few weeks. As of now, it will be a huge challenge for Rajinikanth to fight the cadre-based Dravidian parties. He might have an alliance with the BJP given his Right-wing sympathies. The forthcoming polls in TN will show whether the arithmetic or the chemistry of the players wins. One thing is for sure, the Sasikala and Rajinikanth factors will play out certainly.

(*The writer is a senior journalist*)

POINT**COUNTER**POINT

**UDDHAV DID NOT SAY A WORD ABOUT THE CONGRESS CRITICISING SAVARKAR AND NOW HE HAD TO ADDRESS A RALLY FROM SAVARKAR AUDITORIUM. POETIC JUSTICE —MAHARASHTRA BJP SPOKESPERSON**

KESHAV UPADHYE

**THOSE WHO ARE RAISING QUESTIONS ABOUT US...WHY ARE THEY NOT GIVING THE BHARAT RATNA TO VEER SAVARKAR, THE MENTOR OF HINDUTVA? —SHIV SENA'S CHIEF SPOKESPERSON**

SANJAY RAUT

# The FCRA fracas

## When a few entities flout norms, the governmental system reacts by clamping down with more controls, inspections, reports, which are a hassle for all

SUBHASH CHANDRA **PANDEY**

Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) play an important role in the development of society and a country. In India, too, many NGOs are engaged in implementing Government schemes to help the poor and many of them have their own ways of aiding the underprivileged, restoring human rights or working for the environment and so on. However, friction between NGOs and the Government arises when foreign-funded ones venture into prohibited areas like politics and take a stand on communal and social disharmony. The Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA), 1976, was enacted to regulate foreign funding, requiring prior permission or intimation of/to the Government. While retaining the basic framework, the Act was rewritten in 2010 and amended in the last Parliament session in September. The law aimed at curbing foreign funding influencing politics, religious conversions and fomenting strife among communities. We are a proud, open democracy. Like any human institution, our systems may not be perfect. We do have problems to resolve but we don't need foreigners who try to accentuate divisions, disaffection and alienation among people, playing on the insecurities of the wronged, deprived and misguided sections.

The NGOs engaged in "proxy politics" were unwelcome right from 1976. If they fish in troubled waters, they will face a pushback. They are free to go to undemocratic countries to help their voiceless people if they are allowed to operate there. Specifically, the 1976 Act banned election candidates, "correspondent, columnist, cartoonist, editor, owner, printer or publisher of a registered newspaper", judges and Government/PSU employees, legislators, political parties and their office-bearers from accepting any foreign funds. (The 2010 Act added television and digital media too.) It prohibited "organisations of a political nature, not being a political party" from accepting any foreign contribution directly or indirectly through any proxy without prior permission of the Government.

It allowed non-political entities "having a definite cultural, economic, educational, religious or social programme" to receive foreign assistance provided they register with the Government and keep it informed about its quantum, source, time, purpose, bank account and actual utilisation. But the 2010 Act tightened control on ultimate recipients of foreign contributions by stipulating that FCRA-registered entities can transfer funds only to other FCRA-registered/regulated entities. The recent 2020 amendment has totally banned transfer of funds to others. The receiving NGO must spend all foreign contribution itself. It cannot become a distributing intermediary. The 1976 Act authorised the Government to deny access to foreign contributions if it prejudicially affected the sovereignty and integrity of India; or public interest; or freedom/fairness of election to any legislature; or friendly relations with any foreign State; harmony between religious, racial, linguistic, regional, social groups, castes or communities. The term "social" was added in 2010. The evolution of the FCRA law clearly shows its basic intent: Foreigners indulging in local politics are not welcome.The legislative intent was to curb foreign interference in domestic politics, the media, judiciary and the Government.

Critics saw the law as an attempt to clamp down on political dissent and the religious freedom of people to preach and of citizens to change their faith if they so wished. There was also criticism that the broad, vague restrictions for NGO funding and operations would have a stifling effect on the constitutionally guaranteed rights to freedom of association, expression and assembly. Plus there were fears that with the amendments, the Government had expanded its own discretion, bureaucratic control and oversight with respect to the day-to-day functioning of NGOs in India and left them vulnerable to partisan behaviour and favouritism. While basic human rights are assured by India to everyone, including foreigners, some rights are available only to Indian citizens. Foreigners everywhere are expected to comply with local laws. Foreign debt, equity and grants are regulated when they prejudicially affect national security, local culture, education, religion and social harmony. If an NGO indulges in political and religious activities, it is bound to invite political backlash. The following amendments to the FCRA Act have generated controversy.

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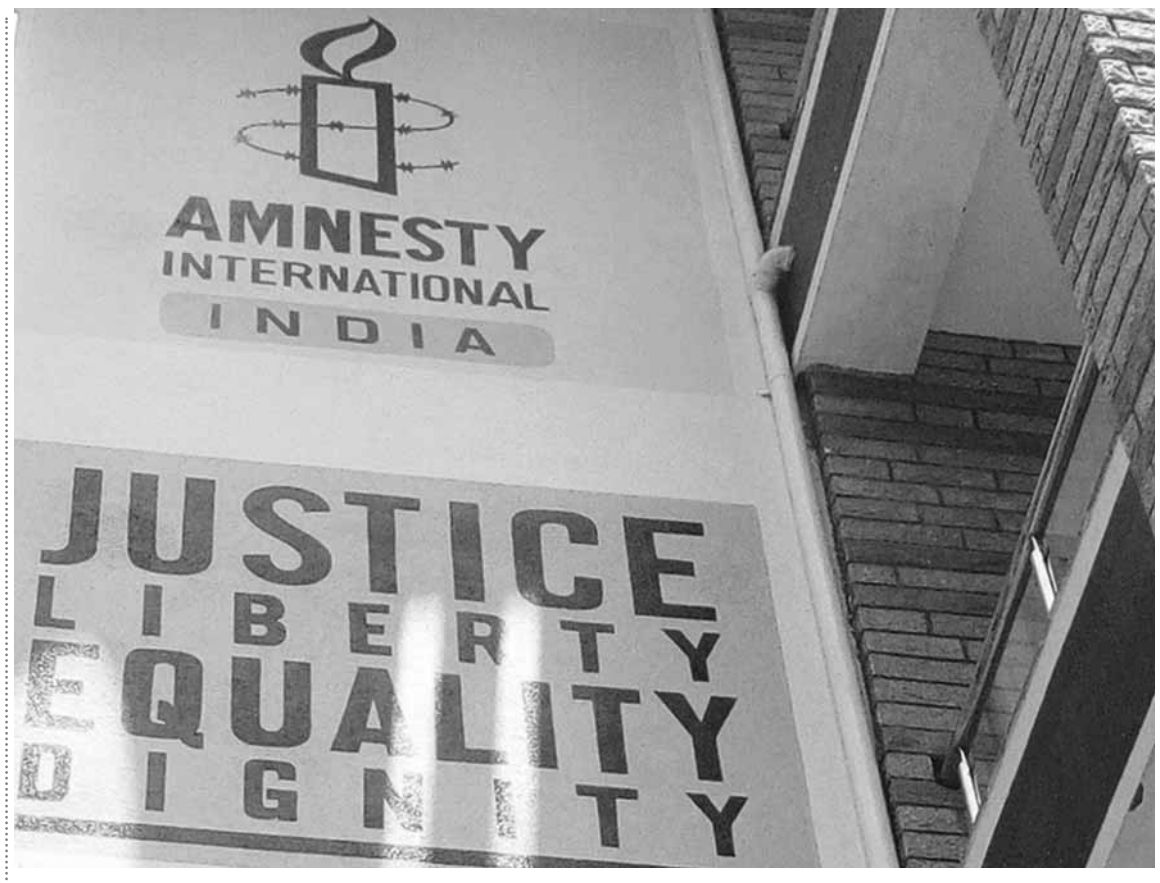


**Cap on administrative expenses:** The 2010 Act stipulated a ceiling of 50 per cent on administrative expenses, which can be relaxed with the approval of the Government. The recent amendment has reduced this 50 per cent to 20 per cent. NGOs must seek Government approval to exceed the 20 per cent limit with proper justification (like expenses on a non-recurring event or being advocacy NGOs, not having projects). NGOs should spend more on implementation of projects, help poor beneficiaries rather than lavishly spend on their salaries, office rent, allied charges, business class travel, expensive event venues and so on. Only 1,328 NGOs reported administrative expenses over 20 per cent in 2018-19.

**AADHAAR/Passport/Overseas Citizenship of India card for key managerial personnel:** The new law requires NGOs to furnish Aadhaar numbers of all key functionaries while seeking FCRA registration, renewal of registration or prior permission to obtain foreign contribution. For foreigners/OCIs, a copy of passport or OCI card will do. This is a one-time requirement.

**Routing of funds through a bank account in the SBI:** The new law requires foreign contributions to be routed through a bank account with the SBI in New Delhi. From there, funds can go to other FCRA accounts and these must not receive other funding to avoid mixing of regulated and unregulated funds. NGOs can continue using their preferred bank account after foreign funding inflows pass through this SBI account. This is a one-time hassle. NGOs don't need to come to Delhi. They can approach the nearest SBI branch. Of the 21,490 NGOs filing FCRA returns in 2018-19, 1,488 were Delhi-registered. As many as 2,214 NGOs were registered in three years between 2017 and 2019. The SBI is expected to facilitate/fast-track the process. The Government may give some transition time so that the fund flow does not come to a halt during the current pandemic.

**NGOs can't be financial intermediaries to route foreign contributions:** The most substantive change in the 2020 amendment is that an FCRA-registered NGO cannot transfer funds to other NGOs. It has to directly spend all foreign funds it receives. Under the 2010 law, such transfer was permitted to other FCRA-registered entities. So bigger NGOs could act as a funnel to route foreign funds to grassroots organisations. Now these larger NGOs will have to re-orient their working to start either direct spending or start connecting foreign donors and FCRA-registered grassroots organisations. Foreign funds will bypass the bank accounts of these intermediary NGOs and go directly to the ultimate beneficiary NGOs.

Foreign funds received by NGOs totalled ₹18,337.66 crore in 2016-17, ₹19,764.64 crore in 2017-18 and ₹20,011.21 crore in 2018-19. About half of 21,490 NGOs filing returns in 2018-19 reported nil foreign grants in 2018-19.

In 2018-19, 4,107 NGOs received ₹1,768 crore as re-grants from bigger NGOs, with a median transfer value of ₹7.6 lakh. Half of them received less than ₹7.6 lakh. Pruning of intermediation cost would mean more bang for the buck for genuine foreign donors. It will help the Government to know which foreign donor is funding which Indian NGO. Intermediary NGOs were an obstruction to this transparency and may be adding to the cost. Sub-granting entailed double counting of foreign contribution, by intermediary and final recipient. Who received what and from which foreign donor was unclear. Transparency should be welcomed. Of course, to avoid sudden disruption of fund flow during the pandemic, some transition time should be allowed.

**Non-compliance:** The 2010 Act barred following types of entities from getting/renewing FCRA registration: Fictitious or *benami* entities; entities prosecuted or convicted for indulging in activities aimed at religious conversions through inducement or force; prosecuted or convicted for creating communal tension; found guilty of diversion or misutilisation of funds; engaged in propagation of sedition or advocating violent methods to achieve its ends; using foreign contributions for personal gains or diverting for undesirable purposes.

The Government has strengthened the mechanism to root out non-compliant NGOs. The period of cancellation of registration has been changed from up to 180 days to 360 days. The FCRA registrations of 14,500 NGOs were cancelled in five years ending December 2019. These were mostly duplicate registrations held by some NGOs. Failure to file annual returns also invited some cancellations as was the case with the crackdown on shell companies. In 2017-18, names of 2.26 lakh companies were struck off.

When a few entities flout norms, the governmental system reacts by clamping down with more controls, inspections, reports, which are a hassle for all. But it is necessary to keep errant NGOs in line.

(*The writer former Special Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry*)

# Still awaiting an inclusive election

## The political participation of *divyangs* and the elderly remains slim even though 2019 was pitched to be 'Year of Accessible Elections' by EC

SANTOSH **BISWAL** SHIBA **PARHI**

With Bihar Assembly elections beginning today, political parties have been busy wooing voters with major sops. The BJP's promise to provide free Coronavirus vaccines to all in poll-bound Bihar stirred a political controversy and drew the attention of the Election Commission of India (ECI). However, most parties are ignoring voters with disabilities.

About 13 per cent of the elderly and *divyang* voters have decided to opt for the postal ballot drop-off and pick-up facility for the first phase of the election. Significantly, Bihar is the first State to go to the polls since the enactment of the Rights of Persons With Disabilities (RPWD) Act, 2016. Though the Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities has made extensive efforts to ensure greater participation of *divyang* voters, there have been some oversights. In Bihar 50 per cent of *divyangs* do not use public transport and nearly 70 per cent do not access Government buildings. Only 40 per cent possess the disability certificate that is required to avail all governmental incentives. This is because to procure that certificate, they have to visit a primary healthcare centre, which is usually situated too far from rural areas. Further, the job does not get done in one trip and they have to make frequent visits because of the callous attitude of the medical authorities.

However, Bihar cannot be singled out for such irregularities. Even though Delhi saw a rise in the number of *divyang* and elderly voters in the last Assembly election, polling booths, help desks, obstacle-free, wide and levelled pathways to the voting compartment and ramps were not as per Government regulations. Previously, too, various States like Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh failed to organise the voting system for this disadvantaged segment.

Hence, the political participation of *divyangs* and the elderly remains slim even though 2019 was pitched to be the "Year of Accessible Elections" by the EC. The REV-UP campaign (Register-Enable-Vote) was badly affected and the political rights of the elderly and the *divyangs* have been denied.

Equity and inclusion remain a distant dream for the differently abled who constitute 2.21 per cent of our total population. Now, with the exercise of social distancing necessitated by the pandemic, meeting the pressing needs of the elderly and the *divyangs*, right from sourcing essential supplies to accessing medical treatment, has become problematic. This has also made them doubly marginalised and invisible in these troubled times.

The Accessible India Campaign, launched by the Government in 2015, attempts to make the overall environment more inclusive for the differently-abled. However, the campaign for equal opportunities and protection of rights is still unheard of and unnoticed and has taken a back seat in Government agenda. The picture remains grim as State governments have not shown a good response. Despite the Accessible India Campaign, accessibility to public institutions remained a major challenge and as of today, several Government-run and aided institutions are not disabled-friendly.

If data provided by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPWD) are to be believed, initially out of the 1,653 buildings audited by access auditors, State Governments had sent proposals for only 647. As many as 12 cities had not sent even a single proposal. There have been glaring differences between the Centre and the States in terms of coordination, framing and execution of the policies for a barrier-free environment. Apart from accessibility issues, the differently-abled are subjected to socio-economic, educational and political deprivations.

The dimension of gender cannot be ignored, too, as 44 per cent of the total *divyangs* are women with challenges. Of this, around 21 per cent are married and divorce cases remain high for several reasons. Significantly around 69 per cent of the *divyangs* reside in rural India. The kind of predicament that the differently-abled face in rural pockets is significant. Yet, this is missing in the mainstream discourse and warrants urgent attention.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation reveals that 75 per cent of differently-abled children are deprived of elementary education. The scene is again dismal in higher education because of varied reasons. Only about 28.8 per cent of the *divyangs* in the country possess the certificate of disability, which is required to avail their rights. As a result of this and due to the policy paralysis and inaccessibility pattern of workplaces, only 34 lakh *divyangs* out of 1.34 crore are employed in the country.

Recently, the Centre asked State Governments to make a list of the *divyangs* who are yet to be a part of the Public Distribution System and cover them under the National Food Security Act, 2013. However, the callous attitude of the State machinery is quite apparent.

There are umpteen cases which signal the violation of the human rights of the disabled. There should be an overhaul of public policy to mainstream this marginalised segment and achieve inclusive development.

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FOREIGN EYE

## NOT A JUST THING TO DO

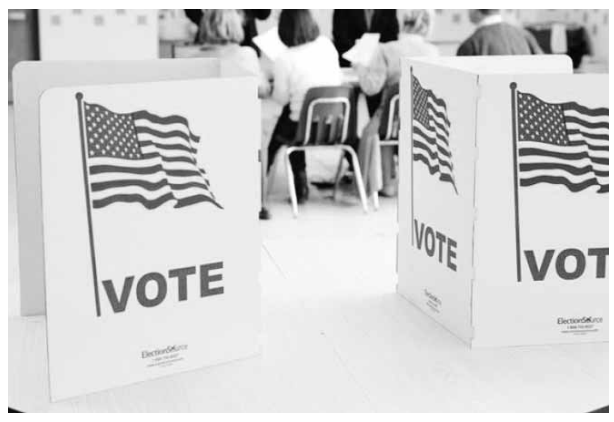
The unpredictable American system of life tenure has led to four presidents picking six or more justices and four presidents selecting none, as happened with Jimmy Carter. This gives some presidents too much influence on the Supreme Court and others too little. It also leads to justices remaining on the court when they are unable either physically or mentally to do the job. This must change.

(*The NYT* editorial)

US ELECTIONS

# 'Youngsters to vote in higher numbers'

## Biden's favourability increases: Harvard poll




**New York:** Young Americans adults are expected to vote in large numbers in the 2020 US Presidential elections, and Democratic nominee Joe Biden's favourability has increased considerably in the last few months, according to a poll conducted by the Harvard University's Institute of Politics.

The nation-wide poll, which surveyed the age group of 18 to 29 years, found "historic interest in the upcoming election, with a higher proportion of respondents indicating they will 'definitely be voting' than has been observed in the twenty years the poll has been conducted, suggesting higher turnout than has been observed in this age group in several decades."

Youth enthusiasm to vote and likelihood of turning out on track will hit record levels in 2020, with 63 per cent of respondents indicating they will "definitely be voting," a contrast to 47 per cent during the 2016 elections.

The 2008 election saw the highest youth turnout since 1984, with 48.4 per cent of the 18-to-29-year-olds voting, according to the United States Elections Project, a reputed Census platform on poll turnout.

The turnout of young voters this year seems closer to 2008 compared to 2016, the Institute of Politics at Harvard Kennedy School poll data indicated.

The survey found that Biden holds a 24-point lead in the youth voter category over incumbent President Donald Trump.

Biden's favourability among young voters has increased by 13 percentage points since April this year.

The youth poll said 63 per cent of Biden supporters expect the Democratic challenger to win, with six per cent anticipating a Trump win and 30 per cent 'not sure'.

In contrast, about 74 per cent of Trump supporters expect Trump to win, with only 6 per cent anticipating a Biden victory.

Biden is viewed favourably by 47 per cent of all young adults, compared to 41 per cent who view him negatively.

Biden's favourability is slightly higher among likely voters (56 per cent), although the percentage who view him unfavourably remains unchanged (41 per cent). ***PTI***

## Trump's pick Amy Barrett sworn in as SC justice

**PTI** ■ WASHINGTON

Conservative jurist Amy Coney Barrett was sworn in as a justice of the US Supreme Court, an hour after the Republican-controlled Senate confirmed her controversial nomination, handing President Donald Trump a major victory just a week before the election.

The deeply-divided Senate confirmed the nomination of Barrett as the 115th Supreme Court Judge by 52-48 votes on Monday, pushing the top court in a more conservative direction for generations to come.

Barrett, a 48-year-old religious conservative, was administered the official constitutional oath by Justice Clarence Thomas on the South Lawn of the White House alongside President Trump.

"I stand here tonight, truly honoured and humbled," she said shortly after she took the constitutional oath.

"This is a momentous day for America, for the United States Constitution and for the fair and impartial rule of law," said Trump in his remarks on the occasion.

"She is one of our nation's most brilliant legal scholars, and she will make an outstanding justice on the highest court in our land," he said about his nominee.

# China tells US not to bully Sri Lanka ahead of Pompeo's visit

**Colombo:** China has raised objections to what it called U.S. bullying of Sri Lanka after Washington said the Indian Ocean island must make "difficult but necessary choices" regarding its ties with China.

The comments by the Chinese embassy in Colombo came shortly before the arrival on Tuesday of US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who is on a an Asian tour aimed at pushing back against China's growing influence in the region.

"We are firmly opposed to the United States taking the opportunity of the State Secretary's visit to sow and interfere in China-Sri Lanka relations, and to coerce and bully Sri Lanka," the embassy said in a statement late on Monday.

China has invested billions of dollars in infrastructure projects in Sri Lanka as part of President Xi Jinping's Belt and Road Initiative, aimed at linking Asia, Europe and beyond, to the alarm of India and the United States.

The embassy said China's ties with Sri Lanka stretched back 2,000 years and the two countries did not need a third party to dictate terms.

Pompeo's trip to Sri Lanka, and later to the Maldives, another Indian Ocean island nation, is seen as part of an attempt to counter China's dominating economic presence in smaller countries that has left some of them in deep debt.

Ahead of the trip, Dean Thompson, the senior State Department official for South and Central Asian affairs, said Sri Lanka must make tough choices to secure its economic independence over the longer term.

China also raised concern about Pompeo making the trip at a time when Sri Lanka is struggling with the novel coronavirus.

"Is it helpful to local epidemic prevention and control? Is it in the interests of the Sri Lankan people," the embassy asked.

A Chinese delegation led by its top diplomat, Yang Jiechi, visited Colombo this month but it kept its personnel and activities to a minimum in line with guidelines to prevent a surge in cases, the embassy said. ***AFP***

## Around the Globe

**Taipei:** Taiwan said Tuesday that proposed US sales of missiles and other arms systems will boost the island's ability to credibly defend itself, amid rising threats from China.

**Vilnius:** The Baltic nation of Lithuania sent a protest note Tuesday to Belarus over a planned nuclear power plant close to their border that is scheduled to start operating in early November.

**Brussels:** The long-running royal scandal that has riveted Belgium and damaged those involved reached a new milestone when former King Albert II reunited with the daughter he fathered out of wedlock over half a century ago.

**Philadelphia:** Police shot and killed a 27-year-old Black man on a Philadelphia street after yelling at him to drop his knife, sparking violent protests that police said injured 30 officers and led to dozens of arrests.

# Erdogan sues Dutch anti-Islam lawmaker for insults

**Ankara:** Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan is suing Dutch lawmaker Geert Wilders after the anti-Islam politician posted a series of tweets against the Turkish leader, including one that described him as a "terrorist."

The state-run Anadolu Agency said Erdogan's lawyer on Tuesday filed a criminal complaint against Wilders at the Ankara Chief Prosecutor's office for "insulting the president" — a crime in Turkey punishable by up to four years in prison.

Wilders posted a cartoon depicting Erdogan wearing a bomb-resembling hat on his head, with the comment: "terrorist."

Wilders continued posting tweets targeting Erdogan this week amid a growing quarrel between Turkey and European countries sparked by Erdogan's sharp comments against French President Emmanuel Macron, including remarks questioning Macron's mental health over his stance on Islam.

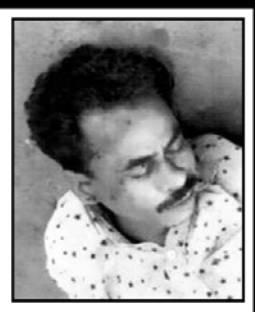
Erdogan has persistently sued people for alleged insults since he took office as president in 2014. Thousands have been convicted. More than 29,000 people were prosecuted on charges of insulting Erdogan last year, according to the Birgun newspaper.

The complaint against Wilders, whose political career has been based largely on his strident anti-Islam rhetoric, accused him of using language "insulting the honour and dignity of our president and of targeting Erdogan's personality, dignity and reputation," according to Anadolu.

Wilders, who leads the largest opposition party in the Dutch Parliament, shrugged off the Turkish criminal complaint and described Erdogan as a "loser." Wilders has lived under tight security for 16 years due to death threats following his anti-Islam rhetoric.

On Monday, Turkey's Daily Sabah newspaper, which is close to Erdogan, printed pictures of Wilders and Macron, with the headline: "the two faces of hatred and racism in Europe." ***AP***

**UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY**



General Public is hereby informed that an one male person was found dead Near Under Pratap Nagar, Metro Station, Delhi dated **25.10.2020.** In this regard a Vide **DD No. 044A** dated **25.10.2020** has been registered at **PS Gulabi Bagh, Delhi.** The dead body has been preserved at Sabzi Mandi Mortuary for identification

The description of the dead body is given as under **Name:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** About 40 years, **Height:** 5'4", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Long, **Built :** Thin, **Wearing :** Yellow dharidar Shirt and Black Paint and chappal in feet.

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

**SHO**
**PS Gulabi Bagh, Delhi**
**DP/678/N/2020** **Ph.: 011-2365 1692, 8750871634**

## Kamala Harris is smart as devil: Biden

**Washington:** Kamala Harris is smart as a devil, has a backbone like a ramrod and is vastly experienced, Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden has said, defending his decision to select the California senator as his running mate.

Biden named Harris as his running mate in August, making her the first Black woman to run on a major political party's presidential ticket.

"Number one: her values. Number two: She is smart as a devil. Number three: She has a backbone like a ramrod. Number four: She is really principled. And number five: She has had significant experience in the largest state in the union, running a Justice Department that's only second in size to the United States Justice Department," Biden told CBS News in an interview on Monday. ***PTI***

## Iran summons French diplomat over Macron's remarks

**Tehran (Iran):** Iran summoned a French diplomat in protest at what it says is France's support for the publication of caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad, state media reported on Tuesday, in the latest fallout over France's response to the beheading of a teacher.

The report by state TV said an Iranian official in the country's Foreign Ministry told the French diplomat that Paris' response to the killing was "unwise."

The Iranian official said it was regrettable that France was permitting hatred against Islam under the guise of support for freedom of expression, state TV reported.

Countries across the Middle East have been outraged by French President Emmanuel Macron's remarks last week in which he refused to condemn the publication or showing of caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad. ***AP***

## 8 killed, over 120 injured in bomb blast at religious seminary in Peshawar

**Peshawar:** A powerful blast ripped through a religious seminary in northwest Pakistan's Peshawar city on Tuesday, killing at least eight people, mostly students, and wounding over 120 others, senior police officials said.

The blast occurred around 8:30 am at a local mosque, which also serves as a religious school in Dir Colony in interior Peshawar, while students were reading the Quran, Peshawar police chief Muhammad Ali Khan told reporters.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister's Advisor on Information Kamran Bangash and Spokesman of the LRH Hospital Asim Khan confirmed that eight persons have died and 124 others injured in the blast. "Those who spread terror will never succeed in their mission," Bangash said, adding that the incident would be fully probed and the perpetrators will be brought to book.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the blast in the city, bordering war-torn Afghanistan.

A bag filled with explosive materials was kept close to wall of the seminary by some unknown person which went off, superintendent of police in Peshawar city Waqar Azeem said.

He said the bag is believed to have had an IED device that went off. An official from the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) said 4 to 5 kilogramme explosives were used in the blast. ***PTI***

# Hong Kong arrests 3 activists under nat'l security law

**AP** ■ HONG KONG

Three members of a former student group advocating independence for Hong Kong were arrested Tuesday under the city's new national security law on suspicion of publishing content inciting secession on social media platforms.

The three include former Studentlocalism leader Tony Chung and former members William Chan and Yanni Ho. The arrests of the three were confirmed on the now-disbanded group's Facebook page.

Police said they arrested two men and one woman between the ages of 17 and 21 on secession charges, but did not name them. Chung was arrested near the U.S. Consulate in Hong Kong on Tuesday morning, a police official said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media. The other two were detained while reporting to police stations, Studentlocalism said.

The three had previously been arrested under the national security law in July, on charges of inciting secession.

Studentlocalism was a student group in the city that advocated localism, and aimed to set up a "Republic of Hong Kong."

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is to inform you that the Original Allottee of a Residential Flat No. D-137-A, Sector-26 Noida, Shri Jalesh Bhatia son of shri Ram Ratan Bhatia Resident of B-17, Dayanand Colony, Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi had executed a G.P.A. in favour of Shri Shakti Nath son of Shri Vishwanath Resident of 2003, Katra Lachhu Singh, Bhagirath Palace, Delhi vide GPA/Agreement to Sell Dated 10.01.1985 and the same was duly registered in the office of SubRegistrar, Noida.

The same property further had executed an Agreement to Sell between Shri Shakti Nath Son of Shri Vishwanath & Mrs. Poonam Khubani wife of Shri Anand Khubani Resident of 1386, Sector 37 Noida on 11" April, 1997 and the same was duly registered in the office of Sub-Registrar, Noida. Now after immense efforts to locate Shri Shakti Nath at his residence address and other places. I found Shakti Nath untraceable.

Mrs. Poonam Khubani, the present Agreement to Sale Holder requested me to transfer the papers in her favour. So now I am executing the transfer papers in her favour without any consideration. So with the help of this notice it is informed that if any one have any objection he/she will submit his/her objection with proofs to me within 15 days of publication of notice.

**Jalesh Bhatia Son of Shri Ram Ratan Bhatia**

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARENCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED**

**(See Section 82 Cr. PC)**

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Vinod Sharma S/o KC Sharma R/o H.No. 100, 4th Floor, Vigyan lok, Delhi-110092** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 524/16 u/s 420/34 IPC & PS: Krishna Nagar, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrants of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Vinod Sharma** could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Vinod Sharma** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person **Vinod Sharma of FIR No. 524/16 u/s 420/34 IPC & PS: Krishna Nagar, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 05.01.2021.**

**By order**
**Ms. Aakansha Vyas,**
**Metropolitan Magistrate,**
**Court No-03, Karkardooma Court,**
**Shahdara, Delhi**
DP/253/SHD/2020

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is notice for the general public that a political party is proposed to be registered by the name of "RASHTRAVADI VIKAS PARTY." The office of the party is located at -- **"Rashtravadi Vikas Party"** 217, 2nd Floor, Devaki Tower, Chandra Nagar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh - 201011. The party has submitted application to thel Election Commission of India, New Delhi for its registration as Political Party under Section 29A of the Representation of People Act, 1951 .

Party Office Bearers:-

**1.President**- A.C. Bhatnagar, C-186 A, Hari Nagar Clock Tower, N. Delhi 110064

**2.General Secretary**- Brigadier Anil Kumar Srivastava, A-801, Sujjan Vihar, Sector-43,Gurgaon,Haryana, Pin-122003

**3.Treasurer** - Smt. Kiran Srivastava, A-802, Sujjan Vihar, Sector-43,Gurgaon,Haryana, Pin-122003

If any one has any objection to the registration of **Rashtravadi Vikas Party** they may send their Objection with reasons thereof, to the Secretary ,Election Commission of India , Nirvachan Sadan. Ashoka Road, New Delhi - 110001 within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

**DELHI ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION**
**Viniyamak Bhawan, C-Block, Shivalik, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi-110 017.**
**Website: www.derc.gov.in**
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**TENDER NOTICE**

**APPOINTMENT OF CAG EMPANELLED AUDITORS FOR REGULATORY AUDIT OF BOOKS OF ACCOUNT OF DISCOMS IN NCT OF DELHI**

1. The Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission invites bids for hiring audit services for undertaking Regulatory Audit of Books of Account of DISCOMs in NCT of Delhi for True up of FY 2019-20.
2. At the end of the contract period, the contract may be further extended on year to year basis for a maximum of two years on the same terms and conditions subject to satisfactory performance of the Consultant.
3. The copy of the Bid Document is available on DERC website (**www.derc.gov.in**). Interested Bidders may submit their Bid to the Secretary of the Commission latest by 1300 hours on 10.11.2020, as per the following schedule:

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| Pre-Bid Meeting | 2/11/2020 at 1500 hours |
| Last date of submission of Bid Proposals | 10/11/2020 at 1300 hours |
| Opening of Technical Bids | 10/11/2020 at 1500 hours |

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Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission

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**WESTERN RAILWAY**

**CORRIGENDUM**

**Tender No.: Dy CE (C)I-775(R), dated 23.10.2020.** This Tender published in this newspaper. **NIT Cost (Rs.)** should be read as **6,14,46,942/-** instead of 5,14,46,942/-. All other contents remain unchanged.

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**CENTRAL RAILWAY**

**PROCUREMENT OF DIGITAL ULTRASONIC DOUBLE RAIL TESTER**

E-tender for and on behalf of President of India, are invited by the Dy. Chief Engineer (SPL), Principal Chief Engineer's Office, GM Building, 2nd Floor, Central Railway, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, Mumbai - 400 001 for Supply of USFD Machines. Complete details of the tender are available on Central Railway's website **www.ireps.gov.in** and the complete tender document can be downloaded from the above website. **Tender No.:** TM.SM.2020.001. **Brief Description:** Digital Ultrasonic Double Rail Tester with all standard accessories as per RDSO specification no. RDSO/M&C/NDT/130/2007 (B-Scan) Rev-III, July 2017. **Qty:** 6 Nos. **Date of Tender Opening:** 18/11/2020. **Tender Value:** ₹ 1,02,66,000/-. **EMD to be Submitted:** ₹ 2,05,320/-. **Consignee:** Sr. Section Engineer (P.Way) USFD BSL-06 Nos.
**Tender Notice No.: STM/3/2020**
**Dated 23/10/2020**

**RPF Security Helpline 182** 473

**SEARCH FOR MISSING**

Savita

General Public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Savita D/o** Kaptan Singh **R/o** H.No. 14/47, Dakshinpuri, New Delhi **Age:** 27 years, **Height:** 4'8", **Face:** Round, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Normal, **Wearing:** Pink colour suit & Salwar has been missing since **13.09.2020** from her house. In this regard a case **DD No. 09A** dated **14.09.2020** has been registered at **P.S. Ambedkar Nagar, New Delhi.**

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

**E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.nic.in**
**Ph.: 011-24368638,24368641**
**Fax : 011-24368639**
**SHO**
**P.S. Ambedkar Nagar, New Delhi.**
**Ph.: 011-29052304, 29051917, 8750870832**
**DP/272/SD/2020**

**SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPED BOY**

Rahul

General Public is hereby informed that one boy (depicted in the photo) namely Rahul **S/o** Ramgopal **R/o** Jagdish ka gher, Near Ramleela Ground, Sannoth, Delhi **Aged**-15 Years has been reported kidnapped since 11.10.2020 at 11 am from his residence vide **FIR No.542/2020 u/s 363 IPC, Dated 12.10.2020** registered at Police Station Narela Industrial Area, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-

**Complexion:** Fair, **Height:** 5'3", **Face:** Round, **Built:** Thin, **Clothing:** White coloured shirt, black coloured pant and White coloured shoes in feet.

Any person having any information/Clue about this kidnapped boy, may inform SHO, Narela Industrial Area, Delhi at E-mail : **cic@cbi.gov.in** or website : **http://cbi.nic.in**

Sd/-
Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641 SHO, Narela Industrial Area, Delhi
FAX No. : 011-24368639 Tel.: 011-27787593
DP/550/ON/2020 Mob.: 7065036324

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED**

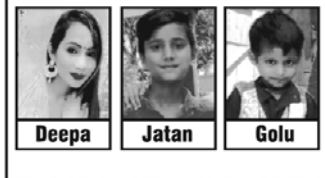
**See Section 82 Cr. P.C.**

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Nand Kishore S/o** Jagram, **R/o** A-6/155-D, Janta Flat, Paschim Vihar, Delhi and Village Nandigram, P.O. Bohala Bauri, Bageshwar, Uttarakhand has Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence under **FIR No. 216/18 u/s 408 IPC** has been registered at **P.S. Naraina, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Nand Kishore** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Nand Kishore** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Nand Kishore of FIR No. 216/18 u/s 408 IPC** has been registered at **P.S. Naraina, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **03.12.2020**.

**By order**
**Ankit Lal,**
**DP/242/WD/2020** **MM, Patiala House Court, New Delhi**

**SEARCH FOR MISSING**


Deepa Jatan Golu

General public is hereby informed that a female namely **Deepa (along with two children namely Name 1. Jatan , Age: 12 years, and 2. Golu, Age: 06 Years) W/o: Babu Lal, R/o: B-297, Ph-2 Metro Vihar, Holambi Kalan, Delhi has been reported missing since 11.07.2020 at 09:00 AM from her house. In this regard DD No. 58-A, dated 12.07.2020 has been registered at P.S. Narela Ind. Area, Delhi**. The description of missing female and her two children is as under:

**Name: Deepa, Age: 30 Years, Height: 4'8", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Wearing: Black Colour Suit-Salwar and Chappal in feet.**

If anyone have any information about this missing female and her two children please inform P.S. Narela Ind. Area, Delhi.

**Web: http://cbi.nic.in, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in**
**Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639**
**SHO**
**Police Station, Narela Ind. Area, Delhi**
**DP/543/ON/2020** **Ph: 011-27787592, 7065036324**

# Amazon flexes muscles but Reliance holds deep war chest

**IANS** ■ NEW DELHI

The face-off between Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) and Jeff Bezos-run behemoth Amazon over the retail assets of Future Group in India has once again exposed the ambition of the so-called "gatekeeper for e-commerce" to keep the reins of a growing retail market in the country in its hands.

The legal battle in Singapore aims to stop Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd (RRVL), a subsidiary of RIL, from dominating the burgeoning retail market in India -- estimated to reach $1.1-$1.3 trillion by 2025, from $0.7 trillion in 2019, growing at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 9-11 per cent (according to the latest report by Boston Consulting Group and the Retailers' Association of India).

That Amazon does not like new and direct competition to its business in any country and will do anything to somehow scuttle it, was conveyed earlier this month by the US House Judiciary Antitrust Subcommittee examining the health of competition in digital markets and the business practices of Amazon, Apple, Facebook and Google.

"Amazon's acquisition strategy has primarily focused on purchasing its competitors and companies that operate in adjacent markets, providing access to additional valuable customer data.

This strategy has effectively protected and expanded Amazon's market power in e-commerce and helped Amazon extend that power to other markets. Over the past two decades, Amazon has acquired at least 100 companies," the US House panel said in its 450-page report.

"Amazon has monopoly power over many small- and medium-sized businesses that do not have a viable alternative to Amazon for reaching online consumers," the report further read.

"Amazon has engaged in extensive anticompetitive conduct in its treatment of third-party sellers. Publicly, Amazon describes third-party sellers as 'partners'. But internal documents show that, behind closed doors, the company refers to them as 'internal competitors'," the US House panel report stressed.

# Economy reviving, but GDP growth to be negative or near zero this fiscal: FM

**New Delhi:** Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday said there were visible signs of revival in the economy but the GDP growth may be in the negative zone or near zero in the current fiscal.

She said the economy saw a contraction in the April-June quarter, but demand has picked up in the festival season. Speaking at the India Energy Forum of CERAWeek, she said infrastructure, fintech and all employment generating and asset creating industries would be priority sectors for the government.

Sitharaman further said recent data indicates revival in the economy, with PMI number being the highest since 2012. "Which sort of indicates that the revival is there which is going to be steady and sustainable revival. If that sustainable revival is going to happen between quarter three and quarter four, we expect that the overall GDP growth... (is) going to be in the negative or near zero this time," she said. ***PTI***

# 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' about creating globally competitive enterprises: Prime Minister

**IANS** ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday called upon exporters to create "globally competitive" enterprises in India in the spirit of his flagship mission, 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'. In his message to the EEPC India, Modi said: "'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' is about creating globally competitive enterprises in India."The Prime Minister's message was aired during the inauguration of the engineering exporters' apex body, EEPC India's first virtual exhibition, 'India Subcontracting Expo 2020' for overseas buyers.Through his message, the Prime Minister conveyed that science and engineering have a major role in realising the objectives of the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' programme.

He said that India is creating the right ecosystems for local manufacturing and supply chain.

# INBRIEF

## PNB DONATES EMERGENCY VEHICLE

**New Delhi:** As a part of a CSR initiative, the nation's leading public sector bank, Punjab National Bank (PNB), today donated emergency vehicle to Bhaoroa Deoras Sewa Nyas. The vehicle is to be used by the Nyas for the help of sick persons and their families who visit Delhi for treatment at AIIMS. Honorable Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Science and Technology and Earth Sciences, Dr. Harsh Vardhan along with Shri CH SS Malikarjuna Rao, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer handed over the key to the Trust.

## NORTHERN RAILWAY CELEBRATES VIGILANCE WEEK

The Vigilance Awareness Week for the year 2020 was kicked off by Northern Railway at its Headquarters Office, Baroda House, New Delhi today i.e. on 27.10.2020. The oath of integrity was administered by Shri. Rajiv Chaudhry, General Manager, Northern & North Central Railway. The ceremony was attended by a large number of Railway Officials and Senior Officers. The week is observed all the Government bodies and seeks to spread awareness about the necessity of honesty and uprightness. The theme of the week this year is "Satark Bharat Samriddh Bharat".

## VIGILANCE PLEDGE TAKES PLACE IN CLW

**Chittaranjan:** Vigilance Awareness Week 2020 is being observed in Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW) from 27th Oct' to 2nd Nov., 2020. Shri Praveen Kumar Mishra, General Manager administered the Vigilance Pledge in the Administrative Office foyer on 27th October 2020. On this occasion, Shri R.Yadav, Chief Vigilance Officer & Sr.DyGM, Shri M. K. Chatterjee, Dy. Chief Vigilance Officer along with other Head of departments, Sr. Officers, Staff Council members and Staff of CLW were present on the occasion, adhering to the safety norms of COVID-19 such as wearing face mask, maintaining social distancing etc.

## WEARING MASKS WILL BE MADE MANDATORY IN STATE: CM

**Jaipur:** Chief Minister Shri Ashok Gehlot said that to prevent the spread of corona infection, the state government is considering making it mandatory to wear masks in the state. For this, the bill will be brought in the upcoming assembly session. He said that Kovid-19 can be avoided only by adopting measures such as wearing masks, maintaining a distance of two yards and washing hands repeatedly until the vaccine comes.

# Covid-19 to erode 3 yrs of fiscal consolidation gains of States: RBI

**PTI** ■ MUMBAI

The additional outgo to combat the impact of Covid-19 will significantly erode the fiscal consolidation achieved by the State Govts in the past three years, an RBI report said on Tuesday. In its study of the state budgets of 2020-21, the RBI report which has dwelled on the theme 'Covid-19 and its Spatial Dimensions in India', said that Gross Fiscal Deficit of the States would spiral during the current fiscal.

"States have budgeted their consolidated GFD at 2.8 per cent of GDP in 2020-21; however, the Covid-19 pandemic may alter budget estimates significantly, eroding the gains of consolidation secured in the preceding 3 years - average GFD for States that presented their budgets before the outbreak of Covid-19 is 2.4% of GSDP, while the average for budgets presented post-lockdown is 4.6%," the report said.

# Markets buck weak global trend; Kotak Bank zooms over 12 pc

**Mumbai:** Domestic equity benchmarks shrugged off bearish global cues to end with smart gains on Tuesday, propelled by heavy buying in Kotak Mahindra Bank.

Investor sentiment got a leg up after MSCI said it would rejig its global indices to reflect changes in the country's foreign ownership limits for stocks, which is expected to spur FII inflows into Indian equities, traders said. The 30-share BSE Sensex surged 376.60 points or 0.94% to finish at 40,522.10. The broader NSE Nifty climbed 121.65 points or 1.03 per cent to 11,889.40. Kotak Mahindra Bank was the star performer in the Sensex pack, soaring 12.17%, after the lender reported a 22% growth in consolidated net profit at ₹2,947 crore for the July-Sept quarter.Without denying speculations about a merger with smaller rival IndusInd Bank, the private sector lender also said the objectives of its recent ₹7,000-crore capital raising exercise included acquisitions but added that it will be using the money judiciously. ***PTI***

# Gold declines ₹137 amid tepid demand

**New Delhi:** Gold prices in the national capital dropped ₹137 to ₹51,108 per 10 gram on Tuesday amid rupee appreciation and subdued demand, according to HDFC Securities.The precious metal had closed at ₹51,245 per 10 gram in the previous trade. ***PTI***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The below mentioned borrowers have been issued notice to pay off their outstanding amount towards the facility against gold ornaments.("Facility") availed by them from ICICI Bank Limited ("ICICI Bank"). We are constrained to conduct an auction of pledged gold ornaments on **Nov 07, 2020,** as they have failed to repay the dues. ICICI Bank has the authority to remove account /change the auction date without any prior notice. Auction will be held online - **https://jewel-auction.procuretiger.com** between **12:30 pm** to **3:30 pm.** For detailed Terms and conditions, please log into given website. In case of deceased borrower, all conditions will be applicable to legal heirs.

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| 681105600937 | Ghamada Ram |
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| 681905600669 | Bhvri Devi |
| **Branch Name: Jodhpur** | |
| 016705010338 | Nemaram Banjara |
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| **Branch Name: Jodhpur - 5th Upper Chopasni Rd** | |
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| 683505601214 | Bhom Singh |
| 683505601815 | Jitender Singh Rajpurohit |
| 683505601526 | Manju Devi |
| 683505601557 | Sumit Naskhawat |
| 683505601579 | Naveen Choudhary |
| 683505601927 | Santosh Devi |
| 683505601918 | Pinki Pinki |
| 683505601933 | Bajrang Lal Jat |
| 683505601943 | Puna Ram Bishnoi |
| 683505601961 | Rajesh Rajesh |
| **Branch Name: Jodhpur - Akhaliya Circle** | |
| 219705000604 | Mohan Kishan |
| 219705000509 | Satyapal Singh Rajpurohit |
| 219705000516 | Geeta Bhati |
| 219705000543 | Jai Ram Solanki |
| 219705000843 | Javed Husen |
| 219705000935 | Shakil Beg |
| 219705000937 | Vijay Singh |
| 219705000950 | Ramesh Jangid |
| 219705000971 | Rajkaran Joshi |
| 219705000990 | Pukhraj Choudhary |
| 219705000993 | Bhanwar Singh |
| 219705001022 | Laxman Singh |
| 219705001030 | Kishana Ram Bhargva |
| 219705001031 | Raju Ram |
| 219705001033 | Mohhammed Farukh |

| Loan A/C No. | Customer Name |
|---|---|
| 219705001074 | Indubala Ji |
| 219705001082 | Dilip Kumar |
| **Branch Name: Jodhpur - Pal Road** | |
| 424705000141 | Janak Singh |
| **Branch Name: Jodhpur - Paota C Road** | |
| 682805602309 | Yogesh Giri |
| 682805602291 | Dinesh Dinesh |
| 682805600974 | Narendra Narendra |
| 682805600981 | Kanchan Kanwar |
| 682805601067 | Manak Ram |
| 682805601354 | Rama Ram |
| 682805601360 | Govind Govind |
| 682805602358 | Pardeep Vishnoi |
| 682805602378 | Mona Mona |
| 682805602106 | Ramniwas Ramniwas |
| 682805602189 | Rajesh Solanki |
| 682805602194 | Auanindra Pratap Singh |
| 682805602219 | Chetan Chetan |
| 682805602235 | Kishore Singh |
| 682805602388 | Minakshi Rathore |
| **Branch Name: Jodhpur Avm** | |
| 682505600872 | Murli Manohar Rajpurohit S/O Sawai Singh |
| 682505600151 | Bharat Singh |
| 682505600366 | Vikram Singh Rajpurohit |
| 682505600493 | Yogesh Kumar |
| 682505600509 | Laxman Ram Rao |
| 682505600749 | Mahendra Singh Shekhawat |
| 682505600752 | Kanhiya Lal Dassani |
| 682505600795 | Shankar Singh |
| 682505600814 | Mahaveer Kothari |
| 682505600857 | Mahaveer Kothari |
| 682505600835 | Sunil Sunil |
| 682505600852 | Shaharukh Khan |
| 682505600863 | Mohan Balani |
| 682505600959 | Harish Chaudhary |
| **Branch Name: Jodhpur Avm Saraswati Nag** | |
| 682605600710 | Narpat Singh |
| 682605600742 | Arun Kumar Pareek |
| **Branch Name: Jodhpur Lal Sagar** | |
| 683005600839 | Manisha Manisha |
| 683005600842 | Maya Kanwar Rathore |
| 683005600851 | Vinod Parihar |
| 683005600868 | Kailash Gehlot |
| 683005600869 | Kishan Singh |
| **Branch Name: Jodhpur Mandore Road** | |
| 683405600229 | Baby |
| 683405600824 | Shakir Shakir |
| 683405600839 | Jahirulla Jahirulla |
| 683405600845 | Jethi Devi |
| 683405600861 | Shanti Devi |
| 683405600864 | Sohanlal Naval |
| 683405600867 | Chhail Singh |
| 683405600875 | Ram Lal |
| 683405600895 | Tejaram Devda |
| **Branch Name: Jodhpur Sojati Gate** | |
| 683105600427 | Nitesh Gehlot |
| 683105600786 | Ram Niwas |
| 683105600211 | Govind Singh Rathore |
| 683105600549 | Govind Singh Rathore |
| 683105600433 | Rajani * |
| 683105600787 | Anu Choudhary |
| 683105600617 | Vishwanath Singh |
| 683105600999 | Girish Manwani |
| **Branch Name: Jodhpur,Chopasni Housing** | |
| 682705600823 | Gita Gita |
| **Branch Name: Jodhpur,Nai Sarak** | |
| 682905600759 | Shabnam Khanam |
| 682905600754 | Samar Singh |
| **Branch Name: Jodhpur-Lachoo College** | |

| Loan A/C No. | Customer Name |
|---|---|
| 683305600562 | Narpat Singh |
| **Branch Name: Jodhpur-Mandoremandi** | |
| 051005006178 | Siddharth Singh Tanwar |
| 051005005883 | Shiv Lal |
| 051005005971 | Shiv Lal |
| 051005004574 | Champa |
| 051005002556 | Dinesh Sankhla |
| 051005003118 | Satyendar Singh Rathore |
| 051005003805 | Gopal Singh |
| 051005004418 | Ummaid Ram Choudhary |
| 051005004386 | Prashant Baghrana |
| 051005004504 | Om Singh Rathore |
| 051005004507 | Gajendra Singh Sankhla |
| 051005004531 | Gajendra Singh Sankhla |
| 051005005051 | Neetu Harsh |
| 051005005109 | Mukesh Das |
| 051005005146 | Suman Kanwar |
| 051005005259 | Mrs Shma |
| 051005005322 | Babu Lal |
| 051005005413 | Bhagwan Das |
| 051005006258 | Ganesh Ram |
| 051005005588 | Ritesh Parihar |
| 051005005896 | Hardev Ram |
| 051005005868 | Shyam Lal |
| 051005006007 | Pushpendra Singh Rathore |
| 051005006033 | Kanchan Kanwar |
| 051005006105 | Adu Ram Choudhary |
| 051005006137 | Mrs Anita |
| 051005006278 | Mrs Anita |
| 051005006160 | Achal Das |
| 051005006268 | Din Mohammed |
| 051005006296 | Sangeeta X |
| **Branch Name: Jodhpur-Saraswatinagar** | |
| 080005001482 | Banshi Lal Bishnoi |
| 080005000945 | Ram Ratan |
| 080005000660 | Rupraj Magraj Purohit |
| 080005000731 | Nitesh Singh Rathore |
| 080005001587 | Kamlesh Kumar |
| 080005001423 | Anda Ram |
| 080005001470 | Dinesh Panwar |
| 080005001486 | Bhagirath Ram Jat |
| 080005001506 | Sahi Ram |
| 080005001535 | Sahi Ram |
| 080005001605 | Sahi Ram |
| 080005001507 | Priya Ashiya |
| 080005001532 | Himpal Singh Deval |
| 080005001533 | Madan Lal |
| 080005001554 | Bala Ram |
| 080005001591 | Neeta Panwar |
| **Branch Name: Osian** | |
| 360905000449 | Rupa Ram |
| 360905000500 | Banwari Lal Vishnoi |
| 360905000684 | Chann Das |
| 360905000711 | Mahipal S Singh |
| 360905001057 | Rafik Khan |
| **Branch Name: Phalodi** | |
| 684405602669 | Habib Khan |
| 684405601208 | Govind Ram Suthar |
| 684405601457 | Girdhari Lal Mali |
| 684405601864 | Abdul Malik |
| 684405602201 | Mr Guljar |
| 684405603005 | Abdul Rauf |
| 684405602555 | Sanwari Dan Charan |
| 684405602733 | Raju Ram |
| 684405602907 | Gaji Khan |
| 684405602943 | Mr Maksud |
| 684405602959 | Ramesh Kumar Paliwal |
| 684405603050 | Mr Habu |
| 684405603057 | Sang Singh |
| 684405603058 | Ugam Singh |

Date : 28.10.2020
Place : Jodhpur

S/d
Authorised Officer
For ICICI Bank Limited



# JAMIA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.

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## Balance Sheet As on 31st March, 2020

(Amount in Rupees)

| Capital & Liabilities | As on 31st March, 2020 | As on 31st March, 2019 |
|---|---|---|
| Capital | 7,18,19,800 | 6,96,89,900 |
| Reserve fund & other reserves | 29,84,59,736 | 25,65,92,718 |
| Deferred Tax liability | 51,14,077 | 74,33,903 |
| Deposits & Other Accounts | 2,40,80,21,517 | 2,56,91,55,434 |
| Borrowings | Nil | Nil |
| Bills for collection being bills receivable as per contra | 4,96,844 | 5,80,076 |
| Branch adjustment | Nil | Nil |
| Overdue interest reserve | 8,29,98,392 | 5,85,17,680 |
| Interest Payable | 36,77,347 | 31,33,705 |
| Prov. for Interest on NPA A/c | 94,049 | 13,09,546 |
| H.O. Prov. for ITAX (Liability) (Net of TDS & Advance Tax) | 34,04,867 | 88,60,830 |
| Other liabilities | 10,80,78,758 | 13,60,07,679 |
| Profit & Loss A/c | 4,27,20,427 | 4,60,42,737 |
| **Total** | **3,02,48,85,814** | **3,15,73,24,208** |
| **ASSETS** | | |
| Cash & Balances with other banks | 57,16,32,069 | 61,73,71,598 |
| Money at call & short notice | Nil | 20,000,000 |
| Investments | 937,394,156 | 106,56,88,065 |
| Investment out of principal / subsidiary state partnership fund | Nil | Nil |
| Deferred tax assets | Nil | Nil |
| Advances | 1,36,10,85,698 | 1,32,55,42,430 |
| Interest receivable | 11,07,83,803 | 9,03,62,671 |
| Bills receivable being bills for collection as per contra | 4,96,844 | 5,80,076 |
| Branch adjustment | 446,816 | 38,39,450 |
| Premises less depreciation | Nil | Nil |
| Fixed Assets | 2,12,68,580 | 1,96,37,937 |
| Other Assets | 2,17,77,848 | 1,43,01,981 |
| Non-banking assets acquired in satisfaction of claims | Nil | Nil |
| **Total** | **3,02,48,85,814** | **3,15,73,24,208** |
| Contingent liabilities | 16,820,985 | 20,918,705 |
| **Total** | **16,820,985** | **20,918,705** |

***Note:*** Significant Accounting Policies and Notes on Accounts as per annexure 1 form an integral part of accounts.

Sd- **Mohammad Adil** CEO; Sd- **Rajesh Gupta** Director; Sd- **Dr. Pushpa Bhargava** Director; Sd- **R.N. Srivastava** Vice Chairman; Sd- **M.Q.H. Beg** Chairman

*As per our Audit Report of even date*

**For PREM GUPTA & CO.**
Chartered Accountants
Sd/-
Anil Kumar Gupta (Partner)
M.No. 082847, FRN. 000425N

Place: New Delhi
Date: 30.09.2020

## Profit & Loss Account For The Year Ended 31st March, 2020

(Amount in Rupees)

| | For the Yr. Ended 31st March, 2020 | For the Yr. Ended 31st March, 2019 |
|---|---|---|
| **I. Income** | | |
| Interest & Discount | 27,15,13,840 | 26,38,44,730 |
| Commission Exchange & Brokerage | 3,80,827 | 6,14,078 |
| Income from Non Banking Assets | Nil | Nil |
| Profit on sale of GOI securities | Nil | 112,500 |
| Depreciation on Govt. Securities (Written Back) | 37,012,525 | 15,755,775 |
| Other receipts | 25,492,276 | 27,948,424 |
| **Total** | **33,43,99,468** | **30,82,75,507** |
| Balance of Profit b/d | 6,93,00,601 | 7,12,15,238 |
| **Total** | **6,93,00,601** | **7,12,15,238** |
| **Expenditure** | | |
| Interest on Deposits, Borrowing etc. | 11,12,20,151 | 10,60,25,600 |
| Salaries & Allowances and Provident Fund | 6,56,27,598 | 5,03,87,764 |
| Board & Sub-committees sitting fees | 15,31,000 | 12,16,000 |
| Rent, Taxes, Insurance, Lighting etc. | 2,59,02,882 | 2,30,51,587 |
| Law Charges/Professional Fee Exps. | 99,83,132 | 84,81,722 |
| Postage, Telegrams & Telephone Charges | 377,272 | 418,941 |
| Auditor's Fees | 1,32,000 | 1,32,000 |
| Depreciation & Repairs on fixed assets | 56,92,775 | 61,13,569 |
| Stationary, Printing and Advt. etc. | 12,41,935 | 13,38,992 |
| Loss from Sale of Non Banking Assets | Nil | Nil |
| Depreciation on Govt. securities | Nil | Nil |
| Loss on Govt. securities | 57,68,679 | Nil |
| Contingent prov. on standard assets | 45,43,980 | 700,000 |
| Contingent prov. on bad & doubtful debts | 13,927,926 | 13,912,844 |
| A.G.M. Expenses | 14,50,679 | 13,33,902 |
| Election Expenses | 663,672 | Nil |
| Other Expenditures | 1,70,35,186 | 2,39,47,348 |
| Balance of Profit c/d before tax | 6,93,00,601 | 7,12,15,238 |
| **Total** | **33,43,99,468** | **30,82,75,507** |
| **Provision for Income Tax** | | |
| (a) Current Tax | 28,900,000 | 27,674,194 |
| (b) Deferred Tax | -2,319,826 | -2,501,693 |
| Income Tax related to previous year | Nil | Nil |
| Bal. of Profit tranf. to Balance Sheet | 42,720,427 | 46,042,737 |
| **Total** | **69,300,601** | **71,215,238** |

***Note:*** Significant Accounting Policies and Notes on Accounts as per annexure 1 form an integral part of accounts.

Sd- **Mohammad Adil** CEO; Sd- **Rajesh Gupta** Director; Sd- **Dr. Pushpa Bhargava** Director; Sd- **R.N. Srivastava** Vice Chairman; Sd- **M.Q.H. Beg** Chairman

*As per our Audit Report of even date*

**For PREM GUPTA & CO.**
Chartered Accountants
Sd/-
Anil Kumar Gupta (Partner)
M.No. 082847, FRN. 000425N

Place: New Delhi
Date: 30.09.2020

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Members
**JAMIA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.**

**OPINION**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **JAMIA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED,** which comprise the Balance Sheet as at March 31, 2020, the statement of Profit and Loss and the Receipts & Payments Account for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the aforesaid financial statements give the information required by the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 and Delhi Co-operative Societies Act, 2003 in the manner so required for Banking Societies and give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, of the state of affairs of the Bank as at March 31, 2020, its profit and the Receipts & Payments for the year ended on that date.

**BASIS FOR OPINION**

We conducted our audit of the financial statements in accordance with the Standards on Auditing issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. Our responsibilities under those Standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Bank in accordance with the Code of Ethics issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India ("ICAI") together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements under the provisions of the Act and Rules made thereunder, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the ICAI's Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence obtained by us is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion on the financial statements.

**EMPHASIS OF MATTER**

We draw attention to *Accounting policy no. 7 regarding accounting of retirement benefits which is not in conformity with AS-15 (revised) issued by the Institute of Chartered of Accountants of India so far it relates to accounting of Leave Encashment on cash basis.*

Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

**INFORMATION OTHER THAN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDITOR'S REPORT THEREON**

The Bank's Board of Directors is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Board's Report but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained during the course of our audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

**RESPONSIBILITY OF MANAGEMENT AND THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The Bank's Board of Directors is responsible for the matters stated in Banking Regulation Act, 1949, Delhi Co-operative Societies Act, 2003 and the Reserve Bank of India circulars, guidelines and directions with respect to the preparation of these financial statements that give a true and fair view of the financial position, financial performance and other accounting principles generally accepted in India. This responsibility also includes maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Act for safeguarding the assets of the Bank and for preventing and detecting frauds and other irregularities; selection and application of appropriate accounting policies; making judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls, that were operating effectively for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Bank's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Bank or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. The Board of Directors are responsible for overseeing the Bank's financial reporting process.

**AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with SAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Bank's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Bank to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

**REPORT ON OTHER LEGAL AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS**

1. As required by the Delhi Co-operative Societies Act, 2003 read with the Delhi Co-operative Societies Rules, 2007, the comments on the financial statements of the Bank have been given in Part-A, Part-B and Part-C of the Report.
2. As required by the Delhi Co-operative Societies Act, 2003, read with the Delhi Co-operative Societies Rules, 2007 and the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, we report as under:

(a) We have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purpose of our audit and have found them to be satisfactory.

(b) The transactions of the Bank, which have come to our notice, have been within the powers of the bank.

(c) In our opinion, information received from the branches of the bank is adequate for the purposes of our audit.

(d) In our opinion, proper books of account as required by law have been kept by the Bank so far as appears from our examination of those books.

(e) The Bank's Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Account and Receipts & Payments Account dealt with in this report are in agreement with the Books of account.

(f) The Balance Sheet and the Profit & Loss Account have been drawn up in Form A and B respectively of the third schedule to the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 in accordance with the provisions of Section 29 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 and comply with the Accounting Standards issued by Institute of Chartered Accountants of India to the extent applicable.

For **PREM GUPTA & CO.**
Chartered Accountants, FRN: 000425N
Sd/-
**(Anil Kumar Gupta)**
Partner, M.NO. 082847

Place : New Delhi
Date : 30th September, 2020

# FOR A FULFILLING FUTURE

It is important to engage the rural youth in productive ways, to make them future-ready and ensure a sustainable livelihood, says DR NEELAM GUPTA

While India is aiming to be the 5 trillion dollar economy, it also is sitting on a goldmine of raw talent, waiting to be nurtured, developed, and added to the growing human resource pool in our rural setups. A big economic opportunity for India, lies in creating a competent and trained manpower. According to a study, an Indian worker today needs about 100 days for reskilling to be ready for future jobs by 2022. One particular concern has been the skilling of the rural youth, who constitute nearly 68 per cent of the country's total population. It is important to engage the rural youth in productive ways, to make them future-ready and ensure a sustainable livelihood. Apart from the technical skills, the rural youth have to be trained in cognitive and interpersonal skills to adapt to a technology-enabled and truculent world.

Especially during Covid-19 pandemic, it has unleashed multiple challenges in different geographies, especially for the vulnerable groups living in rural set ups that already have existing issues of water and food security. The COVID-19 pandemic has not only hit the manufacturing, services and business industries but also pushed back Prime Minster Narendra Modi Government's ambitious programme to double farmers' income by 2022. Both big and small scale farmers are in deep distress after the lockdown caused disruptions in the food supply chain, scarcity of labor and the decline in overall demand. India has majority of its population below the age of 25, a number that will look for jobs for the next decade. And so with half of India's population expected to be in rural India by 2050, there is a pressing need to make quality skill training more accessible to the rural youth.

Even while having cognizance of the challenge and the opportunity on our platter, the hurdles in skilling rural youth are many. Dearth of quality trainers, inadequacies in training programmes and high dropout rates remain the hurdles to proper skill development. Most training institutes are located in the nearest small towns, inaccessible to most, especially women, due to the lack of public transport facilities. The Government-run Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) have severely limited capacity and offer outdated courses with limited placement options. Due to the absence of proper skillset, the literate rural youth end up working as unskilled migrant workers in the nearest towns and cities.

Still the Government is fighting pillar to post, to capitalise our rich demographic divident in nation's development. A significant, and, highly welcoming step in addressing this skill gap is the New Education Policy 2020 which integrates Vocational education into all schools and higher education institutions in a phased manner over the next decade. A bulk of workforce (70 per cent) emanates from rural India, and if by effective implementation of the policy, we can get them interested in vocational training and provide them that training through their formative schooling years; then we would be close to realising our dream of a developing a competent and trained manpower.

Degree Apprenticeship is a new education route, recently introduced by the Government, bringing together the best of higher and vocational training. This new option enables university study and the invaluable on-the-job training typical of an apprenticeship. While pursuing a degree course the candidate can undergo apprenticeship training as an integrated component of the curriculum.

Another blessing in disguise has been the sudden shoving of education, trainings into e-learning methods, which has the potential to revolutionise the vocational training landscape in rural India. This deep penetration of digitisation shall enable the remotest locations also to come to one single platform and learn. Especially for girls, in rural backgrounds, who otherwise are unable to go out and learn due to family and societal pressures.

There is huge opportunity in rural areas for the growth of numerous off-farm sector activities and in particular the healthcare sector. The pandemic has focused the spotlight on our poorly equipped public healthcare system and the shortage of frontline workers i.e. nursing cadres, lab technicians, paramedics and ASHA workers. In the coming years there is expected to be spurt in demand for these professions; and the skill training institutes should respond to this situation by offering a greater number of healthcare courses.

Another priority area for training are the skills relevant to the rural economy; newer opportunities are emerging in information technology (IT)-linked agri-extension services, food processing, agri-based e-commerce, solar technicians, amongst many others. A key part of such a push would be to create awareness and aspirations for these vocations, and their potential to offer a fulfilling career. The pandemic has forced most of us into remote working and telecommuting. This is likely to become a larger phenomenon in the future, opening up new employment vistas for rural youth, women in particular. Another initiative aimed at creating local employment has been through the BPOs being set up in rural or semi-rural areas. Today, it is entirely possible for the daughter of a rural landless worker to work as a programmer or content developer out of her home. So the COVID-19 situation could also become as the catalyst for the emergence of a new paradigm of skill training and work opportunities in our rural areas.

Skill development and new models of learning will be central to the recovery of our precious workforce post-COVID-19. One of the major challenges affecting the efficiency of this skill development programme is the lack of awareness around the opportunities, and numerous government skilling initiatives. Different stakeholders like the NGOs, the Government, the corporate sector, social businesses should work in cohesion in a collaborative ecosystem to address the need of competency-based skill-oriented training and placement, capacity building, promoting entrepreneurial activities, and up-skilling for agricultural and allied practices. These higher authorities can also counsel to determine their interest and enable different types of in-demand skills and achieving real-world outcomes. Empowering rural human capital through Skill Development is an essential for developing the country's economy. The CSR teams of reputed companies can also help in creating an impact to empower the rural youth in local communities, engaging with the ITI and polytechnic institutions in the villages with the support of expert NGOs.

The writer is CEO & Founder – Aroh Foundation

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

**True education does not consist merely in the acquiring of a few facts of science, history, literature, or art, but in the development of character.**
**— David O McKay**

# Virtual internship is in

One of the many benefits of remote international internships is that anyone can kick-start his international career from anywhere, says SACHIN GUPTA

The Coronavirus has disturbed traditional methods of learning as in recent times learning offline is not a viable option but to tackle this crucial time learning has become technically advanced i.e. you can attain global experience while working from your home. With the rising uncertainties, turning education and work online is the new normal and also the best alternative to bridge the learning gap. What does remote working look like? Remote working refers to attaining international experience from a remote location, without being physically present at the office during office hours and gaining global exposure. Remote international internship is the new normal in today's world. There are numerous benefits of remote international internships. It helps students to create global markets and connect to like minded peers who can be their future partner, stakeholders etc, anyone can kick-start his international career from anywhere.

International virtual internships can help to build up your global experiences.

**Higher chances of employability:** Remote internship with a global company will help you attain the career relevant skills that can help you to become valuable assets to future employers, such as time management, cross-cultural fluency and self-discipline and creativity. Having a cognitive skill-set in your resume can boost up your resume which eventually will lead to higher chances of your employability.

**Boosts up global connectivity:** Participating in a remote global internship can help you broaden your own network and encourage you to grow and nurture your own global perspective. You'll become part of a global community of peers from different countries. You will learn according to the new global requirements and develop a greater understanding and appreciation of another culture and their distinct working practices, find inspiration and new ideas through connections.

**Learn leading international career relevant skills:** As we notice the drastic changes in operation of every sector. Many employers around the world are changing their traditional working systems to the new digitised working environment. Therefore, participating in these internships helps you to attain digital literacy. It will eventually build up new skills which are globally used. Communicating at video conferences, presenting your work through online platforms, interacting with the team online will help boost up your overall employability skills.

**Mould your career goals:** Virtual global internship can bring up clarity to your career goals and helps you choose what industry is meant for you? How does your chosen industry work? You can define your goals and decide where and why to invest your time and efforts.

**Save travelling time and expenses:** Remote internship eliminates commuting. If you're interning abroad in a global city, it's often normal to commute up to an hour or more each way. Working from home cuts down the huge travelling costs and also saves time.

The writer is Chancellor, Sanskriti University

# It's a matter of skills

These uncertain times have made employers realise the worth of a few key business skills that they would like their employees to possess to enable the companies to survive and flourish, says DR V V RAVI KUMAR

The Covid-19 pandemic across the world has made companies rethink their business strategies. Right from saving on real estate costs by reducing office space to making employees work from home on a remote virtual basis for a long time and into the future, there have been across the board multiple changes to the way companies run their businesses. The natural corollary of this has been the effect on the employees who have been impacted to a great extent and have had to make many adjustments to their way of life itself. These uncertain times have made employers realise the worth of a few key business skills that they would like their employees to possess to enable the companies to survive and flourish.

Six key business skills employers would want post Covid-19 from their employees are discussed herewith:

**Becoming flexible:** The employees should be prepared for the fact that quite a few of the existing roles may get automated and make them redundant. What can save the day is for employees who are flexible and ready to reskill themselves and continually push the benchmarks for themselves upwards. The mind of an employee should readily accept that it is a VUCA (Volatile, Uncertain. Complex & Ambiguous) world and prepare for the continuous challenges it would throw up.

**Being responsive to change:** The current dynamic environment requires that an employee has all the eyes and ears to the ground and ready to adapt to change. The rigid approach of the past would not work and quick response to change is what is required. Becoming agile is a requirement that organisations would look forward to. Customer requirements in these times may become more demanding and becoming agile is a skills that employers will look forward to from their employees.

**Problem solving skills:** Employers would expect that employees develop the habit of critical thinking and thereby be able to solve complex problems facing the organisation. Employees providing solutions to the problems would be preferred over employees simply sharing or bringing the problems to the notice of the leaders.

**Digital skills:** Remaining with gaps in digital skills is no longer an option. Businesses today work in multiple technologies and different platforms. Employees with solid digital skills especially in the emerging areas like Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning and the ability to manage large sets of data would definitely be a cut above the rest.

**Creativity and innovative thinking:** Companies which were not in the business of selling masks and sanitizers quickly spotted a business gap in the market and filled the same. Such creative and innovative thought processes from the employee side would be highly appreciated in these Covid-19 times. Bringing up an innovative and feasible idea for quick implementation by an employee would be recognised.

**Communication and advanced interpersonal Skills:** Communication in these times has moved more to online and digital medium rather than face to face. Employees need to develop appropriate skills to communicate and operate in a fully digital environment and work as a part of the team. Online communication should be inspiring. The interpersonal skills need to be advanced and strong despite working digitally. For employees in leadership positions comes the added responsibility of motivating their team members who are working remotely.

The writer is Deputy Director — SIBM Pune

# Amp up your career in style

Studying fashion and design today opens up a wide range of careers that did not exist a decade back. ANTONIO MAURIZIO GRIOLI tells you how students can make it a lucrative option

Creativity is defined beyond boundaries and that is what the fashion industry believes in. It is not necessary that you have to design clothes to make a mark for yourself in fashion. What is more important is: 'Just do what you love, and love what you do.'

Studying fashion and design today opens-up to a wide range of careers that did not exist a decade back. And if you have an eye to create something appealing to the eyes of the beholder; you have just nailed the purpose of being in Fashion.

The boom in the popularity of social media platforms like Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter has fueled the careers of the many who were on a path to draw attention to fashion.

Hence, Gen Z needs to understand how these platforms and technology have helped the fashion industry to evolve and create spaces for new careers.

Let us take a sneak-peek into the changing world of fashion and look at some of the career options that are trending in this field:

**Fashion influencer:** Is a person with a large number of followers on social media that influence the fashion purchase behavior of customers by creating recommendations online. So, if you

follow fashion closely and have a knack to experiment with what is already existing; many brands around the world would love to use you as an influencer to promote their products.

**Personal stylist:** Personal Stylist is synonymous with aspiring for style. And no matter what you are wearing; the proficient eye of a stylist can add that much-needed touch of glamour to your regular outfit. The demand for personal stylists has increased manifolds with the advent of E-Commerce. Platforms like Thread.com have dedicated stylists and their job is to make personalised style simpler by providing personal assistance. It is a clear example of how technology and a human touch can help thousands of people sharpen their looks by combining online communication with AI. Considering, how e-commerce has become a dominant way to shop across the globe, the role of Personal stylists has and will continue to change as there is a need in the market to give a more personal touch to online shopping.

**AI in fashion:** Another emerging career. If you follow fashion closely, you must have heard of 3d apparel designers. The strategy that fashion brands have adopted especially during this time of lockdown had everything to do with AI. The fashion world has realised the potential of launching their new collections via virtual modes harnessing the potential of AI.

To the benefit, the use of software in recent years has helped the fashion industry to reduce waste consumption and be able to use software programs to create virtual, true-to-life garment visualisation with cutting-edge simulation technologies for the fashion that has become more and more popular around the world. It has paved the much-needed way to sustainability for the fashion industry which without any doubt is the need of the hour.

The writer is Dean School of Fashion,

# Learnflix sees massive growth

**PNS** ■ NEW DELHI

The S Chand and Co India's oldest and largest textbook and education content company has reported a staggering increase in usage of its home learning app — Learnflix — during the coronavirus lockdown.

With schools being closed since March, Learnflix has seen a robust growth of 513 per cent in subscriptions during the lockdown specially from tier II and tier III cities with similar growth in downloads, signups as well a 100 percent increase in schools and channel partners.

Learnflix has seen the increase in the number of the subscriber from 3,000 to around 20000 in last four months since the complete shutdown of educational institutions across the country.

The massive jump and increase are noticed particularly in Tier II & III towns like Agra, Bhatinda, etc. where students can easily afford it from their monthly pocket money. The app is aggressively priced and highly affordable compared to other available learning apps to ensure easy adoption by schools and students across India. It i s currently being used in 600+ towns and cities across 86 Countries

Learnflix offers Math and Science classes for VI to X, based on the CBSE syllabus, while also being of use to students of other state boards.

# Vahdam partners with Byju's

**PNS** ■ NEW DELHI

Vahdam Teas, a leading global premium tea & superfoods brand from India has partnered with Byju's to empower children of tea estate workers through digital learning across various tea estates in India.

The partnership kicked off the pilot in across 8-10 tea estates in Darjeeling covering 1,000+ children through Vahdam's flagship social initiative,TEAch Me. This will include tea estates where TEAch Me is working directly, as well as through TEAch Me's partner NGOs — CINI and CRY — who will provide ground-level support. By the end of the academic year, the partnership plans to further expand to 20 tea estates and benefit over 2,000 children. By 2025, the partnership aims to cover over 50,000 children across all tea-growing regions in India.

Elaborating on the partnership, Bala Sarda, Founder & CEO of VAHDAM Teas said:, "With our TEAch ME Social initiative at Vahdam Teas — we consistently try to find gaps & opportunities, to better enhance education for the less privileged children folks in the tea industry. One of the key gaps was access to high quality digital education due to high costs & limited school infrastructure. With this partnership, we aim to accelerate democratisation of digital education in the tea-estates on a long-term and sustainable basis. I am confident that with Byju's, we will be able to make a meaningful impact in bridging the educational gap and the digital divide."

Under the partnership, VAHDAM will focus on making available infrastructure like smart devices and connectivity wherever needed, to help these children get access to quality education.

# Online vaccine programme

**PNS** ■ NEW DELHI

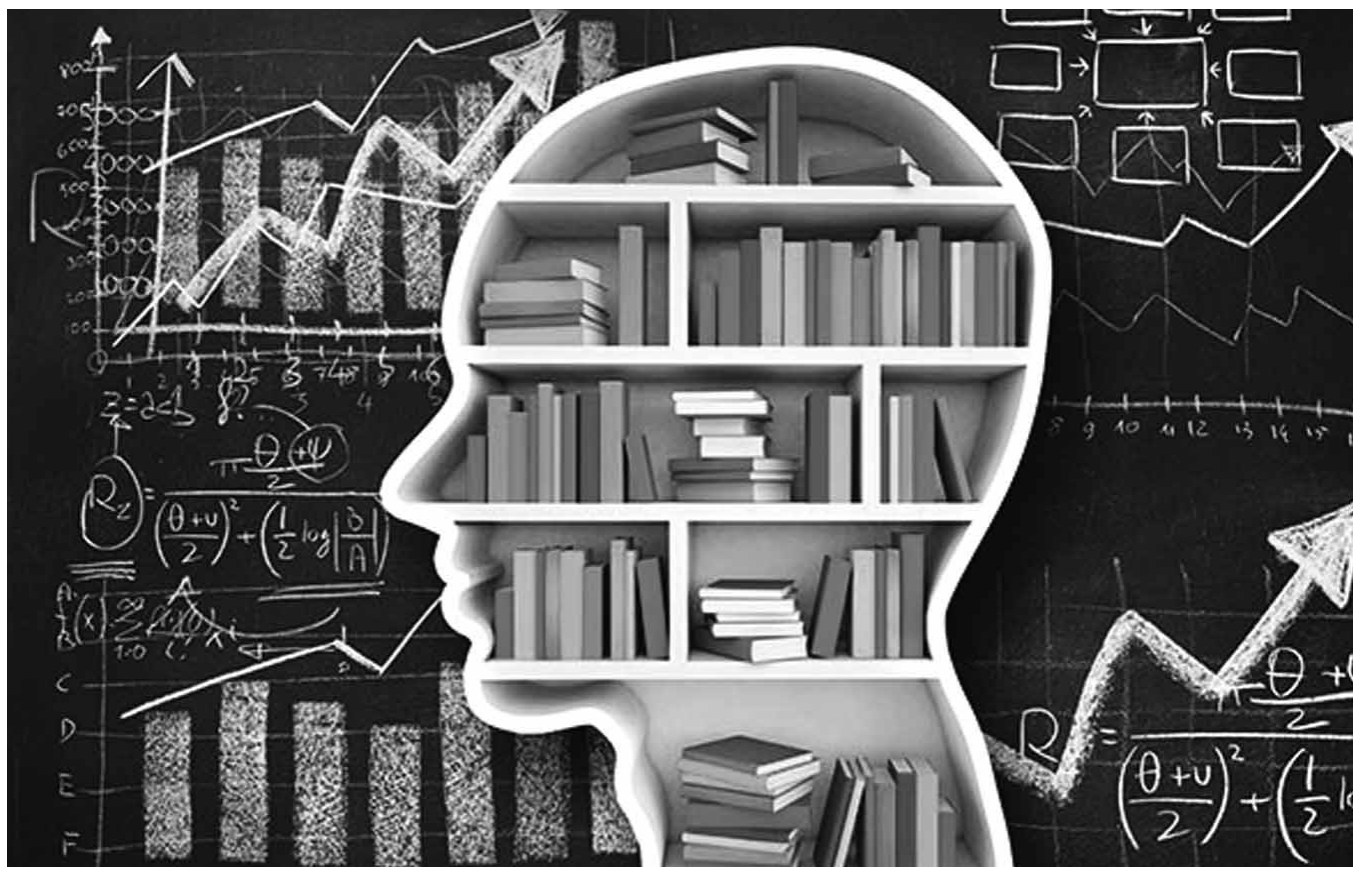
With COVID-19 dramatically altering vaccine decision making globally, the world is faced with new challenges on how to maintain routine vaccine coverage and plan rapid deployment of a coming COVID-19 vaccine.

To address questions associated with these emerging challenges, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, USA and IIHMR University, Jaipur have designed two new online courses for vaccine policy makers and programme managers.

The online programmes are aimed at educating policy makers and programme managers on using the tools of economics to optimise vaccine coverage during the challenges of COVID-19.

"Our online courses aimed at helping immunisation managers optimise vaccine delivery in these challenging time. We are happy that the programme has received an overwhelming response," said Prof PR Sodani, President (officiating), IIHMR University, Jaipur, India Program Lead.

Technology is disrupting and transforming professional and personal landscape. Therefore, it is important to equip students with the tools to deal with these developments, says DR JITIN CHADHA



# BE A CRITICAL THINKER

Today's age is one of cut-throat competition and challenges lurking around every corner. In such a demanding environment, the old-school model of rote-learning that results in negligible ability to implement knowledge is widely becoming inadequate to prepare students for a 21st-century world of complex enigmas.

When it comes to creating a generation that is adaptive, innovative and future-ready, education is the primary driver. Technology is disrupting and transforming both professional and personal landscape at an unprecedented pace. Herein, the responsibility of equipping students with the tools to deal with these developments lands on the shoulders of instructors across the educational paradigm.

What is Project-based Learning (PBL)? Contrary to the conventional methods of teaching, project-based learning is a collaborative and application-driven approach. It uses real-world situations as vehicles to facilitate enhanced learning and a spirit of inquiry, while also integrating academic subjects across the curriculum.

These projects are different from the regular, short-term projects that are undertaken after a course ends, for instance, as a tool to revise the course components. On the contrary, these projects drive the primary framework of curriculum and course instruction. Within PBL, as this approach is often referred to, students can further use any medium viable for their research - field trips, presentations, exploring various materials, creating 3D models, experiments, and many more.

Students engage in such a project for an extended period, depending on their coursework - ranging up to an entire semester - working on finding innovative solutions to a complex question around a real-world problem. Ultimately, they demonstrate the skill learning through a report, a presentation or an actual product at the end of the project cycle.

Not only does this model inculcate deep knowledge about the subject in the students, but it also unleashes a hoard of soft skills like communication, team-building, collaboration and creativity in them.

There have been numerous researches over the years on the impact of project-based learning approach on the learning outcomes, students' and teachers' motivation, skill-building and general attitude towards learning (Strobel & van Barneveld, 2009).

**Project-based learning bridges the gap between theoretical and practical education, promoting true knowledge and a better understanding of the subject**

Project-based learning encourages students to become independent workers, critical thinkers and problem-solvers. It urges students to form questions of their own, developing a sense of ownership of their learning process and outcome.

Teachers, in this ecosystem, function as facilitators rather than instructors, moving away from the overworked 'chalk and talk' pedagogy, as was also demonstrated in research by Barron & Darling-Hammond in as early as 2000. Fostering agency and competence in learners is an intrinsic outcome of a project-based approach to learning, also diminishing the need to regulate and supervise.

Connecting real-world situations to academics is perhaps one of the biggest benefits of project-based learning, pushing students to learn from trial and error and succeed based on their interpretations and logical deductions. This equips them for the professional world since these techniques are what will eventually be used by them at their workplaces.

Additionally, since such projects are often large and complex, students are forced to work in groups, encouraging even the most silent of the lot to speak up and work collectively with conflicting personalities to find mutual accord, learning how to defuse tensions in a diverse team. This not only has a high impact on their interpersonal skills, but it also introduces them to specialisation, optimal allocation of resources and delegation, concepts prominent in the material world.

The market need for skilled workers necessitated the shift from classical models of blackboard teaching, and project-based learning does just that - simulating real-world problems to prepare students for progress by developing a balanced and diverse approach, as an individual as well as a team member.

Project-based learning effectively bridges the gap between theoretical and practical education, promoting true knowledge, initiative and a better understanding of the subject.

With the advancement of technology and its embodiment in all aspects of life, the move to more technologically inclusive and application-oriented education is not only welcome but a need of the hour and should be adopted far and wide by educators across all strata.

The model is already being integrated at the graduate level, wherein, most universities ask students to work on a Capstone Project at the end of the programme to successfully graduate.

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# Career in foreign language lucrative

Learning a foreign language does not only offer a good salary, it also fulfills one's passion for knowing different cultures and an opportunity to travel the world, says SANJEEV RAWAT

Sanjeev Rawat
Director, Langma School of Languages
New Delhi

The scope in foreign languages is increasing internationally. There was a time when everybody wanted to be a doctor and engineer. But opportunities in these sectors are very less now and the numbers of candidates are increasing day by day because everybody is running for it. The best way to make a future bright is choosing a career in foreign language.

**Prospects**

The future of learning of foreign languages is all time high, on being able to learn a language and have acquired fluency in the same, a person can think of becoming a foreign language specialist, interpreter and translator or you can get a job in multinational companies even person get a job at different levels and platforms Entertainment, Tourism, Public Relation, BPO, Teaching, Online Content writer etc.

**Eligibility**

Candidate must have cleared high school studies 10+2 with any recognised board after this, person can do Bachelor degree in any foreign language is required and the duration of UG is mostly of three years. Doing Master degree in any foreign language but the candidate have to pursued graduation in relevant stream (same language) the duration of maters degree is usually of two years. The most important requirement is to have native level proficiency in English and at least one other language. And active interaction should be needed to communicate with people; no one is perfect in native language so talk more to improve it.

**Nature of work**

Many people do not understand the foreign language, so the most common work is to translation because translator is the only person who commonly visible during public events to translate, without missing a beat converting the second language into their native tongue. Same as for a tour guide, teacher, researcher and liaison officer who coordinates between two parties or companies. These are the common work to do in the field of foreign language.

There are countless reasons to learn foreign languages, you can meet new people around world and quickly get connected, can help you to boost your brainpower, or you can expose yourself to new career opportunities.

After getting a egree or certificate a student can find their way in healthcare, education, and business administration or in embassy. In some media houses there is a need of translator and they may get a person as a reporter. During these days career in foreign language is becoming a great platform in all countries because language skills are essential attribute in the most profession and advanced

**Salary**

The translator can expect to get anything between ₹15000, to ₹20000, as far as starter is concerned. After gaining some on job experience one can earn ₹30000, plus per month.

If person is cleared the graduation in European language like French or German so may he get around ₹50000, to ₹ 90000, per month. And top interpreter may get more than ₹10 to ₹12 lakh per annum. By doing freelancing person can earn ₹50,000 to ₹60,000 per assignment and senior person earn more than that.

# MINDIT

While COVID-19 may have plunged the entire world into uncertainty, the education sector went through undoubtedly some of the biggest changes of all. Overnight, schools and colleges shut down as lockdown came into place.

Online learning, once a niche pursuit of working professionals and distance learners became the norm worldwide, with colleges and schools scrambling to translate their curriculums to this new online medium. While online learning left both students and facilitators with more free time for self-study and other projects, it left many missing the social aspect of higher education, and many students began counting down the days until the government gave colleges the green light to re-open. However, in a world where nothing is as it used to be, what new safety measures can students, parents and facilitators expect when they finally set foot back in their beloved institutes?

**Batches will be divided into smaller groups**

Due to social distancing, the number of people on campus at any time will be limited. This means that batches will most probably be broken down into smaller groups to allow them to fit into classrooms as per new distancing measures and avoid campus overcrowding.

One benefit to this new change would be that smaller batches will result in more concentrated learning, allowing students to do any catching up they require after the months of lockdown.

**The learning model with be a blend of physical and online classes**

With smaller student batches on campus, it begs the question as to what will happen to those who have to wait their turn to come to campus. This is exactly where blended learning will come in. Carrying on from the online model of teaching that's been delivered during lockdown, colleges will most probably end up continuing to teach online classes, while delivering practical sessions and seminars physically on the college premises. This way, the curriculum keeps running smoothly, and no aspect of the education is overlooked, while avoiding overcrowded campuses and the risk of community transmission.

**Stricter health & safety protocols**

While a pre-pandemic sniffle or fever might have warranted a quick forehead feel and some paracetamol, all health issues will now be treated with the utmost seriousness and attention. Prepare for temperature scans before entering the college, mandatory masks at all times on the premises, and sanitization stations moving from one area to another.

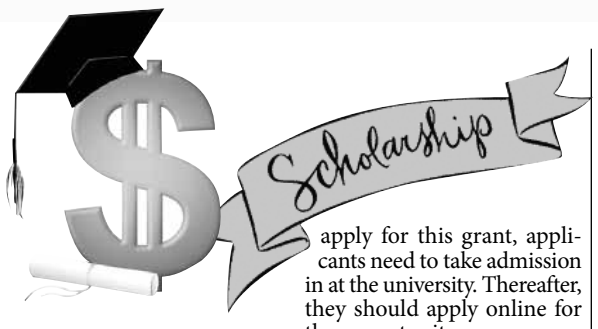
Anyone who feels unwell will have to report to the designated point of contact immediately and will be escorted to a healthcare facility, while those in close contact will most probably undergo testing to ensure their wellbeing. With the rapid development of new COVID testing kits, we can expect colleges to have their own stash of testing equipment on campus by early next year.

**More attention to overall health and wellbeing**

Prevention is the best policy - and maintaining a record of good health is sometimes the strongest defense against not only COVID, but other viruses and illnesses too. With statistics showing that people with underlying conditions or poor health, including obesity, suffer from COVID the most, we can expect to see colleges adding wellness, fitness and yoga to their co-curricular activities to encourage both staff and students to take better care of their physical and mental wellbeing.

While we wait for a vaccine, the best protection is precaution

The writer is Dilip Puri, Founder, ISH




**The METU Study Grant at Budapest Metropolitan University in Hungary** invotes applications from students who want to study the bachelor and master degree programmes. The scholarship offers 500 EURO. Indian students can apply.

**Eligibility:** Students who participate in a fee-paying, Bachelor's or Master's program and whose student status are not suspended (active student status in the current semester). Per semester and per class. Per the mode of study — full-time. Per faculty: HFTGK including Commerce, Business and Tourism programmes. KMK: including Art and Social science programmes. Per the language of training: English (including all students studying in the English language, also Hungarian students).

Submit your application with all the necessary documents. Student with the highest corrected credit index and whose weighted grade point average (GPA) is at least a 4.5.

**Language requirement:** You should check all the English language requirements when you come to study at Budapest Metropolitan University.

**How to apply:** In order to apply for this grant, applicants need to take admission in at the university. Thereafter, they should apply online for the opportunity.

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**The University of Calgary invites applications for its International Entrance Scholarship.**

**Award:** $15,000

**Eligibility:** Must be an international student entering the first year in any undergraduate degree in the upcoming fall term. Must have satisfied the university's English Language Proficiency requirement. Renewable in the second, third, and fourth year at the University of Calgary, provided recipients to achieve a GPA of 2.60 or more over a minimum of 24.00 units in the previous fall and winter terms.

Candidates must send: Pre-qualification degree, copies of academic transcripts, certificates of English language proficiency, a statement, and a copy of passport.

**Admission requirements:** High school diploma.

**Language requirement:** If your first language is not English, you will have to fulfil the language proficiency requirement in by presenting one of the following: TOEFL, MELAB exam, CAEL, International English Language Test System or Pearson Test of English (Academic).

**Application deadline:** December 1, 2020.

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Application deadline: November 3, 2020

## STUDY ABROAD

# Choose the university that suits you best

Many students have resumed their plans to study abroad. But before they zero-in, they must see what is best for them

With the world adapting to the global pandemic of COVID-19, October ushers in fresh and advanced rounds of applications for overseas education destinations. At a time when students contemplate resuming their plans to study abroad, they might still need to consider what would be the best option for them to choose.

In the wake of the situation, Study Group, a global education company that prepares international students for foreign university degree programmes is providing language, academic and social skills that students need for university progression and continued success after they graduate.

The group has been working with leading universities across the UK, Europe, North America and Australia and nurturing ambitious students from diverse academic backgrounds to help them land in their chosen university through their on-campus international study centres.

The students have advanced to undergraduate and postgraduate study in a broad range of subjects ranging from law and business, to science and engineering, at a wide range of universities from the most established and traditional to newer institutions focused on professional qualifications and innovation. One partner university that may be of interest to Indian students

**Charles Sturt University, Australia:** The university is a well-reputed higher-education institution that is located in the most exciting cities of Australia. With a network of regional campuses, the university also boasts three dedicated Study Centres in Brisbane, Melbourne, and Sydney, all of which are within the top 20 most liveable cities in the world (Economists Intelligence Unit Limited, 2019). Students can look forward to great weather, stunning scenery, a vibrant culture, food from around the world and welcoming locals. The university's study centres provide hands-on, practical courses that prepare students for a range of exciting employment opportunities.

## IN BRIEF

### MOU FOR RESEARCH AND ACADEMIC COLLABORATIONS

A memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the Weizmann Institute of Science (WIS), Israel and the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi (IIT-D) was signed this month.

The MoU covers a range of opportunities for collaboration between the two institutions including research exchange, student and postdoctoral fellow exchange, short-term educational programmes on topics of mutual interest, organising of joint seminars, conferences and workshops.

The MoU will provide a strong platform for various collaborations that involve academic, research and human resource development. The aim of the collaboration is to help in the identification of problems and work jointly by exchanging research and academic expertise.

Prof. Naveen Garg, Dean Alumni Affairs and International Programmes, IIT-D said: "We are happy to collaborate with the Weizmann Institute of Science, an institute recognised world-wide for its basic research.We look forward to some interesting collaborative research and finding solutions to world's most pressing challenges."

### TEACHERS TRAINING AT MARWADI UNIVERSITY

With online classes set to become an integral part of a hybrid learning system, Marwadi University (MU) successfully conducted a teacher training programme, for more than 1,000 teachers from leading universities and high schools in Indonesia.

The university conducted the programme on a pro-bono basis, with the aim of strengthening international ties and setting up of a global collaborative network. Since many teachers are still struggling to effectively conduct classes online due to the sudden shift post-COVID, the programme focused on *Communication Strategies for Effective Virtual Lessons*, led by Professor Dhananjay Singh and his team at the MU L&D department.

Jeet Marwadi, director, MU said: "We hope to become an indispensable source of information and guidance, to seamlessly continue quality education and promote highest standards of knowledge."

### VIRTUAL FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee organised a five-day virtual faculty development programme on Modelling and Simulation of Energy System that received an enthusiastic response from about 160members of various AICTE-approved engineering colleges across India.

It was the joint initiative of the Department of Hydro and Renewable Energy, IIT Roorkee, in association with AICTE Training and Learning Academy. The initiative aimed at sensitiing participants towards research in renewable energy technologies along with imparting hands-on training for their modelling and simulation in line with energy swaraj.

"Adoption of renewable energy will play a pivotal role in mitigating the adverse impact of climate change and also improve decentralised generation of energy. It will help improve consumption of locally generated energy thus improving self reliance" said Professor Ajit K Chaturvedi, Director, IIT Roorkee.

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Chris (Gayle) makes the game so easy and I told him that you should never retire. I've never seen him struggle, and he's probably the greatest T20 player ever

We are still very happy, we are still very clear and we have nothing that we have to change drastically, it is just that on one day the opposition played better than you

Our batsmen got out early to some good balls. I think in the middle overs, we were still going well with 92/3 but after Morgan's wicket, we just lost momentum

It's so hard when you are away from your family. With the bubble, you don't have the close ones. The kind of toughness Mandeep has shown has rubbed off on other boys as well

# SRH set DC 220 to win

## Openers Warner (66) & Saha (87) add 107 for the opening wicket

Sunrisers Hyderabad openers David Warner and Wriddhiman Saha IPLT20.com

Shahbaz Nadeem celebrates after taking wicket of Marcus Stoinis IPLT20.com

PTI ■ DUBAI

Wriddhiman Saha stamped his class with a 45-ball 87 while captain David Warner hit a quick-fire half-century as Sunrisers Hyderabad posted a mammoth 219 for two against Delhi Capitals in the Indian Premier League here on Tuesday.

Warner (66), who looked in great nick, and Saha, playing his second game of the season, laid the base for Sunriser's huge total, the highest score in Dubai this season, while Manish Pandey (44 off 31balls) provided the final flourish in the team's must-win game.

Sent in to bat, both Warner and Saha went after the Delhi bowlers from the word go. Fully capitalising on the field restrictions, the duo smashed boundaries (11 fours and two sixes) every over to collect 77-runs in the first six overs, the best Poweplay figures of the season.

In the sixth over, Warner smashed the tournament's leading wicket-taker Kagiso Rabada (0/54) for four boundaries and a six, helping the Sunrisers reach 100 runs in just 8.4 overs.

Till Warner was taking on the bowlers, Saha played the second fiddle to perfection. The Australian celebrated his 34th birthday with a half-century off just 25 balls, hitting two sixes and eight fours at the Dubai International Stadium.

To Delhi's relief Ravichandran Ashwin (1/35) broke the 107-run opening stand in the 10th over as he dismissed danger man Warner, who was caught at extra cover by Axar Patel.

With Warner gone, Saha hammered the Capitals bowlers all around the park. The wicketkeeper batsman reached his fifty in style with a boundary. He plundered 12 fours and two sixes before pacer Anrich Nortje (1/37) dismissed him in the 15th over.

Pandey and Kane Williamsion (11 not out) continued the assault on a listless Delhi bowling unit.

# Mumbai, RCB aim to secure play-off berth

PTI ■ ABU DHABI

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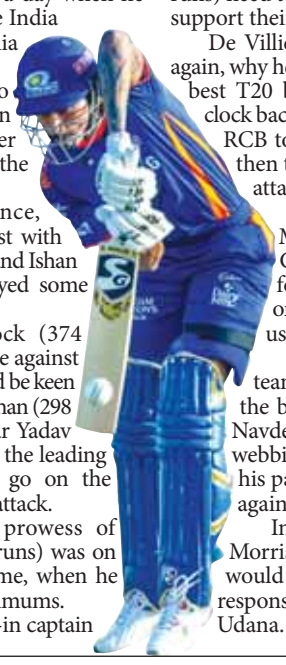
| MATCHES | 26 |
| MUMBAI INDIANS | 16 |
| ROYAL CHALLENGERS | 10 |

Rohit Sharma is likely to miss his third game in a row when Mumbai Indians face Royal Challengers Bangalore here on Wednesday with both teams aiming to secure their spot in the IPL play-offs.

While Mumbai are sitting on top of the table despite their eight-wicket hammering by Rajasthan Royals with 14 points, Virat Kohli-led RCB too remain on 14 following their loss to Chennai Super Kings on Sunday.

A win for either side on Wednesday should be enough to take it to the play-offs.

Rohit's fitness has become a subject of unwanted attention ahead of the game. Having missed the last two games due to a hamstring injury, Mumbai Indians skipper returned to the nets on Monday, a day when he was not named in the India squad for the Australia series.



There is still no conclusive update on his fitness from either Mumbai Indians or the BCCI.

In Rohit's absence, Mumbai would persist with both Saurabh Tiwary and Ishan Kishan, who has played some scintillating knocks.

Quinton De Kock (374 runs) had a rare failure against Rajasthan and he would be keen to make an impact. Kishan (298 runs) and Suryakumar Yadav (283 runs) are among the leading run-scores who can go on the offensive against any attack.

The six-hitting prowess of Hardik Pandya (224 runs) was on display in the RR game, when he plundered seven maximums.

Along with stand-in captain Kieron Pollard (214 runs) and Krunal Pandya (85 runs), he can take any attack to cleansers and their hard-hitting ability could prove to be the difference between the two sides.

Mumbai bowlers would be more than keen to forget the hammering they received from Rajasthan's Ben Stokes and Sanju Samson.

Trent Boult and Jasprit Bumrah have been lethal both at front and at the death, accounting for 33 wickets amongst themselves. For the third pacer spot, MI could choose between James Pattinson and Nathan Coulter Nile.

For RCB, Kohli (415 runs) would like to continue his splendid run in the tournament. Australian Aaron Finch (236 runs), young Devdutt Padikkal (343 runs) and AB de Villiers (324 runs) need to be more consistent and support their skipper.

De Villiers has shown time and again, why he is regarded as one of the best T20 batsmen by turning the clock back on few occasions. If the RCB top-order fires in unison, then they can pummel the MI attack into submission.

The likes of Chris Morris, Moeen Ali and Gurkeerat Mann, who form the lower-middle order, can also chip in with useful cameos.

But for the southern team there is injury scare on the bowling front with pacer Navdeep Saini suffering a split webbing. There is no clarity on his participation for the game against Mumbai.

In case he misses, Chris Morris and Mohammad Siraj would need to shoulder greater responsibility along with Isuru Udana.

# Gayle is greatest T20 player: Mandeep

PTI ■ SHARJAH

Kings XI Punjab opener Mandeep Singh, who is grieving the loss of his father, was in awe of Chris Gayle's power-hitting against Kolkata Knight Riders, and described the Jamaican as the "greatest T20 player" of the game.

Casing 150 on Monday night, Gayle, who was overlooked and was also ill in the first phase of the IPL, showed why he is called the *Universe Boss* during his innings of 51 off 29 balls.

Gayle's and Mandeep, who anchored the chase with an unbeaten 66 off 56 balls, shared 100 runs in 10.1 overs to help KXIP jump to the fourth spot by registering their fifth win on the trot.

"Chris (Gayle) makes the game so easy and I told him that you should never retire. I've never seen him struggle, and he's probably the greatest T20 player ever," Mandeep said after the eight-wicket win over KKR here.

Gayle was adjudged man-of-the-match for his whirlwind knock, his second fifty in five matches.

"Like I said, he should never retire, he's always in great touch. I've been lucky that I've played with the likes of Chris Gayle, AB (de Villiers), (Adam) Gilchrist, Virat Kohli...

"I started with Chris Gayle in KKR in 2010. I've been very fortunate to know him as a friend. He's so humble, down-to-earth," Mandeep said.

Mandeep has shown exceptional mental toughness by staying back in the UAE despite losing his father and was given the responsibility of opening the innings in the absence of an injured

Mayank Agarwal.

He made a quick 17 against Sunrisers Hyderabad but on Monday he stayed till the end to take the team through.

"I opened in the last game as well, they wanted me to have a go in the first six overs," Mandeep said.

"I told (skipper) KL Rahul that let me play my game, even if I take a few balls, I know I have the belief that I can win games for the team. That's what I did.

"I took some balls initially, but even in the middle overs, I was thinking that if I bat till the end I will win this game for the team," he said.

# Feels surreal, says Chakravarthy on his surprise India call-up

PTI ■ SHARJAH

"It feels surreal," said the architect-turned-mystery spinner Varun Chakravarthy after he got a maiden India call-up for the T20 series in Australia following his exploits for Kolkata Knight Riders in the ongoing IPL.

The 29-year-old, who only started taking his spin bowling seriously in 2018, said he was not expecting to be picked in the national team. He has played only 12 T20s and featured in a lone First-Class game.

"After the match got over I got to know (of my selection into the Indian team). I keep using the same word again and again, it feels surreal," he told *BCCI.Tv* after the game against Kings XI Punjab on Monday night.

"My basic goal was to play in the team regularly and perform and contribute to their wins. Hopefully I'll be able to do the same for India. I am not very active on social media and I have to thank the selectors for keeping their faith in me. I don't really have words."

Varun took a five-wicket haul against Delhi Capitals earlier in the competition, forcing the national selectors to take notice.

"I pretty much started my spin bowling in 2018, that's when I got my breakthrough in TNPL, it's been high and lows — last year, I didn't get many chances and I injured myself, I'm grateful for making a comeback this year," he said.

"I have been working hard, but the motivation and faith has come from a lot of people around me," Varun had said at the post-match presentation after the game against Capitals.

"Around 2015, when I was not making a lot of money (the switch from being an architect to becoming a cricketer), was freelancing and wasn't able to meet my needs, I thought I would do something different, that's when I turned to cricket.

"I still do it, I like that as well (being an architect)," he had said.

## DUGOUT

MOTION PICTURE

SRH skipper David Warner, who turns 34 on Tuesday, poses for photo with Priyam Garg and Abhishek Sharma @SunRisers

AB de Villiers has decided to skip Big Bash League this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic & the upcoming birth of his third child

## POINTS TABLE

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| 1 | MI | 11 | 7 | 4 | +1.252 | 14 |
| 2 | DC | 11 | 7 | 4 | +0.434 | 14 |
| 3 | RCB | 11 | 7 | 4 | +0.092 | 14 |
| 4 | KXIP | 12 | 6 | 6 | -0.049 | 12 |
| 5 | KKR | 12 | 6 | 6 | -0.479 | 12 |
| 6 | RR | 12 | 5 | 7 | -0.505 | 10 |
| 7 | SRH | 11 | 4 | 7 | +0.029 | 8 |
| 8 | CSK | 12 | 4 | 8 | -0.602 | 8 |

# Roma end Milan's perfect start

AP ■ MILAN

AC Milan's perfect start to the Serie A season ended with a 3-3 draw against Roma but the Rossoneri still moved two points clear of Napoli and Sassuolo.

Roma defender Marash Kumbulla on Monday equalised six minutes from time following an unintended assist from Zlatan Ibrahimovic, who was trying to clear a corner and instead redirected the ball toward the far post where Kumbulla rushed forward to pound it in.

Roma is ninth, five points behind Milan.

Edin D□eko and Jordan Veretout, with a penalty, also scored for Roma.

Ibrahimovic scored twice for Milan, which also got a goal from Alexis Saelemaekers with Rafael Leão setting up two of the Rossoneri's scores.

Ibrahimovic needed only one touch to find the net following Leão's pass over the top less than two minutes in at the San Siro.

Milan was without goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma and winger Jens Petter Hauge after both players tested positive for the coronavirus and Donnarumma was missed when D□eko made it 1-1.

Reserve keeper Ciprian Tatarusanu failed to bat away a corner, allowing the ball to reach D□eko, who leaped over Alessio Romagnoli for a header by the far post.

Saelemaekers scored Milan's second after the break following strong work down the left flank and an expert cross from Leão.

Veretout equalised for Roma with a penalty in the 71st following a debatable foul from Ismaël Bennacer.

Ibrahimovic then thought he had sealed victory with a penalty in the 79th following an equally dubious foul by Gianluca Mancini. But the Swedish superstar was to blame for the final goal from Kumbulla, who also scored the winner in Roma's 2-1 comeback win at Young Boys in the Europa League last week.

# Deadly duo does it again

## Son nets from Kane's assist as Spurs win against Burnley

AP ■ BURNLEY

The partnership between Harry Kane and Son Heung-min is developing into the most prolific in Premier League history.

Son headed in from Kane's flick-on to secure a 1-0 win at Burnley on Monday, making it the 29th time they have combined for a goal. It was the ninth time in six league matches this season alone.

"They are top players but close friends," Tottenham manager Jose Mourinho said. "No jealousy."

Only Frank Lampard and Didier Drogba have linked up for more more goals — 36 — in the Premier League during their time at Chelsea.

Moments before setting up the only goal at Turf Moor, Kane cleared off the line to deny Burnley defender James Tarkowski.

While Spurs secured a third league away win thanks to Son's 10th goal in nine games in all competitions, the home form has let them down. Only two points have been collected in North London after

the team threw away winning positions in stoppage time in two matches.

Tottenham, which didn't manage a shot on target in the first half at Burnley, moved up to fifth in the standings and didn't even need Gareth Bale being deployed from the bench.

"We've dropped points where we shouldn't have this season so we've still got a lot to learn, but nights like this will definitely give us that confidence," Kane said.

"We're just at the stage where we've been so close for so many years and I think the additions this season have given us more leaders on the pitch and made us more experienced."

Burnley is stuck on one point.

### WEST BROM WINLESS

West Bromwich is still searching for its first win but Karlan Grant did rescue a third point of the season by equalizing for a 1-1 draw at Brighton.

Brighton took the lead five minutes before halftime when an attempted clearance from Branislav Ivanovic rebounded off Jake Livermore and into the back of the net.

But West Brom's second-half pressure paid off when Grant turned a ball from Callum Robinson past goalkeeper Mat Ryan in the 83rd minute to clinch the point.

Grant joined West Brom from Huddersfield in the off-season after netting 19 goals in the second-tier Championship last season.

Brighton is two points better off than West Brom with five points.

# Aguero could be out for a month: Pep

AFP ■ MANCHESTER

Manchester City striker Sergio Aguero will be out for perhaps as much as a month, coach Pep Guardiola told a press conference in Marseille on Monday.

City will be without the Argentine on Tuesday against Marseille in the Champions League.

Aguero, who had just returned from injury, suffered a muscle problem in the Premier League draw at West Ham on Saturday.

"We knew he wasn't in the best condition," Guardiola said. "When you are out four or five months for a knee injury you always have the risk when you come back of injuries."

"It will be 10-15 days minimum. If it is longer it will be three weeks to a month. I don't know."

Guardiola said he wants "Sergio to come back when he has fully recovered. We miss him a lot. What he has done for this club is extraordinary, he is a City legend."

Brazilian Gabriel Jesus is also absent, but Guardiola said he did not regret not recruiting a striker in the transfer window.

# Pak to tour SA in April: PCB

PTI ■ KARACHI

Pakistan will tour South Africa in April next year for a limited over series, including three One-Day internationals, which is part of the ICC men's World Cup Super League, the country's cricket board (PCB) said on Tuesday.

Pakistan will also play three T20 internationals during the tour, which was earlier scheduled to be held in September/October this year but had to be deferred due to the rising Covid-19 cases in South Africa.

"The Pakistan Cricket Board today confirmed the men's national team will tour South Africa in April 2021 for three One-Day Internationals, which will be part of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup Super League, and as many T20 Internationals," PCB said in a statement.

"Pakistan has now agreed to fulfil its Future Tour Programme (FTP) commitment prior to visiting Zimbabwe for two Tests and three T20Is. The schedule of both the series will be announced in due course," it added.

## Pak, Zim squads get all clear

**Rawalpindi:** All 107 Covid-19 tests conducted on Zimbabwe and Pakistan players, support staff and match officials have returned negative ahead of the limited-overs series starting later this week, the Pakistan Cricket Board said on Tuesday.

The tests were conducted on Monday as part of the PCB's COVID-19 protocols for the bilateral series.

All players, officials and staff have moved into a hub in a five-star hotel in Islamabad, the PCB said, and "are now allowed to interact with each other and move freely within the bio-secure bubble." AP