

Delhi riot: Crime Branch arrests Khalid, gets 3-day remand

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Crime Branch of Delhi Police on Thursday arrested former Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) student Umar Khalid in another case for his alleged role in the Northeast Delhi riots that took place in February this year. The Court also sent Khalid to three days police custody.

According to a senior police official, Khalid has been booked

in connection with a case of Khajuri Khas violence during the riots in Northeast Delhi. "He has been taken into three days police custody by the crime branch which has been probing the riot-related cases," he said.

A First Information Report (FIR) number 101 of rioting was registered at the Khajuri Khas Police Station in which 15 people, including suspended AAP Councillor Tahir Hussain, were arrested for their alleged role in

the riots that occurred at about 2.15 pm on February 24 outside the Hussain's house in Delhi's Chand Bagh area.

Earlier on September 24, a Delhi court had sent the Delhi riots accused Khalid to judicial custody till October 22. He was arrested on September 13. He was sent to judicial custody after the Delhi Police did not seek his further custody.

Delhi Police in its chargesheet, filed on September

16, related larger conspiracy in Delhi riots during February alleged that Umar Khalid and Sharjeel Imam had decided to use social media for large scale indoctrination and mobilisation of youths for Chakka Jaam as a protest against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA).

The 17,000-page chargesheet in a court here gave the sequence of events leading to largescale violence in which

former JNU student Khalid and his junior in the university Imam were part of the alleged conspiracy along with their associates to incite communal feelings of a particular community and instigate students of a particular community against the CAA and the state.

The police in the chargesheet alleged that Khalid, Swaraj Abhiyan leader Yogender Yadav and Imam had decided to use social media for large scale

indoctrination and mobilisation of youths for Chakka Jaam as a protest against CAA.

It further alleged that Imam was the mastermind of Shaheen Bagh blockade, the first protest site.

The police report stated that on December 7, 2019, an agitation against the CAA was called at Jantar Mantar by United Against Hate, citizen's campaign, which was attended by Imam along with members of a

WhatsApp group Muslim Students of JNU.

It said that at Jantar Mantar Imam was introduced to Yogender Yadav by Khalid, his senior and mentor from JNU.

"Sharjeel Imam was on an earlier occasion instructed by Umar Khalid to form a group of like minded groups of JNU, Jamia Millia, AMU and DU. Yogender Yadav and Umar Khalid also instructed him to mobilise the students of Jamia

Millia, AMU and DU" as per chargesheet.

The police have stated that as per the pre-planned conspiracy accused Sharjeel Imam along with other associates started distributing pamphlets which contained such contents meant to incite communal feelings of a particular community and instigate students of a particular community against the CAA and the state," the charge sheet alleged.

CBI did not probe possibility of Pakistan intel agencies' role in Babri case: Court

Lucknow: A special court here has said the CBI did not probe on an "important" secret information that people from Pakistan intelligence agency may have also entered and damaged the disputed Ram Janambhoomi-Babri Masjid in Ayodhya to foment communal disturbances in the country.

Special Judge SK Yadav referred to inconsistencies in testimonies of several prosecution witnesses while holding that the charge of criminal conspiracy to demolish the structure and other charges were not proved against 32 high-profile accused in the case.

In the 2,300 page-long verdict written in Hindi, the judge said the Central Bureau of Investigation's (CBI) case became weaker or "force-

less" in view of the fact that it did not probe and ruled out the Pakistan angle to the demolition to make the criminal conspiracy charge stand the judicial scrutiny. The special CBI judge observed this on Wednesday in the judgement while acquitting the accused, including veteran BJP leaders L K Advani and M M Joshi, of conspiring to raze the structure among other charges.

The court said the CBI's allegations against the accused persons "become forceless also because it did not investigate a report sent by Local Intelligence Unit (LIU) on December 5, 1992, that on December 6, 1992, some persons from Pakistani intelligence agencies may cause damage to the disputed structure after merging with the local crowd".

Babri demolition meticulously planned, some of the 32 categorically took responsibility: Justice Liberhan

It noted that there were local intelligence reports that on December 2, 1992, itself some 'majaar' (shrine) were broken and set on fire by persons from the Muslim community with an aim to vitiate the communal atmosphere so that 'kar seva' (voluntary service) may be interrupted.

It cited an LIU report, which was signed by Inspector General (security), Uttar Pradesh, that said "persons related to Pakistani intelligence agencies have merged with the masses in Ayodhya and they may create unrest in the state and the country by damaging the disputed structure with explosives and other means".

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ACB registers FIR against former J&K Bank chairman

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ JAMMU

Giving impetus to the ongoing anti corruption campaign in Jammu & Kashmir, the Anti Corruption Bureau on Thursday registered an FIR against former Jammu and Kashmir Bank Chairman Parvaiz Ahmad and several others for violating norms while allotting a housekeeping contract to the tune of over 6 crores to a Mumbai based company.

According to a statement issued by the Anti Corruption Bureau, "in the year 2015 J&K Bank with headquarters at Srinagar came out with a Pan India tender for housekeeping services. Later, the tender for housekeeping of off-site ATMs, was allotted to a Mumbai based Company i.e, M/S

SILA Solutions Pvt. Ltd, by not following proper tendering norms".

"On verification by the ACB it was revealed that J&K Bank officials in contravention of tender conditions negotiated the rates with M/S SILA Solutions Pvt Ltd. The tender was awarded to M/S SILA Solutions Pvt Ltd in gross violation of General Financial Rules (GFR)" the ACB statement added.

The statement further stated "a FIR has been registered against accused Surjeet Singh Seghal, the then Executive President J&K Bank (now retired), Parvaiz Ahmad, the then Chairman of J&K Bank (now retired), Feroz Ahmad, the then Assistant Vice President; and Sahil Vora and Rishabh Vora, Directors, M/s SILA Solutions Pvt. Ltd. along with the residents of 508 Olympus

Apartments 5C, Altamont Road Mumbai-400026 on the allegation that the officers/officials of J&K Bank Ltd. awarded tenders of housekeeping to a Mumbai based Company M/s SILA Solutions Pvt. Ltd by not following the proper tendering norms and that has led to the losses to the bank of the tune of Rs. 6,29,56,575/- from the date of award of contract".

As per the contract of M/S SILA Solutions Pvt Ltd amongst other conditions included ATM cleaning and deployment of janitors.

The additional management fee awarded to M/S SILA Solutions Pvt Ltd by J&K Bank was not part of the original tender. The loss on the account of the tender has worked out to be more than Rs 6 crs. The loss is likely to go up as investigation progresses.

J&K Police stops youth from joining terror ranks

IANS ■ SRINAGAR

The J&K police in central Kashmir's Ganderbal have apprehended a youth who was misled into joining terrorist ranks and the youth was then counselled and handed over to his parents, police said on Thursday.

Police said based on credible input from various security agencies Ganderbal Police apprehended a youth identified as Umar Nazir, a resident of Ganderbal.

"Preliminary investigation reveals that the subject was in constant touch over social media with some suspects in Bandipora and Pulwama and had developed tendency to join terror ranks", police said. Police said the arrested youth was properly counselled by Ganderbal Police in presence of his parents.

8% Covid +ve...

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The researchers said this finding presents the largest empirical demonstration of superspreading, which is when an unusually large number of individuals are infected by few other people. They said the findings "may indicate the identification of less-severe infections through active case-finding".

Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu are among the top Indian States with the largest healthcare workforce and public health expenditures per capita and are known for their effective primary healthcare delivery models, the study noted. It said 63 per cent of those who died had at least one co-morbidity, and 36 per cent had two or more underlying health conditions that made them more susceptible to the disease. About 45 per cent of those who died were diabetic. Unlike observations in high-income countries, they said the deaths in India are concentrated at ages 50-64 years. In the two Indian States in particular, they said only 17.9 per cent of Covid-19 deaths occurring on or before 1 August, 2020 were among people older than 75, compared with 58.1 per cent of deaths due to the disease in the US.



Delhi Congress workers and members of various street vendors associations protest near civil lines demanding reopening of weekly markets as the lockdown measures are relaxed in Delhi on Thursday
Ranjana Dimri / Pioneer

No arrest of rape accused, family in fear

PNS ■ ALIGARH

In the case of a teenager's gang-rape in the lodha area, 3 accused have not been arrested yet and they are threatening the victim.

The victim's family has complained to the SSP office on Wednesday. The victim's mother told that on August 8, the 16-year-old daughter was going to take grass, when 4 people raped her daughter in the field and after that, they started threatening to kill the girl.

It was reported in police station Lodha. The victim's statement already recorded under 164 in the court in which she has given the names of 4 accused but the police have arrested only one accused Umesh while other 3 are absconded who are threatening her and the family continuously. The woman also demanded protection.

DMK launches election campaign 'DMK would stand by farmers and would offer all kinds of help to protect their interest'

CHENNAI: M K Stalin, president, DMK, has launched the 2021 Assembly election campaign from the farms. The Leader of Opposition commenced his campaign by calling on the agricultural farms in Kancheepuram early this week and interacted with farmers, especially women folks, who were working in the paddy fields.

Stalin did not make any speeches but focussed more on personal discussions with the farmers. He asked them about the returns which they get from farms and the financial assistance offered by the State and Centre. "The farmers are struggling to survive as the Narendra Modi Government at the Centre and the Edappadi Palaniswami Government in Tamil Nadu have made life difficult for them. They do not get subsidised seeds or fertilizers. The Banks refuse to py them

loans and this make them turn to private lenders who charge unbelievable rates as interest," said Stalin.

Many women were seen weeping in front of the DMK chief while they recounted the bitter experiences they had from Palaniswami Government. Stalin blamed the AIADMK Government for supporting the bills on Agriculture Reforms which were passed by both the Houses of Parliament.

"This is yet another mission by the Modi government to liquidate the farming community in the country. Once we come top power here in Tamil Nadu, we will safeguard the interests of the farmers." Said Stalin.

DMK leaders said the party chief would tour the entire State and interact with the farmers in the first round of the campaign. "He wants to reassure the farm-

ers in the State that DMK would stand by them and would offer all kinds of help to protect their interest," said a source in DMK headquarters.

The Namakkur Name (By Us, For Us) roadshow by the DMK chief had helped the party to recover most of the lost ground in Tamil Nadu politics in 2016. Though Stalin had claimed of a change of government would happen in 2016, the DMK lost the election by a whisker and since then the party has been in a mission mode. The DMK swept the 2019 Lok Sabha election and wrested 13 out of the 21 assembly constituencies held by the AIADMK where byelections were held along with the Lok Sabha polls.

Early this week, the internal war in the ruling AIADMK came out in the open and this too has made things easy for the DMK. **PNS**

3 India jawans martyred in Pak...

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Srinagar based Defence spokesman Col Rajesh Kalita in a statement said Pakistan initiated an "unprovoked" ceasefire violation along the line of control in Krishna Ghati sector of Poonch Lance Naik Karnail Singh had received critical injuries and later he succumbed. The deceased soldier was a native of Loha Khera in Sangrur district of Punjab.

Since January 1, 2020 more than 3,200 incidents of ceasefire violations, highest so far since November 2003, have been reported in the first nine months.

The ceasefire violations may further increase in the coming days as the mountain passes would be closed down due to heavy snowfall in the upper reaches along the traditional infiltration routes.

Many Hathras horror stories unfolding in UP

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The police said it seemed that the victim was killed somewhere and later her body was thrown at Gholhawa embankment in Manirama area. The police observed a tattoo on her arm and found some clothes, medicines and a "mangalsutra" inside the box. Efforts were on to ascertain the victim's identity.

In Baghat, a teenager girl tried to commit suicide after being raped and blackmailed by neighbour Naseem on last Tuesday. The 17-year-old victim's father later lodged an FIR against the miscreant, who was arrested. The complainant said Naseem raped the girl, harassed

and blackmailed her after which she attempted to end her life.

Elsewhere in Bulandshar, a 14-year-old girl was raped by her neighbour late at a village in Kakore area on Tuesday night. The victim's father lodged a case and the accused was arrested on Thursday.

In Azamgarh too, an eight-year-old girl was raped by 20-year-old Danish. While the victim was hospitalised in a critical condition at BHU, the accused was arrested.

Meanwhile in Rae Bareilly, a woman and her daughter were killed by robbers in Rae Bareilly sometime on Wednesday night. The gang entered a house at Hajipur area of Nasirabad police station area and escaped after committing the crime. Circumstantial evidence suggested that after the robbery, the killers targeted the victims

with sharp-edged weapons.

In Auraiya, the bodies of a woman and her three daughters were found hanging in a room of their house in Dibiyapur area on Thursday.

SP of Auraiya, Suniti said the bodies of Sadhna (32) of Sehud village, and her three daughters Anjum (7), Manjum (3) and a month-old newborn were found hanging. Sadhna got married to Kuldeep eight years ago and had three daughters.

The couple had a maintenance case pending in the court due to marital discord but lived together after an agreement. Kuldeep had gone for some work in the morning and when he returned in the noon, he found the door bolted from inside. Peeping through a window, he found their bodies hanging from the ceiling. A forensic team was pressed into service.

Modified Air India One...

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Another custom-made B777 plane for the travel of VVIPs is likely to be received from Boeing during a later date, they noted. The modified aircraft will also have "Bharat" and India written on them, along with the Ashoka emblem.

A team of senior officials from the Indian Air Force and Air India had reached the USA during the first half of August to receive the plane and assessing the technical requirements, the officials said. The New Boeing 777-300ERs will be operated by pilots of the Indian Air Force (IAF) and not of Air India, as earlier.

The plane was scheduled to be delivered by aircraft manufacturer Boeing to Air India in

July but its delivery was delayed twice - once in July for a few weeks due to Covid-19 pandemic and then in August for a few weeks due to technical reasons

The plane is equipped with Advanced Electronic Warfare Suites which will not only protect aircraft from any kind of attack from the surface to air but also will be able to take countermeasures in case of an attack.

Due to the advanced communication system fitted in the aircraft, the Prime Minister or the President will be able to communicate with the relevant ground staff through video or audio conferencing without the worry of being hacked or taped. The new planes have been configured to provide generous office space, meeting rooms, a wide array of communication systems and a sec-

tion for handling medical emergencies.

These two aircraft were part of Air India's commercial fleet for a few months in 2018 before they were sent back to Boeing for retrofitting them for VVIP travel.

During the travel of the VVIPs, the two B777 aircraft will be operated by pilots of the Indian Air Force (IAF) and not of Air India, an official said. Currently, the president, vice president and prime minister, fly on Air India's B747 planes, which have the call sign Air India One. Air India pilots fly these B747 aircraft for the dignitaries and the Air India Engineering Services Limited (AIESL) maintains them.

When these B747 aircraft are not flying the dignitaries, they are used by the Indian national carrier for commercial operations.

Cinemas...

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However, maximum 50 people will be allowed in marriage related gatherings and maximum 20 people are allowed in funeral and last rites related gatherings, it stated. On Wednesday, the Union Home Ministry issued new guidelines for permitting more activities in areas outside the containment zones that included opening up of cinemas, theatres and multiplexes with up to 50 per cent of their seating capacity from October 15.

States and Union territories have been given the flexibility to decide on reopening schools and coaching institutions after October 15 in a graded man-

ner, and permitting social, religious and political gatherings beyond the limit of 100 people, subject to certain conditions.

The DDMA, headed by Lt Governor Anil Bajjal, has directed all district magistrates and deputy commissioners of police and other concerned authorities to ensure strict compliance of its order.

In its September 13 order, the state disaster management authority had allowed opening of one weekly market per day per zone in civic bodies on trial basis, till September 30.

It had also permitted opening of Yoga institutes and gyms in Delhi (except in containment zones), through the same order. Opening of bars had also been allowed on trial basis from September 9-30.

Rahul, Priyanka on way to Hathras detained, released

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Rahul said that even if Section 144 had been imposed, he will walk alone towards Hathras to meet the family of the rape victim, but the police didn't agree to let him move forward.

Attacking the Yogi Adityanath Government over the deteriorating law and order situation, in a tweet, Rahul said, "In times of sorrow, loved ones are not left alone. In the 'jungle raj' of Uttar Pradesh someone's wish to meet a grieving family also scares the Government. Do not be afraid

so much, Chief Minister!"

Before being detained, the Congress leaders had a heated exchange with the police personnel and enquired about the grounds on which they were being detained.

In a tweet, Priyanka said, "They prevented us from going to Hathras. When we all went out on foot with Rahulji, we were repeatedly stopped, they used lathis in a barbaric manner. Many workers have been injured. But our intention is clear. The sticks of an arrogant Government cannot stop us. I wish the police would have used the same lathis in defense of Hathras' Dalit daughter."

Ranvijay Singh, Additional DCP Gautam Budh Nagar said Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi were detained and then

released. Singh said Rahul and Priyanka were not allowed to proceed further as the police have a letter from DM Hathras saying that if they visit the village, it may disturb the law and order situation in the district. "Also, there is the issue of providing security cover to them," said the police official.

The police said that Rahul and his sister were taken into custody as they were marching in an area where Section 144 has been imposed. The section relates to the assembly of not more than five people at one place. The police officials said that Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi along with over a dozen people was detained and brought to the JP Buddha Circuit guest House. They were served notice under Section 41

for flouting Section 144 and they can be charged under Section 188 of Covid-19 Pandemic Act, the police officials said.

Congress leaders condemned the manhandling of Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi by the UP police.

Senior Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad condemned the manhandling of Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi by UP police and said this act is totally unacceptable.

Congress general secretary KC Venugopal also condemned the UP police action and appealed to party workers to protest against the detention of the party leaders. "The cowardly UP Government has arrested Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi for seeking

justice and trying to meet the Hathras victim's family. I appeal to all PCCs and Congress workers to protest today against the arrest of Rahulji, Priyankaji and other party leaders," Venugopal took to social media to say this.

Congress national media in-charge Surjewala, who was also traveling with Rahul, in a series of tweets said, "Even during the British Rule, (Mahatma) Gandhiji could undertake the Dandi March for salt satyagraha. Shameless that in independent India in a democratic setup, the same cannot be done. UP Police lathi-charging and arresting Rahul Gandhi sums it up!". He also recalled how Lala Lajpat Rai was brutally hit by the British police during the freedom struggle.

"The Adityanath Government has arrested hundreds of Congress workers and leaders at Surajpur Police Line, Noida. The voice of the poor family is being suppressed in Hathras and that of every person raising their voice on the UP border. The struggle will continue," he said in another tweet. The Congress leader also slammed the Yogi Adityanath Government saying, "Ajay Bisht, the pot of sins of your misrule is full. Pictures of police brutality with Rahul Gandhi, Priyankaji and Congressmen going towards Hathras peacefully to console the family of the deceased victim are the beginning of the BJP's downfall in the country and UP. Keep this thing in writing."

Demolition drive against illegal constructions launched in South zone

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The building department of South Zone has launched massive demolition and sealing action drive against unauthorized constructions in different areas of South Delhi and sealed or demolished 121 properties in areas like Said-ul-Azab, Khirki Extension, Panchsheel Vihar, Greater Kailash-II, Chhattarpur, Freedom Fighter Enclave, Neb Sarai, Vasant Kunj in last two months.

The department of SDMC's South Zone also took massive action against the unauthorized construction, demolished a huge under-constructed building in Said-ul-Azab area, a senior SDMC official said, adding that the building was booked for unauthorized construction.

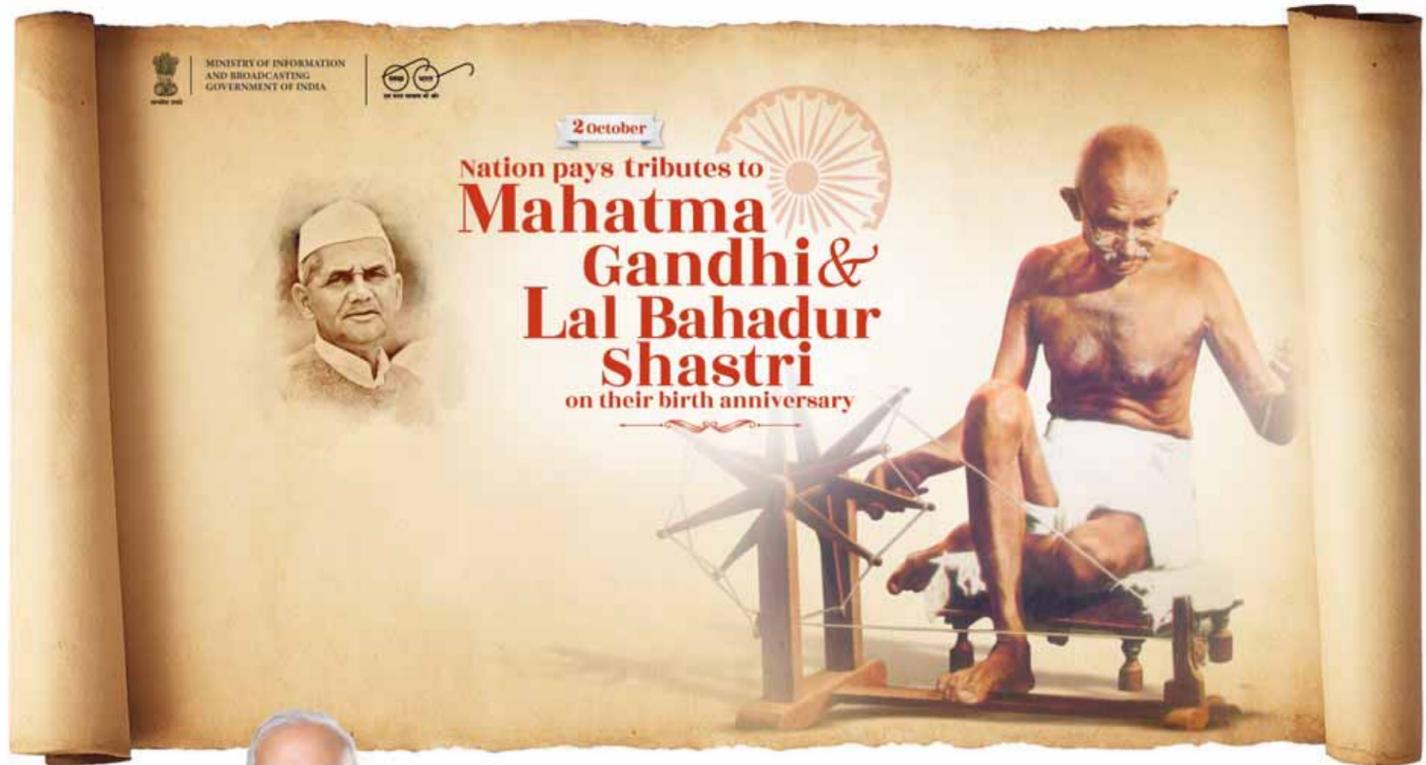
The department demolished the building completely under provisions of the DMC Act 1957. It was observed that some unscrupulous builders carried out the deviations against sanctioned building plans or total unauthorized construction in blatant violations of Master Plan-2021.

Unified Building Bye-Laws and DMC Act, 1957, it said.

The official said that many offenders have also been prosecuted under the DMC Act, 1957 and criminal cases have been lodged with the police authorities during the last two months against them massive demolition actions have been taken by the department with a view to discouraging the unauthorized construction activities by unscrupulous builders.

During these actions, the properties have been left in uninhabitable conditions so that the same cannot be used for habitable or other purposes and there remains no scope for further unauthorized constructions, he said.

However, there was stiff resistance on some occasions from the owners local residents who tried to create ruckus and hindrances to thwart the demolition staff from taking the demolition actions but overcoming all such hindrances, successful demolition and sealing actions were taken by the building department," he said.



Revered Bapu's life reminds us to ensure that our every action should be such that it leads to the well-being of the poor and deprived. Likewise, Shastri Ji's life imparts to us the message of humility and simplicity.

- Narendra Modi



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Three held for illegally procuring liquor meant for defence personnel, selling it at higher rates

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Police has arrested a 51-year-old man and two security guards for allegedly procuring liquor meant for defence personnel with stickers of CSD canteen illegally and later selling them at a higher rate to customers in National Capital.

The accused identified as Sushant Behra (26) and Som Nath Barik (28), both natives of Odisha, worked as security guards at an apartment in Tilak Marg. Police said that the two worked for one Pradeep Kumar, who had been running a vegetable shop on rent from the same society for the last 30 years. According to Dr Eish Singhal, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), New Delhi district, acting on a tip off received through Military Intelligence Wing that two guards of Sangli Apartments are illegally accumulating the liquor meant for CSD canteen, a team was deployed near the spot. "One police constable was deployed as decoy customer and he struck a deal with the two guards for purchasing 24 bottles of Old Monk rum. Subsequently, they were nabbed and 24 bottles of liquor with stickers of "CSD Canteen Sale Only" were recovered on their instance," said the DCP.

Digital news channel owner arrested for extorting money

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Police has arrested a 37-year-old digital news channel owner for allegedly extorting money from an advocate in south Delhi's Greater Kailash area. Police said that the accused along with his associate first used to do a sting operation and later used to demand ransom money.

The accused has been identified as Afsar Ali, a resident of Noida Sector-78. According to Atul Kumar Thakur, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), South district, an advocate, a resident of Greater Kailash, lodged a complaint where it was alleged that some persons on behalf of a digital news channel conducted a sting operation on him.

Rlys earns ₹9,896 cr from freight loading in September 2020

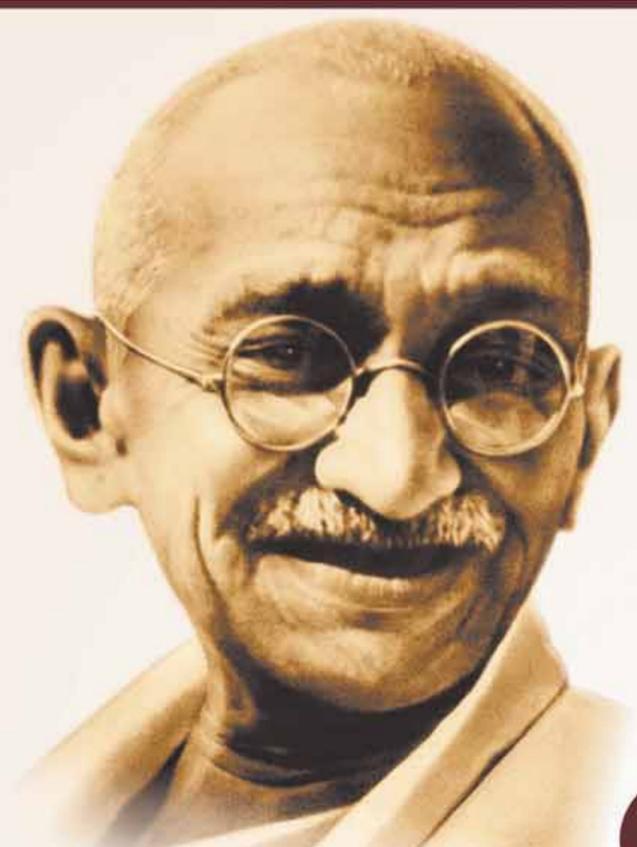
STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In a remarkable achievement, Indian Railways has earned more revenue in the month of September as compared to last year despite of Covid-19 related challenges. The Ministry said in September 2020, Indian Railways earned Rs 9,896.86 crore from freight loading which is also Rs 1180.57 crore higher compared to last year's earnings for the same period (Rs 8716.29 crore). The increase in freight revenue is 13.54 per cent. It may be noted that trends in Freight traffic reflect the broad trends of economic activities turn around well. "Indian Railways achieved a significant milestone of pulling freight traffic ahead. Its freight loading and freight revenue for the month of September 2020 surpasses last year's loading and revenue for the same month," it said.

In the month of September 2020, Indian Railways freight loading was 102.12 million tonnes, which is 13.59 million tonnes higher compared to last year's freight loading for the same month (88.53 million tonnes). The increase in the freight loading is 15.35 per cent. While it earned Rs. 9896.86 crores from freight loading which is also Rs. 1180.57 crores higher compared to last year's earnings for the same period (Rs. 8716.29 crores). The increase in freight revenue is 13.54 per cent.

"In the month of September 2020 Indian Railways loading was 102.12 million tonnes which includes 42.89 million tonnes of coal, 13.53 million tonnes of iron ore, 6.3 million tonnes of foodgrains, 5.34 million tonnes of fertilizers, 6.05 million tonnes of cement (excluding clinker), 3.85 million tonnes of clinker, and 3.52 million tonnes of mineral oil," it said.

It may be noted that improvements in freight movements will be institutionalized and incorporated in the upcoming zero based timetable.



“ एक राष्ट्र की संस्कृति, उसमें रहने वाले लोगों के दिलों में और आत्मा में रहती है। ”

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Armed forces get over ₹8K-cr booster Over ₹7K-cr for making advanced communication system; over ₹400-cr for purchasing hand grenades

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With the objective of improving the communication system network of the armed forces and boosting their fighting capabilities in the backdrop of the volatile situation at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh and the Line of Control (LOC), the Government on Thursday inked two deals worth over ₹8,000 crore. They include establishment of the Army Static Switched Communication Network (ASCON) Phase IV Network worth ₹7,796.39 crore and procurement of one lakh grenades from an Indian private sector firm at cost of ₹409 crore.

Giving details of these crucial deals, officials said here on Thursday that the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) has approved the communication project. It will be built by the ITI, a Public Sector Undertaking, at an estimated cost of ₹7,796.39 crore with an implementation schedule of 36 months from the date of signing of the contract. The contract was inked on Thursday.

The project is a strategic and theatre area communication network which will upgrade the existing Asynchronous Transfer Mode Technology to Internet Protocol (IP) / Multi Protocol Label Switching (MPLS) Technology. Optical Fibre Cable (OFC), Microwave Radio and Satellite will be used as communication media.

The project will provide better survivability, responsiveness and high bandwidth in any operational scenario and enhance the communication coverage of network closer to the international border, LAC and the Line of Control (LoC). The project will augment the communication network of Indian Army in the sensitive forward operational areas keeping in view the current operational situation at LAC.

At the same time, in an effort to provide modern ammunition mainly to infantry soldiers guarding the now sensitive LAC and the LOC, the government inked a deal with Nagpur based Economic Explosive Ltd (Solar Group) for the hand grenades.

This comes days after the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) headed by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh gave the nod for procurement of 72,400 Sig Sauer assault rifles from the US on fast track basis for the front-line soldiers. The contract is worth over ₹780 crore. The Indian army had bought the first batch of 72,400 rifles some months back.

As regards the hand grenade deal, officials said here it will also boost the 'Make in India' initiative in the defence sector. The private company will supply 10,00,000 Multi Mode Hand Grenades to the Indian Army. These grenades will be replacing the hand grenade design of World War-II vintage, in use with the Indian Army.

India rejects Pak propaganda about alleged ill-treatment of Sikh soldiers in Indian Army

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India on Thursday outrightly rejected the propaganda by Pakistan about alleged ill-treatment of Sikh soldiers in the Indian Army and said it is proud of its secular credentials.

In a tough statement, the Indian army termed such a campaign as malicious since Pakistan had also claimed that the Sikh soldiers were discontented.

The official note came after some social media sites in Pakistan claimed that the Indian Sikh soldiers were discriminated against and especially targeted Lt General Taranjit Singh. He is at present posted in the newly created Department of Military Affairs (DMA) after the setting up of the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) institution early this year.

The Multi-Mode Hand Grenade has been designed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Terminal Ballistic Research Laboratories (TBRL). The grenades have a distinctive design, in that, they can be used in both offensive and defensive modes. This is a flagship project showcasing public-private partnership enabling "Atma Nirbharta" in



"Over the past few days, a state sponsored malicious social media disinformation campaign has been run by Pakistan against the Indian Army and in particular against Lt General Taranjit Singh, a senior officer posted in the Department of Military Affairs (DMA). Having failed consistently to incite religion-based disaffection within the country, Pakistan, in a desperate

attempt, is now trying to create a divide within the Indian Army," the statement said. The Indian Army categorically rejects such malicious attempts to defame the institution. The Indian Army is a secular organisation and all officers and soldiers serve the nation with pride irrespective of their religion, caste, creed or gender, it added.

cutting edge ammunition technologies and accomplish 100% indigenous content, officials added. This deal comes after the DAC on Monday approved proposals for capital acquisitions worth approximately ₹2,290 crore including 72,400 SIG-716 assault rifles for the Army and Smart Anti Airfield Weapon (SAAW) for the Navy and Air Force. The procurement of Static

SC directs refund of airline tickets for flights cancelled during Covid lockdown

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Thursday directed refund of air tickets, domestic and international, for travel during the COVID-19 lockdown period from March 25 to May 24 within three weeks from the date of the cancellation of flights.

Accepting the Centre's proposal, the top court directed that if the tickets have been booked through an agent for travel within the lockdown period, in all such cases full refund shall be given by the airlines immediately and the amount shall be passed on immediately by the agent to the passengers.

It said: "If on account of financial distress, any airline/airlines are not able to refund then they shall provide credit shell, equal to the amount of fare collected, in the name of passenger when the booking is done either directly by the passenger or through travel agent so as to consume the same on or before March 31, 2021."

It is open to passengers either to utilise such credit shell up to March 31, 2021 on any route of choice or transfer the credit shell to any person including the travel agent concerned, and the airlines shall honour such a transfer, the top court said.

A bench of Justices Ashok Bhushan, R Subhash Reddy and M R Shah said the suggestions and formulations arrived at the meeting held by the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MCA), Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), which are acceptable to the majority of stakeholders have to be

implemented in letter and spirit.

The top court's verdict came on a batch of petitions, including by NGOs and passengers associations, seeking complete refund of ticket fare for the flights cancelled.

It said that the court cannot lose sight of the present situation prevailing in the country and across the globe with regard to the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic and any strict enforcement action of Civil Aviation Requirement (CAR) (aviation norms) against the airlines would further restrict their operations.

It said that the passengers who booked tickets at any period of time but for travel after May 24, then the refund of fares to the passengers covered under this category shall be governed by the provisions of CAR.

"Even for international travel, when the tickets have been booked on an Indian carrier and the booking is ex-India (flights originating from India), if the tickets have been booked during the lockdown period for travel within the lockdown period, immediate refund shall be made," the bench said in its order.

If the tickets are booked for international travel on a foreign carrier and the booking is ex-India during the lockdown period for travel within the lockdown period, full refund shall be given by the airlines and said amount shall be passed on immediately by the agent to the passengers, wherever such tickets are booked through agents, it added. PTI

ED files chargesheet against LeT chief, others in terror funding case

New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has filed prosecution complaint (chargesheet in police parlance) against Hafiz Mohammad Sayeed (founder of terror group Lashkar-e-Tayyaba, Jamaat-Ud-Dawa and Falah-e-Insaniyat Foundation, Pakistan) and others in a terror funding case.

Sayeed's Deputy Shahid Mehmood, Mohammad Kamran, a Dubai-based Pakistani, Mohammad Salim alias Mama, a Delhi-based hawala operator and one Mohammad Salman have also been charged under Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) in the ongoing investigations in a terror financing case.

The ED began probe under PMLA based on a chargesheet filed by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) against these accused persons under various sections of the IPC and Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. The Accused Mohammad Salman has been found to be involved in receiving funds, from FIF operators and his associates, through illegally operated hawala channels.

Probe under PMLA revealed that funds were routed from Pakistan to Dubai and further to India through hawala channels. Salman was the recipient of funds sent by Mohammad Kamran and his associates Abdul Aziz Behlmi and Arif Gulambashir Dharampuria, in Dubai. Documents seized from the house of Mohammad Salman, Mohammad Salim and Mohammad Arif Gulambashir Dharampuria during the searches held by NIA and email correspondence reflect these hawala transactions by Mohd. Uzair to Kamran. PNS

Cong, Rahul looking for 'photo-op' around unfortunate death of Hathras victim: BJP

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The BJP on Friday hit out at the Congress and its former chief Rahul Gandhi alleging that they were looking for 'photo-op' and resorting to 'theatrics' around the unfortunate death of the Hathras victim in Uttar Pradesh to 'revive' their political careers.

Rahul, her sister and General Secretary in-charge of UP Priyanka Vadra and Congress workers were stopped by UP police on Friday on the expressway when they were attempting to march to Hathras to meet the family of the brutalised rape victim who passed away here and later cremated in the wee hours by the police allegedly 'illegally' without the

consent and in absence of her family members.

With Congress seeking the resignation of UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath for the deteriorating law and order in the State, the BJP retorted saying a dying Congress is using drama to prop up its dipping graph.

Congress and Rahul Gandhi have reduced the unfortunate death of a young woman into theatrics, an occasion to resurrect their political careers," said BJP leader and head of party's IT cell Amit Malviya.

"The insincerity is gut-wrenching. Crime against women and Dalits, in particular, is rampant in Rajasthan but politics takes them to UP,"

Malviya said in a tweet.

The BJP leader criticised the Congress for offering 'sympathy' on the basis of 'social and religious identity of the violator or the State'.

"When your sympathy for the victim depends on the social and religious identity of the violator or the state in which the crime happens, then you are part of the problem. Those obsessing about the identity of the accused in Hathras are silent on Balrampur and Bulandshahr," Malviya said.

BJP leader and UP Minister Siddhartha Nath Singh claimed that Congress leaders were looking for the 'photo-op' rather than having real sympathy for the victim.

Modi to inaugurate Atal Tunnel

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the world's longest highway tunnel, named Atal Tunnel, on Saturday. The 9.02km tunnel connects Manali to Lahaul-Spiti valley.

With this tunnel, now the two sides will remain connected throughout the year unlike earlier when the valley was cut off for about 6 months owing to heavy snowfall. The Tunnel is built with ultra-modern specifications in the Pir Panjal range of Himalayas at an altitude of 3000 Mtrs (10,000 Feet) from the Mean Sea Level (MSL).

The tunnel reduces the road distance by 46 Km between Manali and Leh and the time by about 4 to 5 hours and reduces reduce the road distance by 46 Kms between Manali and Leh and the time by about 4 to 5 hours. Prime Minister will



reach Rohtang at 10 am to inaugurate the tunnel named after former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

The decision to construct a strategic tunnel below the Rohtang Pass was taken on June 03, 2000 by Vajpayee and the foundation stone for the

Access Road to the South Portal of the tunnel was laid on May 26, 2002. After attending the inauguration function of the Atal Tunnel at South Portal, Manali, Modi shall be participating in public functions at Sissu in Lahaul Spiti and at Solang Valley.

The tunnel has been designed for traffic density of 3000 cars and 1,500 trucks per day and has telecommunication facilities at every 150 Mtrs for emergency communication. Maximum speed allowed is 80km/hour and cameras are installed at every

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60 meters. The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) worked relentlessly to overcome major geological, terrain and weather challenges that included the most difficult stretch of the 587-metre Seri Nalah Fault Zone. The breakthrough from both ends was achieved on October 15, 2017, said PMO in a statement.

Last three years saw gradual increase in ST students availing NOSS benefits

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

Over the last three years, between 2016-17 and 2018-19, there has been a gradual increase in the number of students from the Scheduled Tribe (ST) category joining universities abroad availing the National Overseas Scholarship Scheme (NOSS) run by the Union Tribal Affairs Ministry. Still, the minuscule slot of 20 seats under the Scheme didn't get filled up. In the last three years, only 2, 12 and 16 students respectively could avail the benefit of the NOSS.

Taking exception to the poor performance of the scheme, a Parliamentary Standing Committee on Social Welfare in its report tabled in Parliament recently has asked the Ministry to spread awareness about the scheme that aims to provide financial assistance to students selected for pursuing higher studies abroad

for Post Graduate, Ph.D. and Post-Doctoral Research Programme.

Under the scheme 17 awards are sanctioned to ST students and 3 to Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) students per year. Total 20 students are benefitted through this scheme.

"Lack of awareness among the ST students could also be one of the reasons for weak performance of the scheme," said the panel, headed by Lok Sabha member Rama Devi.

It gave specific instance of Assam. "For instance, the Tribal Department website of Assam Government gives a one-line information on the scholarship scheme and the window for application just shows that it will be notified shortly. The Committee is appalled at such apathy of a few State Governments towards the welfare of STs and feel that the Ministry should have been

alert to such lapses," said the panel.

It has now asked the Ministry to carry out an inspection of all State Government websites to ensure maximum publicity of all ST welfare schemes including the scholarship scheme.

The panel also expressed its displeasure at the Ministry's reply that said, "The observation/recommendation of the committee has been noted for compliance" without mentioning any steps taken by them actually in this regard.

"The Committee feels that availability of latest information pertaining to all the Schemes including Scholarship schemes on the State Government's websites is a very important step for awareness generation among the tribal students of the State," the panel said while asking the Ministry to submit a report in this direction at the earliest.

Pay homage to Gandhi by spinning Charkha

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

If you believe in Gandhian philosophy, you have the opportunity to pay tributes to the Father of the Nation on his birth anniversary in a unique way by spinning the wheel or Charkha that the great freedom fighter used to make homespun cotton.

The Archeological Survey of India (ASI) on the occasion of the Gandhi Jayanti has put up 15 Charkhas at historic monument Jantar Mantar in the national Capital, offering visitors a chance to spin cotton by hand on the spinning wheel.

"This is the perfect way to pay tribute to the great leader. The charkha, or spinning wheel, is the physical embodiment and symbol of Gandhi's constructive program. The



Charkhas have been provided by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti. On the occasion Swachhata programme has also been organised," said an official from the ASI.

In fact, a string of events are being held across the country to disseminate Mahatma Gandhi's message of non-violence to mark the Gandhi Jayanti. The Ayush Ministry, for instance, will kick-off a 48-

day long series of webinars from October 2 to rekindle the Gandhi's thoughts on health and nutrition. The National Institute of Naturopathy (NIN) in Pune in association with the Regional Outreach Bureau Maharashtra and Goa of the Information and Broadcasting Ministry will organize these webinars themed "Mahatma Gandhi-The Healer" that will conclude on Naturopathy Day, on November 18, said an official from the Ministry.

Likewise, a district branch (301) of Inner Wheel Club, an international women's organisation working in various countries, is organising a virtual event, 'Charkha', as a tribute to the Babu showcasing ramp walks on Khadi, documentary on weavers and restoration and revival of heritage heirlooms, shared Club's District Secretary (301) Mala Rishi.

The Noida Authority too will launch 'Trash to Treasure' and 'Bin to Beauty' initiatives to mark the Gandhi Jayanti. Stakeholders like residents, social groups and others will make and install artworks out of all kinds of waste, including plastic, at city parks, green belts and other recreational areas, informed Ritu Maheshwari, Chief Executive Officer of the Noida Authority.



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Centre mulls new technology to neutralise 'stubble burning'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As a solution to the problem of stubble burning that leaves Delhi and the neighbouring States of Haryana, Punjab, UP and Rajasthan gasping for breath due to severe pollution in winters, the Centre has suggested the adoption of a new technology developed by the Pusa Agriculture

Institute to decompose straw in the fields. It would be tested on a trial basis to begin with.

"Though stubble burning has reduced in the last three years, more needs to be done to tackle the issue. The central government has given machines to destroy crop residue. Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Pusa's decomposer tech-

nology will be tried in states this year on a trial basis," Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar said on Thursday.

The Government is also planning to spread awareness about the threat due to the stubble burnings and pollution to the threat particularly during the Covid-19 days. Where there is more stubble burning,

like Punjab, awareness among farmers is being spread," he said.

The Minister was addressing the media after holding a virtual meeting with environment ministers of Delhi and the four neighbouring States to check their preparedness and take preventive measures ahead of the crop residue burning.

The IARI has developed PUSA Decomposer, which is a set of four tablets made by extracting fungi strains that help the paddy straw to decompose at a much faster rate than usual, giving farmers the option to shred the straw, spray a solution containing the fungal strains, and mix it with the soil for decomposition.

The meeting was also

attended by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), state pollution control boards, DDA and NDM. Javadekar said that all the five states gave details of their action plans and Delhi has been asked to focus on its 13 pollution hotspots and any incomplete road work must be completed to avoid dust.

He said there are several

factors other than stubble burning which cause pollution in the national capital, including garbage burning, dust and unpaved roads.

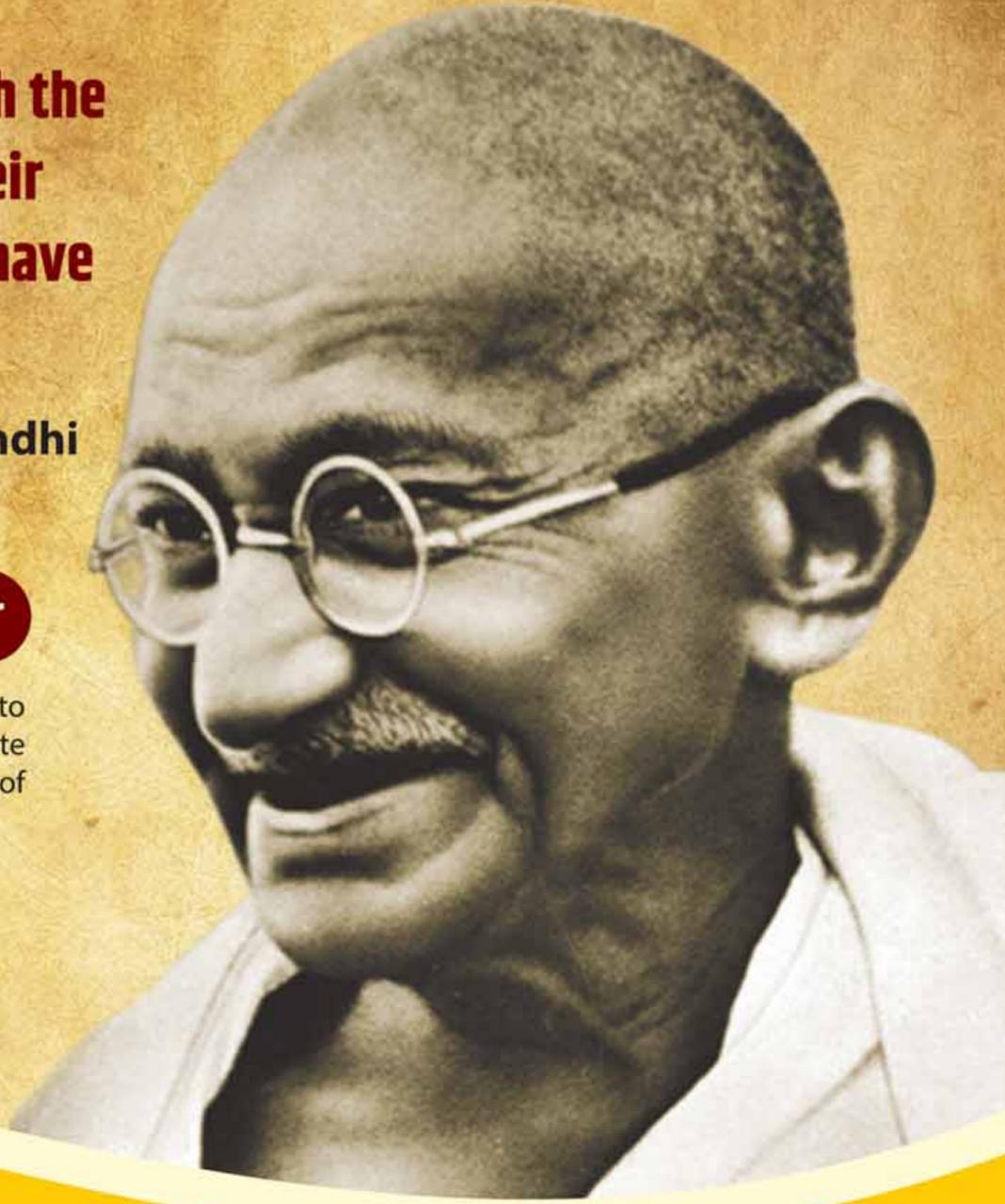
"We are also encouraging the use of Bio CNG and bio-power. BS-VI compliant vehicles have been introduced. Measures have been taken but more needs to be done," he said.

"I shall work for an India in which the poorest shall feel that it is their country, in whose making they have an effective voice"

-Mahatma Gandhi

Gandhi Jayanti, 2nd October

Today on Gandhi Jayanti, come let us take the vow to follow the principles laid down by Gandhi Ji. Salute him silently on the birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi.



"True democracy or the swaraj of the masses can never come through untruthful and violent means."

-Lal Bahadur Shastri

Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti, 2nd October

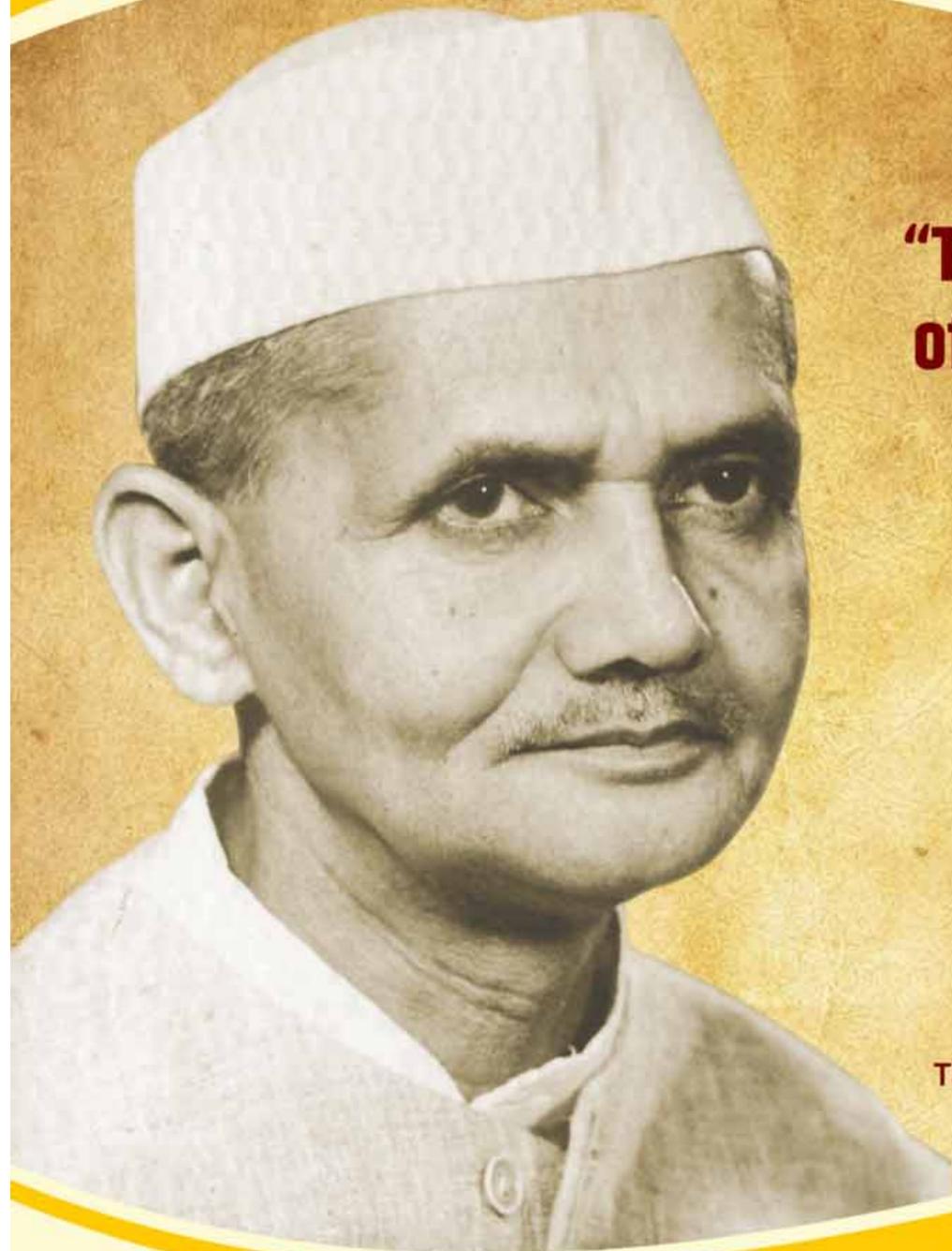
Heartfelt salute on the Jayanti of the former prime minister of India, Lal Bahadur Shastri Ji, the symbol of strong determination, simplicity.

Venue

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When will it stop?

Another rape in UP shows why we need to implement police reforms now and free the forces from political pressure



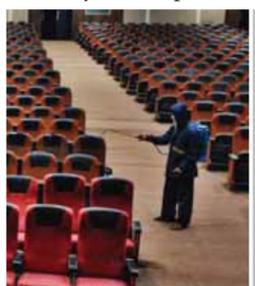
There is no end to the excesses that get committed in this country and shamefully no end to our mute tolerance, nay acceptance, of them as a societal truth than tragedy. Too bad it happened, we reason, and move on. Too bad, it happened, but what can we do? Precisely because the symbols of the State do nothing to punish offenders or uphold justice. In fact, they legitimise them by letting them off the hook. And that medieval powerplay of the hunter and the hunted, that masochistic intimidation of the vulnerable prey and the one-sided narrative of the dominator over the dominated continue. So barely a day after the Dalit gang-rape

victim of Hathras, Uttar Pradesh, died, another Dalit woman met the same fate while returning home from work in Balrampur district. Of course, the police claims there was no rape in the Hathras case, quoting a forensic report, but severe assault. Does that diminish the taking of a life in the end? What about the rape of collective conscience? But when nobody questions the police for forcibly cremating the Hathras girl, denying her parents and family that right and dignity, literally wishing away the taint on her upper caste rapists/killers, then what does one expect? When a Dalit girl's misfortune is considered a threat to societal hierarchies — apparently bigger than national security and, therefore, deserving a hushed cover-up — what can be more morally depraved? And when the police, as an unabashed tool of State power, condones the crime by not following the rule of law and processes as it is mandated to do, when it abandons the victimised, there is legal sanction of a lop-sided thinking that emboldens and encourages offenders. When a Chief Minister, who has been thriving on casteist politics just like his predecessors, quotes the Prime Minister's concern on Hathras instead of working on his promise to end "jungle raj" for good, he only ends up mimicking an administrative drill routinised by successive regimes. A drill that privileges their casteist constituencies at the expense of others. Hence the repetitive excesses on Dalits, women and minorities continue to spiral in UP making it the worst State for anybody vulnerable because of birth or gender. Only last year, the Minister of State for Home Affairs, G Kishan Reddy, while replying to an unstarred question in the Lok Sabha, had confirmed that Uttar Pradesh accounted for 43 per cent of the total number of instances registered for harassment against minorities and Dalits. It also tops the rape chart and according to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), reported the most cases of violence against women in 2019.

The best that the Uttar Pradesh police has done and continues to do is to impose Section 144 to can every trouble, debate and dissent, like it has done by stopping Opposition political leaders from reaching Hathras to meet the girl's family. The Chief Minister, of course, chose to commiserate with the family from the safety of video-conferencing. Nobody can yet explain why the police took 10 days to register a first information report (FIR) in the Hathras case and took no action as the brutalised girl lay in hospital for 15 days. That's because non-action has many precedents, the most recent being the Unnao rape case in which a girl was gang-raped in June 2017 but her rapist, BJP legislator Kuldeep Singh Sengar, was convicted in December 2019. Or take the recent encounter killing of the under-world don Vikas Dubey, that snuffed out all information we could have had on the politico-criminal nexus in the State. Yet the UP police at one time had been a professional force in the country but now seems co-opted by the executive. Sadly, for all the recommendations on police reforms and the Supreme Court's directive to set up a police complaint authority at the State and district level, compliance is a far cry. The top court had even recommended the separation of investigation and law and order functions so that the police could be freed from a partisan grip. While insulating the forces, the top court had studied an old report of 1979, where the Bureau of Police Research and Development had warned that excessive control by the political executive over the police has the inherent danger of making the latter a tool for subverting the process of law, promoting the growth of authoritarianism and shaking the very foundations of democracy. The police being integral to the criminal justice system, almost all its actions have to be ultimately placed before judicial officers. A recommendation was in fact made to introduce a provision in Section 311 of CrPC where any court would have the powers to direct the investigating officer or the supervisory officer to take appropriate action for proper investigation. Certain clauses need to be worked out for protecting the victim, too. There should be no restrictions on who can submit a complaint as this would imply distrust of the affected party. Neither should the victim be made to file a sworn affidavit, which creates a burden, particularly on the poor, instead of encouraging them to come forward. Besides, the police needs to be made aware about the degree of sensitivity with which certain cases need to be handled. With reforms, the forces would actually be able to serve society instead of controlling it.

Responsibility is on us

While Unlock 5 is intended to get the economy going, can we strictly follow protocols? Or else we could end up like the UK



Though India has over 62 lakh Coronavirus cases and has suffered 97,000 casualties, the poor state of the economy and rampant joblessness have forced the Government to announce Unlock 5 protocols for saving livelihoods. The new guidelines facilitate economic activity even as health experts have warned of a deepening emergency and the already creaking health-care infrastructure, now stretched to breaking point. However, the Government seems to have given in to the pressure by cinema owners, who have been crying foul as their establishments have been closed since March and are piling up massive losses. So, as a result, cinemas, theatres and multiplexes outside containment zones can reopen with up to 50 per cent seating capacity from October 15. Schools can also reopen in a graded manner. However, this will be done in consultation with the management of these institutions and State Governments. Attendance will not be mandatory and the last call on this matter will be taken by parents. But given India's obsession with percentages and rankings, it will not come as a surprise to anyone if schools arm-twist reluctant parents into sending their wards, especially those from class IX onwards. The good thing is that the Government is encouraging the hybrid mode of learning. Post-graduate students and research scholars (Ph.D.) pursuing their education from higher education institutions dedicated to research in the science and technology stream can have a sign of relief as they will be allowed to undertake laboratory and experimental works from October 15. However, students from other streams will have to wait. The drowning MICE sector has something to cheer about as Business to Business (B2B) exhibitions will be permitted now as will the opening of entertainment parks and similar places. Besides, States have the flexibility to relax the limit of 100 people at public gatherings that are outside containment zones, a concession for the festive season. Sadly, for the aviation and tourism industry, restrictions on international travel will continue as India has air bubbles with 13 countries at the moment.

Though this mass opening up may be good for the economy, is it good for the health of the nation is the big question on everyone's minds. Despite our graded approach, our caseload has spiked exponentially and today we are rubbing shoulders with the worst-hit country, the US. Besides, as the resurgent second wave and new lockdowns in Europe and US have shown, do we have the healthcare infrastructure to deal with an autumn swamp? Also, pandemic tiredness has meant that people are openly flouting masking and social distancing rules. It's a catch-22 situation for the Government and we seem to be headed UK's way if we don't discipline ourselves where COVID protocols are concerned.

From Gandhi's ideas to NEP

The new policy should be incisively scrutinised for how far it would link Indians to their roots and to what extent it would give young minds the freedom to choose



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India enters the implementation phase of its new National Education Policy — NEP 2020 — that envisions "an education system rooted in Indian ethos that could transform India, that is Bharat, into an equitable, sustainable and vibrant knowledge society, by providing high-quality education to all and thereby making India a global superpower." It is, indeed, a tall order but a critical necessity to let the benefits of education reach the "last man in the line," waiting for generations to get the basic human amenities, human dignity and opportunity to make his contribution to the process of national growth and development.

Finalised after over four years and an extensive and intensive nation-wide consultation process, the policy expects the curricula and pedagogy to be radically transformed to instill a "deep sense of respect towards the fundamental duties and constitutional values, bonding with one's country and conscious awareness of one's roles and responsibilities in a changing world." The bonding with the country and an inherent sense of pride in its people is doubly emphasised, not limiting it to only in thought, but extending it to "spirit, intellect and deeds, as well as to develop knowledge, skills, values, and dispositions that support responsible commitment to human rights, sustainable development and living, and global well-being, thereby reflecting a truly global citizen."

Revert to what Mahatma Gandhi wrote in the *Harijan* of May 8, 1937: "Man is neither mere intellect, nor the gross animal body, nor the heart or soul alone. A proper and harmonious combination of all the three is required for the whole man and constitutes the true economics of education." Essentially, the emphasis from *Buniyadi Talim* to NEP 2020 remains on transforming the learner into a personality, a person of strong character. In other words it must be "man-making education". Gandhi put it like this: "By education I mean an all-round drawing out of the best in child and man — body, mind and spirit."

Based upon his experiences and experiments in education, Gandhi finally proposed the idea of *Buniyadi Talim*, basic education, at the Wardha Conference in the



year 1937. Even earlier, he devoted time and energy to envision the shape of education in the post-independence period in India. He wanted art, craft, health and education to be integrated into the process of teaching and learning. *Nai Talim*, to him, was a beautiful blend of all the four. He found it consistent with the environment in India, which is predominantly made up of villages. Further, he wrote, "it believes in establishing equilibrium between the body, the mind and the spirit of which man is made. It is unlike the Western type which is predominantly militarist, in which the mind and the body are the primary care of education to the subordination of the spirit. This is best done when education is given through handicraft." He could propose this because of his deep understanding of Indian mind, needs and aspirations on the one hand, and experiences gained through his personal experiments in education at his *ashrams*.

Gandhi's historic speech made at the Royal Institute of International Affairs at Chatham House, London, on October 20, 1931, articulates the decline of Indian education after the arrival of the British: "I say without fear of my figures being challenged successfully that today India is more illiterate than it was fifty or a hundred years ago, and so is Burma, because the British administrators, when they came

to India, instead of taking hold of things as they were, began to root them out. They scratched the soil and began to look at the root, and left the root like that, and the beautiful tree perished."

Sir Philip Hartog challenged Gandhi, who remained steadfast in his conviction. Subsequently, eminent thinker and researcher Dharampal established that Gandhi was correct based on factual documentary evidence extracted from the records created by the British officers. The most important strategic intervention in sustaining the British hold over India was through education: destroy the age-old edifice of knowledge creation, transfer the new model to the generation ahead and ensure its application in the welfare not only of the individual but of the people. In the process, the imperialists succeeded in "delinking Indians from their history, culture and heritage." They attacked the roots of that beautiful tree, and it dried up. The policy succeeded beyond expectations for the alien rulers, as Indians grabbed the bait of Western knowledge, culture, language and its "superiority." It has not yet been erased.

The NEP 2020 must be incisively scrutinised for how far it would link Indians to India and to what extent it would give young Indians not only degrees and certificates but also the knowledge, skills and a personality to move ahead in life with

self-assurance, dignity and spirit of adventure. Let the implementers remember the defects Gandhi had identified in a long article in the *Young India* of August 1, 1921, just hundred years ago. Declaring the then system as defective, apart from its association with an utterly unjust Government, he points out three of them: "First, it is based on foreign culture to the almost entire exclusion of indigenous culture. Second, it ignores the culture of the heart and the hand, and confines itself simply to the head. Third, real education is impossible through a foreign medium."

The earlier national policies on education of 1968, 1986 and 1992 made sincere attempts to bring in reforms in curricula, pedagogy and the system of assessment and examination but the craze for more marks and English medium schools shrugged off all such efforts.

Gandhi's understanding of India and the mind of its people was unparalleled. He knew the necessity of acquiring skills, working with hands, health, nutrition and acquisition of character coupled with the internalisation of moral, ethical, humanistic and constitutional values.

And this would be achieved only when the goal of education is man-making, character development and ensuring a full-blossomed personality. This is the eternal challenge before educa-

tion and the NEP 2020 accepts it. The implementers of the NEP 2020 must seriously examine the continuity of the epistemological basis and practical realities, right from *Buniyadi Talim* to the challenges before them. They have before them a policy that is "rooted to culture and committed to progress." It is easy to locate elements in this policy that could lead to the *Sarvodaya* that Gandhi had learnt while in South Africa after reading John Ruskin's book *Unto This Last*: "First, the good of the individual is contained in the good of all."

Second, a lawyer's work has the same value as the barber's, in as much as all have the same right of earning their livelihood from their work. Third, the life of a labourer, that is, the tiller of the soil and the handicraftsman, is the life worth living". The NEP 2020 prominently highlights equity, equality, working with hand and value nurturance, right from the beginning in schooling.

Once the curriculum designers, textbook writers and textual material developers are well-versed in the philosophy behind the formulation of the *Buniyadi Talim* and its relevance to India and its people, they would really be able to create a generation proud of its history, culture and heritage. All of it appears very prominently in the policy that "envisions an education system rooted to Indian ethos that contributes directly to transforming India."

Universal education was considered a ray of hope for one and all. The NEP 2020 endorses it as the "basic right of every child." It must be correctly interpreted as the right of the child to get support in drawing out the best out of body, mind and spirit. It is his right to make choices of learning areas according to his likings and interests. It would be interference in his personal territory if subjected to a regimen that impedes his "power of ideas and imagination." This is what the present examination system has exactly been reduced to; the policy envisages drastic transformation in this crucial area. The recommendations on holistic and multi-disciplinary education would permit free flow of fresh air in schools and higher education institutions. It could lead to a surge of curiosity and creativity amongst young minds. That is the need of the current time and of the future. Now onwards, in knowledge societies, progress would depend on the quality of manpower, the measure of entrepreneurial skills and the level of innovative contributions.

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SOUNDBITE

Bangladesh is heavily dependent on freshwater and freshwater biodiversity is declining at the fastest rate in the world. Already 85 per cent of global wetlands have been lost since the Industrial Revolution.

Bangladesh PM — Sheikh Hasina



Until we change our society, how we think, how we bring up our children — the girl child and the boy child — it's not going to change much.

Actor — Sayani Gupta



The Balrampur incident is a replay of what happened in Hathras. In such circumstances, I request that President's rule be imposed in the State.

BSP chief — Mayawati



We are really proud of the players and how they have executed their job so far. There has been an overall improvement.

Indian football coach — Igor Stimac



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cinemas to reopen

Sir — The Union Ministry of Home Affairs recently came out with its latest set of relaxations to the Coronavirus lockdown guidelines. The most significant one is the opening of multiplexes and cinema halls from October 15 onwards. However, they can only operate with 50 per cent seating capacity. Also, the standard operating procedures (SOPs) are yet to be issued by the Information and Broadcasting Ministry. It will be interesting to see how many States approve of this step, given the number of COVID cases in India has passed the 6.3 million mark and only continues to rise. With no vaccine in sight, the opening of cinema halls does not seem like a well thought out step. Also, with producers having adapted to the current situation and releasing films on OTT platforms, it is unlikely that theatre releases will start any time soon. And even if they do, not many will be willing to spend three hours cooped up in a hall wearing facemasks and gloves when they can watch the same in the comfort and safety of their homes.

Anushka Rawal
Ujjain

Do courts really care about justice?

The Supreme Court had once called the demolition of the Babri Masjid a "calculated act" and "an egregious violation of the rule of law." This had given many the hope that justice would be served. However, the decision of the special court to acquit all the accused in the demolition case runs counter to the Supreme Court's judgment and the constitutional spirit. As per the verdict, the court found that the demolition was not pre-planned, the authenticity of the audio and video recordings provided by the CBI was doubtful and it was the "anti-social" elements who demolished the structure. The conclusions are drastic and defy both logic and fact.

The demolition of the Babri Masjid took place in front of news cameras. The Supreme Court had acknowledged it as a crime that shook the secular fabric of India. So, are mob rule and anarchic violence to be India's future? Doubts about the criminal investigation, the lack of criminal and political accountability for those who brought the structure down and the precedent set are



worrying. The case may be closed for now, pending an appeal, but it does not provide closure in this painful chapter of India's history. The CBI, once described as a "caged parrot" by the Supreme Court, owes an explanation for the case falling flat despite all the evidence, TV footage and newspaper reports.

Yash Pal Rathan
Jalandhar

COVID penalty

Sir — The Karnataka Government has increased the penalty for not wearing a face-mask in public places to ₹1,000 for urban areas and ₹500 for rural areas. As per Karnataka Medical Education Minister, K Sudhakar, this decision was taken because people were "showing negligence by not wearing

masks." With Coronavirus cases rising steadily and no bend in India's new infections curve, it is a matter of grave concern that the Government is now forced to impose hefty fines for those not following COVID protocols. People need to understand the gravity of the situation and help the Government fight the virus.

Amit Singh Kushwaha
Satna

Hollow promises

Sir — The death of the 19-year-old victim of a brutal gangrape has shaken up the nation. However, the Uttar Pradesh Police's step to cremate her body in the dead of night without the family's presence or consent has further raised numerous questions. Defending its act of cremating the body at 2.45 am, the

UP Police said that they had the family's consent. A special investigation team (SIT) has been formed to probe the case. It seems that the police is in a hurry to close the case and shield the perpetrators of the crime. As the country woke up to visuals of her last rites, all sections of society have made the call for justice. Time and again, India finds itself in this scenario. The last time the nation came together was in 2012, demanding justice in the Nirbhaya rape case. Both police and judiciary seem to have failed the women of this country. There is also no sign that any Government, be it the Central or the State, is serious about tackling gender and caste violence. The long process, endless loopholes and unwanted political interference help the accused escape the clutches of the law. All crimes against women should be made a non-bailable offence. Fast-track courts set up to speed up the disposal of cases have failed. Six months should be made the maximum time limit for a rape case trial.

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Delhi

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FIRST COLUMN

Bapu's views transcend time

Gandhiji tested his ideas practically on the ground. Today, the world sees the path shown by the Mahatma as the best and most enduring



PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL

The thoughts and messages of Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation, are timeless and are proving their mettle all over the globe today. The people of the world are opening the knots of their problems in the sea of the Mahatma's thoughts. The trust of the world that was getting entangled in an arms race for decades, is now becoming more deep-rooted in Gandhism. People are now forced to understand that wars are not a solution to any problem and violent revolutions around the world have not led anywhere. Time has revealed that "satyagraha (holding onto the truth)" and non-violence are the best paths to take. Be it people, institutions or countries, it is now believed that there is a better, alternative, peaceful and humane way to express dissent and to register protest.

The relevance of Mahatma Gandhi's ideas is increasing with time. The issue of environmental protection is fast becoming a major priority for global society these days. Intellectuals and environmental activists have taken to the streets in many parts of the world due to the worsening environmental situation. Mahatma Gandhi, too, had made several discourses on the environment. Although the term "environment" or "biodiversity" was not in vogue during Bapu's lifetime, the visionary that Gandhi ji was, he began to worry and ponder over the future of the planet Earth and consequently all the species that called it home much ahead of his time.

The far-sighted Mahatma that he was, Bapu foresaw the situation that we face today. He knew that in our greed, we were hurtling towards self-destruction. Gandhi ji believed that "there is enough on Earth for everybody's needs but not enough for everybody's greed." In his article *Swasthya ki Kunji*, he expressed his views on the importance of clean air. He said that for the survival of mankind and all other species on the planet, three natural resources were needed, namely air, water and food, but clean air was the most important of them all.

Gandhi ji inspired Indians to spin and make yarn with the *charkha* (wooden spinning wheel) and wear hand-woven clothes. The objective behind this was not only to arouse the *swadeshi* spirit in the country but also to reduce general wastage of resources and also the waste coming out of textile mills.

Bapu was a great champion of rural development. Advocating the uplift of villages, he wrote in *Harijan Sevak* in 1946, "There should be development of such art and workmanship in the countryside, (so) that their products are valued outside of villages too." On one hand, Gandhi ji was fighting a non-violent battle for freedom, on the other hand, he was trying to save the fragmented fabric of Indian society through his creative programmes.

The Mahatma considered education to be a major contributor for building a better society. It was due to this belief that he established the first basic school at Barharwa Lakhansen during the Champaran Satyagraha in 1917. In the context of the importance of education, on May 8, 1937, he wrote in *Harijan Sevak* that "man is neither entirely intellect, nor a gross body, neither only a heart or a soul. A proper and consistent combination of all these is needed to create a complete human being. This is the true purpose of education."

Bapu knew that only through *swadeshi* could India become a self-sufficient and strong country. Today, there is an increasing move towards *swadeshi* in the rural. This gives an opportunity to small industries to flourish. Natural people from far-flung and backward areas get a chance to become financially self-reliant through this renewed thrust. Gandhi ji wanted the country to become self-sufficient. We have moved in that direction after a long time and this has started yielding positive results. Today there is an awakening among the people for *swadeshi* and it is a heartening trend.

Gandhiji always wanted that the villages, where the soul of India lives, should be healthy and clean. The Government has started a mass movement to carry out this task and villages and cities are getting transformed with programmes that promote cleanliness. He often said that if cleanliness does not figure in village reforms, then our villages will remain like garbage. Cleanliness of villages is an inseparable part of the lives of the people. It may be difficult to achieve but it is necessary. We need hard work and courage to get over our life-long unhygienic habits.

Gandhiji was equally concerned about the dirt in the cities. In this context he said that "one thing we can learn from the West and we must learn is the sacredness attached to cleanliness in the cities." We are yet to imbibe this thought of the Mahatma.

His thoughts are eternal. His relevance transcends time. The biggest reason for this is that he tested his ideas practically on the ground. Today, the world sees the path shown by Gandhiji as the best and most enduring.

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POINT COUNTERPOINT

YOU DON'T KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE DIED IN CHINA, RUSSIA OR INDIA. THEY DON'T EXACTLY GIVE YOU A STRAIGHT COUNT, JUST SO YOU UNDERSTAND.

—US PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP



TRUMP ACCUSED INDIA, CHINA AND RUSSIA OF HIDING COVID DEATHS. WILL MODI HOLD ANOTHER 'NAMASTE TRUMP' RALLY TO HONOUR HIS DEAR FRIEND?

—CONGRESS LEADER P CHIDAMBARAM

Engage staff for success

It is a well-researched fact that when workers receive rewards and recognition from their organisation, they feel obliged to respond with higher levels of involvement



HIMA BINDU KOTA

As management consultant Peter Drucker once said, "If you can't measure it, you can't manage it." So organisations have to measure the performance of employees to effectively manage them and continuously improve productivity. Output appraisal and feedback provide the foundation for any organisation to focus on further improvements. Although highly important, it is considered the "Achilles Heel" of managers involved in supervising human capital. Approximately one-third of the workforce does not give credit to the firms for improving their performance and ranks the process of performance management lowest in employee satisfaction surveys.

However, the current challenging times have put the spotlight on performance management systems of institutions and how to improve employee motivation and therefore, output. Performance management is an integrated process that is comprehensive and encompasses all organisational policies, practices and design features and their interplay to generate employee output. It is important to note that it is a part of strategic human resources management, which is an integration of a number of HR practices, rather than separate activities. Although improved output is the eventual aim, it is achieved in a staggered manner, by developing motivation and commitment in the first stage, followed by improved performance management.

According to Gallup Consulting, institutions are made up of three kinds of employees: Engaged workers, who are organisation builders and continuously aim to achieve excellence, employees who are not engaged and are mostly task-oriented and do not align organisational goals with the work they do, and actively disengaged employees, who are the most dangerous for the company as they demotivate the performers in addition to their own poor performance. Quite understandably, staff engagement has emerged as one of the most important ways of augmenting the performance management process, fostering of which can lead to higher output levels and lead to the success of a firm. It is the opposite of burnout and involves high energy levels of employees, their expression of preferred selves along with identification with one's work (self-in-role) and working to fulfil role requisites, as they are focussed, engaged, alert and assimilated in their roles. Therefore, employee engagement has become all the more important in the current dynamic and volatile business environment, where organisations face many challenges.

Several studies have shown a positive relationship between employee engagement and task performance, productivity, retention, financial performance, shareholder return, organisational citizenship behaviour, productivity, commitment levels of staff, psychological well-being of workers and improved customer service. According to an article in *Quantum Workplace*, although employee engagement is critical in nature, there is nearly a seven per cent decline in it after the first year at a firm. From 82 per cent to 75 per cent and it further goes down to 74 per cent in years three to five. So, these disengaged employees are less productive than their engaged peers and this phenomenon known as engagement gap or disengagement costs US organisations \$450-500 billion each year.

But what factors determine the engagement level of an employee in a company? One of the factors is a supportive work environment with interpersonal harmony, where workers are appreciated, given feedback for their work with opportunities for career enhancement. A supportive work environment also allows the staff to experiment without the fear of failure, leading to an innovative cul-

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ture in a company. An apt leader, another important driver of employee engagement, makes all the difference in an organisation by inspiring employees who are not doing well to perform and inspiring staff who are faring well to do even better. Employee engagement occurs naturally and effortlessly if the leaders are inspiring and have the ability to communicate to the staff their value and importance to the firm. This in turn leads to their increased interest and motivation in their work.

Teamwork is at the heart of any great achievement and is also very important in keeping an employee engaged. A worker with a good team, inter-personal harmony and a great co-worker relationship provides high engagement at work. Training is another important determinant of employee engagement as it builds self-confidence and improves motivational levels. Career development is an equally important dimension as an opportunity to grow is considered equivalent to reward and recognition by the staff. Therefore, timely growth prospects through training and development will instinctively raise the level of engagement.

Employee compensation, including both financial and non-financial rewards, of course, is a very crucial aspect of staff engagement since it helps them satisfy their personal goals and in turn improves their focus on organisational goals. It is a well-researched fact that when employees receive rewards and recognition from their organisation, they feel obliged to respond with higher levels of engagement. A staff-friendly organisational structure with its policies and procedures, like flexible working hours, equal employment and promotion opportunities and policies to balance work-life, lead to enhanced engagement and subsequent accomplishment of organisational goals, as such policies lead to workplace well-being of the staff.

Considering its importance and the

financial implications of disengaged employees, companies can consider following some sequential steps to promote performance management through enhanced staff engagement, like output concurrence, performance supervision, appraisal and feedback, leading to improved work.

Performance concurrence: This is a process that sets the tone of the expectations from the employees, their associated goals and output indicators. Goal setting is an important step in initiating the employee engagement process because targets stimulate energy, focus and intensity or the feeling of engagement. It should also be noted that for any worker to be engaged, there should be an alignment of personal goals with individual goals. So organisations have to adhere to the following steps to ensure proper goal settings: Encourage staff to discuss openly about their values, expectations and goals. Create a mutual agreement assuring employees means to fulfil their goals. And finally supervise and monitor the goals and alter or amend them and the means to fulfil the targets. In this way, by focussing on personal goals as a function of organisational ones, as opposed to only company targets, firms can ensure an improved employee engagement and overall organisational effectiveness. Staff disengagement is a result of disappointment of employees with organisations and their failure to align individual goals with organisational targets.

Performance supervision: This is a process of providing the resources required by employees to perform effectively and monitor their progress. The main activities at this stage involve job design, coaching, social support, leadership and training. Job design is a crucial part of employee engagement as it integrates responsibilities, assignments and functions that a worker undertakes to complete a job effectively, dependably and cost-effectively. This also ensures a good

fit between employee skills, needs and values. Continuous coaching of employees and helping them schedule and plan their work, emphasising potential problems, providing solutions and giving guidance and emotional comfort help in promoting staff engagement. It is an important process to inculcate confidence or self-reliance among workers.

As mentioned earlier, leadership is an important driver of employee engagement, as leaders have an impact, either good or bad, on the staff due to their working styles, which can affect individual engagement. They should have the ability to identify the reasons for both employee engagement and disengagement. A strong and articulate leader can help boost staff engagement through open communication, clear goals and explicit expectations. Training and development are extremely important in improving employee engagement as they feel valued and respected if organisations focus on their career enhancement.

Performance appraisal: In the form of feedback, it is the final and vital foundation of employee engagement. Research shows that almost all workers prefer to receive management feedback on a consistent basis. Receiving as well as providing feedback make them feel cherished, respected, less stressed out and confident.

Employee engagement has several benefits. Organisations with engaged employees show high productivity, increased customer satisfaction, improved operational efficiency and profitability, low absenteeism and reduced turnover.

In these difficult times, it is essential for firms to keep employees motivated and engaged, to help both organisations and workers tide over this period of turmoil. When people are financially invested, they need a return, and when people are emotionally invested, they contribute.

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It can't be business as usual if Earth is to support us

The UN's *Global Biodiversity Outlook 5* focusses on what needs to be done for humans to survive as a race for another 30 years



KUMARDEEP BANERJEE

If you are living in a metropolitan city like Delhi, the first few months of this year, despite or due to the pandemic, would have made you look up to stare at the clear blue sky. Let's pause here and think why this phenomenon of a visibly pollution-free sky over a megapolis like Delhi sounds so out of place. Now, let's switch back to September end, when NASA satellites show red spots of stubble burning fires over Punjab, followed by severe Air Quality Index (AQI) predictions. The residents of NCR are certain to choke on the deadly suspended particles in the air in the

next few weeks, if they don't succumb to the raging pandemic first. The solution to the pandemic and healthier living lies in understanding the benefits of "flattening the curve" of biodiversity's decline.

The United Nations' (UN's) *Global Biodiversity Outlook 5*, released in September, shines the light on what needs to be done for humans to survive as a race for another 30 years. The report's one line summary is, "It can't be business as usual."

The question is, how has this technologically advanced race fared since it became a signatory to a certain agreement at the Rio De Janeiro, Earth Summit in 1992 and most importantly undertook certain goals and targets of achieving balanced co-habitation with nature by 2020?

The results, as seen from the UN's report, are pretty disappointing. Out of the 20 Aichi Biodiversity targets, 15 remain unachieved, despite an agreement reached between nations a decade back in 2010. These include simple tasks of making citizens in their

respective nations aware of the value of biodiversity and the steps they can take to conserve and use it sustainably. Plus setting goals like integrating biodiversity values into national and local development, poverty reduction and policy-making by governments, businesses and stakeholders at all levels. Nations can achieve or show implementation plans for sustainable production and consumption and keep the impacts of use of natural resources well within safe ecological limits. Only two goals meant for this year have been partially achieved.

At this point, it is important to ponder why biodiversity has an impact on our survival? The COVID-19 pandemic has given us evidence to show the delicate linkages between a degrading coral reef in one part of the world and fires in some of the most rich eco-sensitive hotspots, to a zoonotic disease bringing the global economy to a standstill.

Some experts quote an interesting evidence, of the need for another planet about one-and-a-half times the size

of our home Earth, equally abundant in natural resources and a hospitable climate, to maintain the going rate of human entrepreneurial activity. The answers may very well lie in waking up now and following the local culture and knowledge systems to enhance efforts towards preserving and restoring biodiversity. An example of this could be restoration of clean, pollution-free inland water bodies, including underground water reservoirs.

The second crucial target could be to keep global climate change in the 1.5°C range, above pre-industrial levels and developing nature-friendly solutions to prevent catastrophes like flash floods and rising sea levels that are threatening to gulp major cities on the coasts and doomsday forest fires.

Just a degree's decrease in your air conditioner temperature settings reduces the need for more power to run the device, leading to lesser fossil fuel requirements, thus saving the pristine ice-capped lands so vital for

polar bears to survive on planet Earth. All these lifestyle changes may seem like a sand particle in a desert but one must bear in mind that these sand particles together make a storm.

The implementation strategy for conserving power in households just requires some attention towards sustainable, environment-friendly and, therefore, healthier dwellings which tap into abundantly available natural solutions. We must include sustainable, environment-friendly, locally intelligent processes for manufacturing goods and providing services. A big chunk of this can constitute revisiting traditional and organic agricultural practices. The need is to relook at solutions for sustainable farming which preserves the biodiversity while not seeking more land for quelling the world's hunger pangs.

This also means changing the menu of your breakfast and dinner to more eco-friendly healthier diets and most importantly preventing any form of food waste. If one looks at all of the above suggested solutions by a

global group of experts, one finds they are fairly achievable and almost within one's immediate reach.

That leads us back to the question of a sea of dark pollution clouds over Delhi in the coming weeks due to consistent crop burning. No solution has been found to this malaise despite the Supreme Court's interventions and one wonders if the end is near. It may not be so if global policymakers and stakeholders (which includes the common man as well) get together to formulate an integrated approach which looks at simultaneous solutions to immediately address the preservation of the Earth's rich genetic diversity, species and ecosystems. If together they find technology-enabled sustainable solutions, we could enhance the capacity of nature to deliver its wonders of health and prosperity to humans. If we preserve what the UN report highlights as the less-tangible but highly-valued connections with nature, we can define our identities, cultures and beliefs.

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FOREIGN EYE



A DISGRACEFUL SHOW BY TRUMP

Only one man on the stage during the presidential debate between President Trump and Joe Biden persuasively communicated that he has the interests of Americans at heart. Only one man on that stage seemed at all interested in maintaining a tether to the truth. Only one man demonstrated any respect for the process. Only one man would be bearable for the next four years.

(The NYT editorial)

Trump signs temporary Govt funding bill

AP ■ WASHINGTON
President Donald Trump has signed a bill to fund the Government through Dec. 11, averting the possibility of a government shutdown when the new fiscal year starts Thursday. Trump signed the bill, which was approved by sweeping bipartisan agreement Wednesday, into law early Thursday morning shortly after returning from campaigning in Minnesota. The temporary extension will set the stage for a lame-duck session of Congress later this year, where the agenda will be largely determined by the outcome of the presidential election. The measure would keep the government running through Dec. 11 and passed by a 84-10 vote. The House passed the bill last week. The stopgap spending bill is required because the GOP-controlled Senate has not acted on any of the 12 annual spending bills that fund the 30% of the government's budget that is passed by Congress each year. If Democratic nominee Joe Biden wins the White House in

November, it's likely that another stopgap measure would fund the government into next year and that the next administration and Congress would deal with the leftover business. The measure is the bare minimum accomplishment for Capitol Hill's powerful Appropriations committees, who pride themselves on their deal-making abilities despite gridlock in other corners of Congress. The legislation — called a continuing resolution, or CR, in Washington-speak — would keep every federal agency running at current funding levels through December 11, which will keep the Government afloat past an election that could reshuffle Washington's balance of power. The measure also extends many programs whose funding or authorisations lapse on September 30, including the federal flood insurance programme, highway and transit programmes, and a long set of extensions of various health programs, such as a provision to prevent Medicaid cuts to

hospitals that serve many poor people. It also finances the possible transition to a new administration if Biden wins the White House and would stave off an unwelcome Covid-caused increase in Medicare Part B premiums for outpatient doctor visits. Farm interests won language that would permit Trump's farm bailout to continue without fear of interruption. In exchange, House Democrats won \$8 billion in food aid for the poor.

US Congressional report seeks decisive action against China

PTI ■ WASHINGTON
A US Congressional report has sought decisive action against China, accusing Beijing of increasing military buildup, violating other nations' sovereignty and engaging in fatal skirmishes to conduct a land-grab on the Indian border. In its report unveiled on Wednesday, the China Task Force of the House Republicans also supported the proposal of British Prime Minister Boris Johnson for the creation of a new D-10 group of leading democracies, including India, for addressing both 5G mobile communications and vulnerable supply chains. In just the past year alone, the China Communist Party (CCP) has violated an international treaty and dismantled Hong Kong's civil liberties; continued its oppression of ethnic minorities, including Uyghurs and Tibetans; increased its military buildup, conducted increasingly belligerent provocations, and violated other nations' sovereignty at sea; engaged in fatal skirmishes to conduct a land-grab on the Indian border; and asserted new territorial claims over Bhutan, the report said. India and China are locked in a nearly five-month-long border standoff in eastern Ladakh. China unsuccessfully attempted to occupy Indian territory in the southern bank of

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Reports: Russian scientist detained for allegedly passing technology to China

Moscow: A Russian scientist has been detained in Siberia for allegedly passing technology to China, Russian media reported on Thursday. Alexander Lukanin, a 64-year-old scientist from the Siberian city of Tomsk, was detained on Tuesday after returning from China where he had been working at a local university, according to MBKh Media, a news outlet founded by Kremlin critic Mikhail Khodorkovsky. Lukanin's apartment was also raided by the FSB security service, MBKh Media reported, citing one of the scientist's friends. A message sent by Reuters on Thursday to Lukanin's email address went unanswered. There was no immediate comment from the Russian or Chinese authorities. Under Russian law, illegally transferring technology to a foreign country can lead to up to three years in prison. Interfax news agency quoted a source as saying Lukanin had been detained for allegedly

Trump claims debate victory

Says exposed Biden's 'very dangerous agenda'
PTI ■ WASHINGTON
US President Donald Trump has claimed victory over his Democratic challenger Joe Biden in their first presidential debate, saying he exposed "the very dangerous agenda" of the former Vice-President and held him accountable for the "47 years of his lies" in public life. During the first of the three presidential debates in Cleveland, Ohio, on Tuesday night which was marked by angry interruptions and bitter accusations, the two candidates fiercely clashed over a number of issues, including racism, economy, climate, health care and the coronavirus. Both the camps have declared victory in the debate. "Last night I did what the corrupt media has refused to do, I held Joe Biden accountable for his 47 years of lies, 47 years of betrayal and 47 years of failure. I held Joe Biden accountable for shipping your jobs and dreams abroad and for bowing to the violent mob at home," Trump told his supporters, addressing an election rally in

EU begins legal action against UK over Brexit divorce deal breach

London: The European Union (EU) on Thursday began legal proceedings against the UK over concerns that parts of a legislation tabled in the House of Commons breaches the Brexit divorce agreement. An EU deadline for the Boris Johnson government to remove sections of the Internal Market Bill expired on Wednesday, resulting in a "letter of formal notice" being issued, which could lead to a court case against Britain at the European Court of Justice, the EU's supreme court. European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said the UK would have until the end of November to respond to the EU's concerns over the draft legislation. **PTI**

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'Enjoyed' debate with Biden: Trump
Washington: President Donald Trump says he "enjoyed" debating former Vice President Joe Biden, but he is falsely claiming that Biden is trying to get of the next two debates. Trump spoke at a campaign rally in Duluth, Minnesota on Wednesday. He gloated about the television ratings the debate generated and ignored how contentious and unruly the debate quickly became, in large part thanks to his refusal to adhere to the moderator's requests and the debate's rules. **AP**

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वित्तीय वर्ष 2020-21 हेतु बीपी मिल व आसानी मे विभिन्न सामग्री की आपूर्ति एवं ठेके पर कार्य को कराये जाने हेतु जीएचएचडी में पंजीकृत अधिकृत विक्रेताओं/प्रतिष्ठित आपूर्तिकर्ताओं एवं अनुभवी ठेकेदारों से दिनांक 05.10.2020 सांय 3.00 बजे से दिनांक 30.11.2020 सांय 4.00 बजे तक ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। ई-निविदा सूचना www.bazpursugar.com तथा विस्तृत प्रश्न www.uktenders.gov.in पर प्राप्त की जा सकती है। प्रधान प्रबंधक

Trump planting seeds of doubt in legitimacy of election: Biden

PTI ■ WASHINGTON
US President Donald Trump has begun planting seeds of doubt in the legitimacy of the November 3 elections as he is aware of his defeat, Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden has said, a day after the chaotic presidential debate. "In terms of election legitimacy, he made it clear that he didn't think this was going to be — if he lost, it wouldn't be a legitimate election. Already began to plant seeds of doubt in the legitimacy of this election. I don't know any president that's ever done that before," Biden told reporters in Ohio. During the first of the three presidential debates in Cleveland, Ohio, on Tuesday night moderated by Fox News anchor Chris Wallace, 74-year-old Trump and his 77-year-old rival Biden traded barbs about each other's families, making it one of the most chaotic White House debates in years. Biden slammed Trump for not condemning the white

supremacist. "His dog whistles to white supremacy, when asked whether would he condemn white supremacy, he said — he didn't say a word. And then when I said, well, how about the Proud Boys, which is a white supremacist group? He said, well, I just told them to stand down and stand ready. Stand down and stand ready, based on the outcome of the election?" Biden said. He said the Tuesday night debate was a wake-up call for all the Americans.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION
General public is hereby informed that one male was found in unconscious condition near Shop No. 1401, in front of Lal Darbaja, Sitaram Bazar, Hauz Qazi, Delhi on dated 25.09.2020 and admitted in RML Hospital, Delhi. During treatment doctor declare him dead on 26.09.2020. In this regard a DD No. 37-A Dated 25.09.2020 has been Registered at P.S. Hauz Qazi, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved in Mortuary of RML Hospital, Delhi for 72 Hrs for identification. The description of the dead body is given as under:
Name: Unknown, **Si/o:** Unknown **R/o:** Unknown **Age:** About 70 Years, **Height:** 5'3" Feet, **Face:** Round, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Build:** Medium, **Hair:** White, **Wearing:** White colour Baniyan and Red Colour Warm Blanket (Lohi). Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the information about the dead male but no clue has come to light so far. If any one is having any information about this dead male please inform the undersigned.
S.H.O P.S. Hauz Qazi, Delhi DP/398/CD/2020 Ph.: 011-23210414, 23212482

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H.O.: "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, G.M.S. Road, Dehradun-248006, Telephones: 0135-2763808, Fax: 0135-2763508
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website: www.ujvn.com
RO No. 599 Dated. 01.10.2020
e-Tender Notice
Office of the Executive Engineer (Test), Vidyt Bhawan, Dakpathar invites online bids from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:
Tender No: (1) 07-EE-Test-Dkp-2020-21: Annual routine maintenance & testing related activities for Chibro & Khodri PH. (2) 08-EE-Test-Dkp-2020-21: Procurement of miscellaneous items for Test Unit Dakpathar, (3) 09-EE-Test-Dkp-2020-21: Procurement of printer cartridges. Estimated cost (In Lakh) GST extra : (1) ₹ 12.42, (2) ₹ 8.72, (3) ₹ 3.20
Date of Availability of bid document on website: 02-10-2020 from 15:00 onward Last date for submission of bids on website : 27-10-2020 up to 18:00 hrs For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal "http://uktenders.gov.in"
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"e" Procurement Notice
Office of Executive Engineer (M&G), Dhalpur Power House invites online tender for following work:
Tender No.: e-07_08/EE/M&G/DLR/2020-21
Name of the Work: (i) Procurement of Oil lubricated & water lubricated dewatering pump spares & 60HP motor. (ii) Enhancing Fencing Security system
Estimated Cost : Rs 23,00,000/-; 45,00,000/- (GST Extra) respectively
Date of availability of bid document in the portal : 03-10-2020, 17:00 Hrs
Last Date for receipt of bid in the portal : 26-10-2020 up to 17:00 Hrs
Details of subsequent addendum/corrigendum/cancellation etc. may be obtained from the website www.ujvn.com. Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal "http://uktenders.gov.in"
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CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866 Website : www.ujvn.com
RO No.: 598 **TIME EXTENSION NOTICE** Date: 01-10-2020
Invited tender by Office of the Executive Engineer (M) Tiloth Power House, Uttarkashi is hereby extended as detailed below:
Tender No. 07/EE(M)/2020-21
Name of work: Repair & maintenance of 33 KV transmission lines between Tiloth & Heena Substation
Last date for downloading tender on website: 08.10.2020 at 13:00 hrs.
Submission date of bid : 08.10.2020 at 16:00 hrs.
Opening date of bid: 13.10.2020 at 16:00 hrs.
For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website "www.ujvn.com". Executive Engineer (M)
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GLOBE TROTTER
2ND RUSSIAN VACCINE PASSES EARLY TRIALS
Moscow: Early clinical trials of a second Russian coronavirus vaccine have proved successful, its developer said after Russia boasted of approving the world's first vaccine. Russia's Vektor — a top-secret state virology research centre in Siberia — said that early-stage trials were successful for its own experimental vaccine, named EpiVacCorona.
ASSANGE TO HEAR JUDGE'S VERDICT ON JANUARY 4
London: WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange will likely have to spend another three months in a British prison cell before finding out whether he can be sent to the US to face espionage charges, the judge in his extradition trial said on Thursday. At the conclusion of nearly four weeks of evidence in his extradition hearing at a court in London's Old Bailey, District Judge Vanessa Baraitser said she would deliver her decision at 10 am on January 4.
POMPEO, VATICAN TALK THEIR VIEWS ON CHINA
Rome: US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Vatican officials discussed their differences over China on Thursday, the Vatican said, a day after tensions over the Holy See's outreach to Beijing spilled out in public. Pompeo spent 45 minutes in the Apostolic Palace with his Vatican counterpart, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, and the Vatican foreign minister, Archbishop Paul Gallagher.

PUBLIC NOTICE
TAKE NOTICE THAT at behest of our client, we are investigating title of Mr. Mahesh Kumar (Borrower) Second Floor, without roof rights, Left Side Portion of Property No. 9369, at Gali No. 8, Mutan Dhandra, Paharganj, New Delhi ("Said Property") who intends to avail loan from our client Fullerton India Home Finance Company Ltd. by creating a mortgage against said property. Certain documents relating to the said property i.e. (i) Copy of Conveyance Deed dated 06.09.1963, doc. no. 8254 executed by PO in favour of Mr. Khushal Singh (S) Copy of will executed by Mr. Khushal Singh in favour of Mr. Surjit Singh (S) copies of death certificates of Khushal Singh & Surjit Singh & (iv) SMC of late Mr. Surjit Singh, are missing. Any person having any claims or rights in respect of the Said Property are hereby requested to make the same known in writing to the undersigned within a period of 7 (Seven) days from the date of publication of this notice of his/her share or claim, if any, with all supporting documents, failing which, it will be assumed that there are no claims or issues in respect of Said Property & the transaction, if any shall be completed without reference to the claims, if any.
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Ph: 911-4115257-28 kumarassociatesadvocates@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE
Information is given to general public at large that Mr. Anand Kumar Singh and Mrs. Babli Devi are the owners of Residential House No. 134, Old No. 131, area measuring 59 Sq. Yds., i.e. 49.33 Sq. Mtrs, situated at Mahalla Alganjan, Ghazabad, Tehsil & District Ghazabad, U.P. by virtue of SALE DEED of death certificate of Khushal Singh & Surjit Singh & (iv) SMC of late Mr. Surjit Singh, are missing. Any person having any claims or rights in respect of the Said Property are hereby requested to make the same known in writing to the undersigned within a period of 7 (Seven) days from the date of publication of this notice of his/her share or claim, if any, with all supporting documents, failing which, it will be assumed that there are no claims or issues in respect of Said Property & the transaction, if any shall be completed without reference to the claims, if any.
Akash Dija (Advocate)
830, Patiala House Courts, New Delhi 110001
Contact No: 91-981685555

COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH (CSIR) Anusandhan Bhawan, 2, Rafi Marg, New Delhi-110001
Advt. No. 02/2020
Applications/nominations are invited for the positions of DIRECTOR of CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research (CSIR-IITR), Lucknow
CSIR invites applications/nominations for the position of DIRECTOR of CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research (CSIR-IITR), Lucknow in Level 15 of pay-matrix (Rs. 1,82,200-2,24,100) plus allowances as applicable in CSIR. For eligibility criteria and other conditions, please see the detailed/complete advertisement No. 02/2020 on CSIR website www.csir.res.in. Applications/nominations may be sent alongwith complete bio-data and list of publications/patents etc. through email on email ID drc@csir.res.in or by post to Director Recruitment Cell, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), Anusandhan Bhawan, 2, Rafi Marg, New Delhi-110001 on or before 23.10.2020.
davp 36202/11/0011/2021

SPECIAL TRAIN
In order to clear extra rush of passengers Railways have decided to run the 05220/05219 Delhi- Bapudham Motihari Delhi Express Special Train as per schedule given below:-

05220/05219 Delhi- Bapudham Motihari		02 Trips	
Train No. 05220	STATIONS	Train No. 05219	
Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.
-	23.40	18.30	-
00.23	00.25	Ghaziabad	17.43 17.45
01.10	01.15	Hapur	16.50 16.52
02.52	03.00	Moradabad	15.00 15.15
03.55	04.00	Chaundasi	13.57 14.02
08.20	08.30	Sitapur	08.15 08.25
11.00	11.10	Gonda	05.05 05.15
11.35	11.37	Mankapur	04.32 04.34
12.40	12.43	Basti	03.40 03.43
14.15	14.30	Gorakhpur	02.30 02.40
15.35	15.40	Kaptanganj	01.10 01.15
17.19	17.22	Bagaha	23.07 23.10
17.43	17.45	Harinagar	22.42 22.44
18.03	18.13	Narkatiaganj	22.23 22.28
18.40	18.42	Bettiah	21.46 21.49
19.02	19.04	Sagauli	21.30 21.32
20.00	-	Bapudham Motihari	- 21.10

Days of Run: 05220 Ex Delhi Jn. on Sunday (04.10.2020) and 05219 Ex Bapudham Motihari on Friday (02.10.2020).
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Insolvency law improved borrowers' behaviour: CAG

New Delhi: The insolvency law has led to a significant behavioural shift among borrowers as non-repayment of loan is no more an option and ownership of a firm is no more a divine right, Comptroller & Auditor General of India G C Murmu said on Thursday.

According to him, this behavioural shift has resulted in substantial recoveries for creditors outside the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) and improved the performance of firms. Delivering 'IBC: Adaptability is the key to Sustaining Reforms in the Times of a Pandemic' lecture on the occasion of the fourth annual day of the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI), Murmu said one of the most remarkable achievements

of the Code was that it has led to a significant behavioural change among the debtors and creditors alike.

"It is further motivating them to make the best efforts to avoid default. Further, it encourages the debtor to settle default with the creditors at the earliest, preferably outside the Code. With the Code in place, non-repayment of loan is no more an option and ownership of the firm is no more a divine right and equity is no more the only route to own a firm," he said.

Further, he noted that the Code has had an impact on the credit market as the provision of resolution and liquidation reduces incidence of default and enables the creditors to recover their dues through revival of the firm or by sale of

liquidated assets.

It incentivises both secured and unsecured creditors, bank and non-bank, financial and operational, financial and domestic to extend credit at lower cost of projects and thus enhances availability of credit, he added.

"The Code is also helping in resolving the NPA (Non-Performing Assets) problem of the banking system," Murmu said.

The Code has also created a cohesive and comprehensive ecosystem. This has created markets for services of insolvency professionals, insolvency professional agencies, registered valuers, registered valuers organisations, insolvency professional entities and information utilities, he added. **PTI**

Govt to soon unveil National Textile Policy, says Secy

New Delhi: The Government will soon announce the much-awaited new National Textile Policy entailing a "futuristic" strategy and action plan for India to unleash its full potential and become globally competitive in the sector, a top official has said.

Addressing the annual general meeting of the Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI), Textiles Secretary Ravi Capoor said, "Hopefully, in the next month or so, we should be able to announce the new textiles policy. It is a futuristic looking policy."

The secretary said the government is in the "last stages of finalising the textile policy",

which got delayed due to the coronavirus pandemic. It will be unveiled after the final round of consultation between the textiles ministry and the industry players, he added.

At the AGM that took place virtually earlier this week, Capoor also said the government is also working on a Focus Product Scheme, wherein it has analysed the export data of top-40 manmade fibre (MMF) products and found that India has a minuscule share of just 0.7 per cent in the total global market of USD 150 billion.

Similarly, in the top-10 technical textile lines, India just has a share of 0.6 per cent out of the total global market size of USD 100 billion. **PTI**

Vaghela takes charge as TRAI Chairman

New Delhi: The newly-appointed Chairman of TRAI, PD Vaghela on Thursday took charge at the helm of the telecom and broadcasting regulatory body.

Vaghela has been appointed as the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) chief for three years or till he attains the age of 65.

He takes over the baton from R S Sharma, who completed his tenure on Wednesday.

A 1986-batch IAS officer of Gujarat cadre, Vaghela was earlier Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals.

Cellular Operators' Association of India (COAI) Director General SP Kochhar, in a statement earlier this week, had said, "We heartily welcome Dr P D Vaghela as the new TRAI Chairman. **PTI**

Sensex surges 629 pts on macro data, global cues; logs weekly gain

Mumbai: The Sensex vaulted 629 points while the Nifty recaptured the 11,400-mark on Thursday as positive macro-economic data and renewed hopes of US stimulus turbocharged investor sentiment.

A sharp jump in the rupee -- which soared 63 paise against the US dollar -- and the government's Unlock 5 guidelines added to the bullish mood, traders said. The 30-share BSE Sensex soared 629.12 points or 1.65 per cent to close at 38,697.05, led by banking and finance stocks.

The broader NSE Nifty advanced 169.40 points or 1.51 per cent to finish at 11,416.95.

IndusInd Bank was the top gainer in the Sensex pack, zooming 12.41 per cent, followed by Bajaj Finance, Axis

Bank, ICICI Bank, Tech Mahindra, Bajaj Auto, Bajaj Finserv and Kotak Bank.

Only five index constituents closed in the red -- ITC, NTPC, Reliance Industries, Titan and ONGC, shedding up to 0.52 per cent.

Global equities rallied on expectations of the US announcing another massive stimulus in the next few days to shore up the coronavirus-hit economy.

On the macroeconomic front, GST collections reached Rs 95,480 crore in September, the highest level so far this fiscal, indicating revival of economic activities. Besides, India's manufacturing sector activity improved for the second straight month in September and touched an over eight-and-a-half-year high. **PTI**

GST collections rise to highest level since lockdown

New Delhi: GST collections rose to Rs 95,480 crore in September - the highest level since the lockdown - in signs of a revival of economic activity and demand returning from the lifting of restrictions.

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections were almost 4 per cent more than the September 2019 collection of Rs 91,916 crore and nearly triple of April 2020 mop-up. Also, it is 10 per cent higher over August 2020 collection.

The Finance Ministry in a statement said the gross GST revenue collected in September 2020 is Rs 95,480 crore, out of which Central GST is Rs 17,741

crore, State GST is Rs 23,131 crore, Integrated GST is Rs 47,484 crore (including Rs 22,442 crore collected on import of goods) and cess is Rs 7,124 crore (including Rs 788 crore collected on import of goods).

In September 2020, the tax collections from import of goods and domestic transaction were 102 per cent and 105 per cent, respectively, of the revenues from these sources during the same month last year.

The GST revenue in April was Rs 32,172 crore, May (Rs 62,151 crore), June (Rs 90,917 crore), July (Rs 87,422 crore), August (Rs 86,449 crore). **PTI**

Mubadala picks up 1.4 pc stake in Reliance Retail for ₹ 6,247.5 cr

New Delhi: Abu Dhabi-based sovereign wealth fund Mubadala Investment Co will invest Rs 6,247.5 crore to buy a 1.4 per cent stake in Reliance Industries Ltd's retail arm -- the billionaire Mukesh Ambani-led firm's third such deal in less than two days.

Mubadala will be the fourth investor in Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd (RRVL).

Mubadala's Rs 6,247.5 crore investment "values Reliance Retail at a pre-money equity value of Rs 4.285 lakh crore," the Indian firm said in a statement. **PTI**

DELHI CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION LTD. PRESS RELEASE

The meeting of the Board of Directors of Delhi Co-operative Housing Finance Corporation Ltd. (DCHFC) was held on 30.09.2020 under the Chairmanship of Shri Rajesh Goyal, Chairman, DCHFC. The Board welcomed Shri D.N.Singh, IAS new Managing Director and Sh.C.Arvind, new General Manager.

For the financial year 2019-20, the turnover of DCHFC was Rs.105.82 crores and net profit was Rs.45.25 crores. The Board appreciated the efforts of the Management and staff of DCHFC.

Sebi comes out with framework to monitor foreign holding in depository receipts

New Delhi: Markets regulator Sebi on Thursday came out with a framework to monitor foreign holding in depository receipts (DRs).

The broad operational guidelines have been put in place based on discussions with market participants, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) said in a circular.

It further said Indian depositories, in consultation with each other and market participants, may prescribe the formats and other details, as may be necessary to operationalise the guidelines. **PTI**

ATF price up 2 pc, kerosene rate cut by ₹2.19 per litre

New Delhi: Jet fuel (ATF) price was hiked by almost 2 per cent on Thursday, while rate of kerosene sold through PDS was cut by ₹2.19 per litre as oil firms synced rates in line with cost.

The price of aviation turbine fuel (ATF) was raised by Rs 719.25 per kilolitre (kl), or 1.82 per cent, to Rs 40,211.78 per kl in the national capital, according to a price notification of state-owned fuel retailers. **PTI**

Rupee zooms 63 paise to 73.13 per US dollar

Mumbai: The rupee strengthened by 63 paise to close at 73.13 against the US dollar on Thursday amid positive macro-economic data and a weak greenback overseas. At the inter-bank forex market, the domestic unit opened at 73.60 against the US dollar and touched an intra-day high of 73.07 and a low of 73.60. It finally settled at 73.13, registering a rise of 63 paise -- its biggest single-day jump in a month. **PTI**

CIABC urges Union Minister not to reduce BCD on alcoholic beverages

The Confederation of Indian Alcoholic Beverage Companies (CIABC) has written to Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal asking him not to go ahead with the proposal to reduce Basic Customs Duty (BCD) on alcoholic beverages on products imported from the United Kingdom. "The Government of India is considering reduction in Basic Customs Duty (BCD) on alcoholic beverages as part of its negotiation with the Government of UK. Any reduction in BCD must be gradual in a controlled manner", CIABC has said in its letter to the Minister.

Javadekar releases SCOPE Compendium on PSEs' contribution amid COVID-19

Prakash Javadekar, Minister, Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Information & Broadcasting and Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises released SCOPE's compendium 'Building Self Reliant, Resurgent, Resilient India - PSEs Contribution Amidst COVID-19'. The Compendium is a tribute to the tireless efforts of PSEs in combating the pandemic and ensuring economic needs. Compendium shall be a good reference book and offer valuable insights into the relentless efforts of PSEs.

BMW to increase prices in India by up to 3 pc from November

New Delhi: German luxury carmaker BMW on Thursday said it will increase prices of its model range in India by up to 3 per cent from next month.

The company will increase prices across the BMW and MINI product portfolio with effect from November 1, BMW Group India said in a statement.

"BMW Group India is constantly engaged in offering aspirational products and highest levels of customer service to its exclusive clientele. **PTI**

POWERGRID signs MoU with Ministry of Power

Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (POWERGRID) has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Ministry of Power, Govt. of India on September 29, 2020. The MoU has been signed by Sanjiv Nandan Sahai, Secretary (Power), Government of India and K Sreekanth, Chairman & Managing Director, POWERGRID in the presence of senior officials from MOP and POWERGRID.

The MoU includes targets related to various parameters such as Financial, Physical, Project execution, etc.

CLW produces 40 locomotives in Sept 2020

Chittaranjan: CLW produced 40 locomotives in Sept 2020 and completed 135th electric locomotives on 30.09.20.

The 135th loco no 32963 was despatched from the CLW siding. Despite of complete Lockdown in April - May & Un-Lockdown in June-July-Aug and Covid-19 related instructions later-on, the production of electric locomotives gained momentum with production of First 100 locomotives in 102 working days in the current FY 2020-21 on Sept 8th this year.

PFC signs MoU with Power Min detailing targets for FY 2020-21

New Delh: Power Finance Corporation Ltd (PFC) has signed a performance-based 'Memorandum of Understanding' (MoU) with Ministry of Power, Govt. of India detailing various targets to be achieved by PFC during FY 2020-21.

The MoU has been signed by Sanjiv Nandan Sahai, Secretary (Power), Govt. of India and RS Dhillon, CMD, PFC in presence of senior officials of MOP and PFC. Govt of India has set an ambitious revenue target of ₹36,000 Crs.

CRPF jawans runs 1.5 Cr Km in Khelo India

The internal security warriors of CRPF are diligently serving the nation with utmost courage and dedication. Physical fitness and wellbeing of its personnel is of paramount significance for the force which is indispensable for its operational efficiency.

It is in this spirit that CRPF participated fervently in the Fit India and Khelo India Movements to the extent that the Force surpassed its target of running 1 crore kilometers by clocking a whopping 1 crore 50 lakh kilometers between 15th August and 2nd October 2020.

SOUTH DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Office of the Executive Engineer (Pr.)-II/Central Zone Under Sewa Nagar Flyover, New Delhi - 110003

PRESS NOTICE FOR NOTICE INVITING TENDER

FOR ONLINE/MANUAL TENDERING UNDER TWO BID SYSTEM TIME TABLE PLEASE REFER www.tenderwizard.com/SOUTHDMCETENDER. NIT No. EE (Pr.)-II/CNZ/TC/2020-21/04 Dated: 29.09.2020.

1. Construction of automated puzzle parking system for 86 ECS including supply, installation, testing & commissioning and operation & maintenance on the piece of the land/ road margin along slip road of Lodhi Road Flyover on Lala Lajpat Rai Marg, Nizamuddin Basti, Ward No. 55-S/Central Zone, New Delhi. Estimated Amount: Rs. 1542.58 Lac. Earnest Money: Rs. 30.90, Lac. H/A K-154-3018, Tender Cost: Rs. 10,000/- For details and further development, please refer SDMC website regularly i.e www.tenderwizard.com/SOUTHDMCETENDER, mcdonline.gov.in. Last Date of Download/Purchase Tender Document: 29.10.2020 02:00 P.M. Closing of Bid: 29.10.2020 03:00 P.M. Opening of Technical Bid: 29.10.2020 03:30 P.M. For online tendering, bidders (not registered in SDMC) are required to get registered themselves on tender wizard website before submission of bid. **E.E(Pr.)-II/Central Zone**

Ro. No. 43/DPI/South/2020-21

Indians' heart health improved during lockdown

New Delhi: India has seen an astounding decrease of 22.3% in the incidence of high total cholesterol in people during the Covid-19 lockdown, according to India's largest at-home health test service provider Healthians.

The findings are based on data collected from more than 50,000 samples during the last quarter of 2019 in comparison to the 3rd quarter of 2020, just after the unlock process started. Samples were split equally between males and females to make accurate analysis.

ITI signs ₹7,796 cr contract to build Indian Army's communication

New Delhi: State-owned ITI on Thursday said it has signed a Rs 7,796 crore deal with the defence ministry for deployment of a strategic and secured communication network for the Army across the country.

The telecom and defence equipment manufacturer was declared the lowest bidder for the Army Static Switched Communication Network (ASCON) Phase IV tender in 2017. "To strengthen the communication network for Indian Army, ITI Limited, today signed ₹7,796 crore Phase IV Project of ASCON", said ITI Ltd. **PTI**

Suspense continues at Dhanlaxmi Bank, RBI maintains silence

Chennai: Suspense continues over the next course of action at the Kerala-based Dhanlaxmi bank, a day after the shareholders voted out Managing Director (MD) and CEO Sunil Gurbaxani at the annual general meeting (AGM) on September 30, said industry officials.

"The bank has communicated the matter to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) about the shareholders' decision at the AGM to vote out Gurbaxani. The bank Board has sent to RBI

its decision to form a Committee of Directors (CoD) to manage the day-to-day affairs of the bank till a new Managing Director and CEO is appointed," a source told IANS preferring anonymity.

The bank Board has recommended a three-member CoD comprising G. Subramanian Iyer (Chairman), G. Rajagopalan and P. K. Vijayakumar.

On the other hand Gurbaxani has not put in his papers after the shareholders voted him out. **IANS**

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Open Tender Notice

H-Open Tender Notice No- ELECT-CRW-HRT-OT-11-2 Date: 30.09.2020

For and on behalf of President of India, Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer, Carriage Repair Workshop, Harnaut invites open e-tender for the following work as detailed:

1. Name of work with its location : Comprehensive maintenance contract for POH activities of RMPU and AC control panel fitted in AC coaches at CRW/Harnaut of E.C.Railway of 16 Nos. LHB AC coach.

2. Estimated cost of the work : Rs. 44,85,816.54/- (Rupees Forty four lakh eighty five thousand eight hundred sixteen and paise fifty four only).

3. Earnest Money to be deposited : Rs. 89,700/- (Rupees Eighty nine thousand seven hundred only).

4. Date & Time for submission of tender and opening of Tender : The tender has to be submitted online on www.ireps.gov.in up to 12.00 hrs on 30.10.2020 and will be opened on the same day at 12.30 hrs.

5. Website particulars, Notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen: Detailed tender notice, eligibility criteria, etc could be viewed on <http://www.ireps.gov.in> & offer to be made through same website. Full details of notice can be seen on notice board of Chief Workshop Manager, Administrative Building, Carriage Repair Workshop, Harnaut, Nalanda, Bihar-803110. All corrigendum will be uploaded on website if required.

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer / Carriage Repair Workshop/Harnaut PR/0702/HRT/Elec./T/20-21/44

INCREASE IN FREQUENCY OF POORVA EXPRESS SPECIAL

This is notified for the information of all concerned that railways have decided to increase the frequency of train no. 02303/02304 Howrah Jn.- New Delhi Poorva special (via-Patna) & 02381/02382 Howrah Jn.- New Delhi Poorva Special (via-Dhanbad) as per following details:-

Train No. & Train Name	Days of Run	Date(s) from originating station
02303 Howrah Jn. - New Delhi Spl. Poorva Express (via-Patna)	From Howrah Mon, Tue, Fri & Sat	From 05.10.2020
02304 New Delhi Jn. - Howrah Spl. Poorva Express (via-Patna)	From New Delhi Wed, Thu, Sat & Sun	From 08.10.2020
02381 Howrah Jn. - New Delhi Spl. Poorva Express (via-Dhanbad)	From Howrah Wed, Thu & Sun	From 07.10.2020
02382 New Delhi Jn. - Howrah Spl. Poorva Express (via-Dhanbad)	From New Delhi Mon, Tue & Fri	From 06.10.2020

Note: For any kind of information passengers are requested to contact Railway Enquiry No. 139 or visit Indian Railways website www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in.

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Rajasthan State Road Transport Corporation
Head Office, Parivahan Marg, Chomu House, Jaipur

Expression of Interest (Eoi) for booking the tickets of RSRTC buses (A/c, non-A/c) through API from various third party channel partners

Rajasthan State Road Transport Corporation (RSRTC), Jaipur invites Eoi from eligible bidders/startups who have the necessary qualifications and experience to carry out the work of booking the tickets of RSRTC buses (A/c, non-A/c) through API from various third party channel partners in a time-bound manner. Details of this Eoi notifications and eligibility criteria can be seen on website www.rsrtc.rajasthan.gov.in from 11th Sep 2020, the bidders/startups who are interested in bidding can download the Eoi from the aforesaid website from 11th Sep 2020 onward.

Raj.Samwadi/CI/20/5127 Adv. No. 91/2020-21 Executive Director (Traffic)

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one male was found dead at Round of Nepali Park, Jamma Bazar, Kashmere Gate, Delhi on 26.09.2020. In this regard a DD No. 109-A u/s 174 CrPc, Dated 26.09.2020 has been lodged at P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi. The description of the dead body is given as under:

Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: about 40 years, Height: 5'7" Feet, Face: Round, Complexion: Shallow, Built: Normal, Wearing: Grey Colour Shirt and Pant.

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

S.H.O
P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi
Ph.: 011-23967889, 23968730

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EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

OPEN TENDER BATCH No. 45/20 Date: 30.09.2020

E-Tender Notice for supply of materials - "Participation in through" web portal of IREPS - www.ireps.gov.in offers are invited for supply of the following materials :
The closing time for all tenders is at 14.00 hr.

Sl. No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Quantity	Published on/time	Closing on	Fund
1	17176607A	8 WAN Ports Router	50 Nos.	09.09.20/00.00.00	27.10.20	Fund is Available
2	17185155A	2 WAN Ports Router	110 Nos.	09.09.20/15.23.31	27.10.20	Fund is Available
3	04200330	Kit for Air Cleaner	209 Nos.	24.09.20/11.45.10	29.10.20	Fund is Available
4	04201042	B Check kit	50 sets	28.09.20/22.47.50	29.10.20	Fund is Available
5	17176538B	Terminal Server	170 Nos.	21.09.20/00.00.00	02.11.20	Fund is Available

Participants are required to submit their offer only on-line through the web portal of IREPS www.ireps.gov.in before the closing date and time. Other details regarding Consignee, and detailed description of stores are available in tender document in tender notice on the above portal.
PR/0697/HQ/Store/T/20-21/56 Principal Chief Material Manager

THE VALLEY AFFORDABLE GROUP HOUSING

The list of successful applicants in the draw of lots for The Valley, affordable group housing project situated at Sector 78, Gurugram on Friday, 18th September, 2020 at 4:00PM

1 BHK Apartment - Type 1 (350 sq.ft.) Applications No.: 2707, 6055.
1 BHK Apartment - Type 2 (357 sq.ft.) Applications No.: 2743, 6052, 2740 (waiting).
2 BHK Apartment - Type 1 (571 sq.ft.) Applications No.: 5418, 5473, 5472, 5121, 5137, 1024, 5123, 6054, 2734.
2 BHK Apartment - Type 2 (540 sq.ft.) Applications No.: 5153, 5139, 6409, 5480, 6411, 3102, 1803, 5152, 2739, 5151, 5462.
2 BHK Apartment - Type 3 (464 sq.ft.) Applications No.: 5424, 5459.
3 BHK Apartment - Type 1 (645 sq.ft.) Applications No.: 5111, 5112, 5131, 2186, 4457, 1511, 5201, 1613, 5425.

The draw of Flats for "The Valley" has been held as per Haryana affordable Housing policy under the supervision of officials of the Town Planning Department, Gurugram and government officials.

For more information log on to www.supertechlimited.com where list of successful applicant with name and flat number is available.

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Trend
Blazer

'Film releasing on OTT a blessing'

As cinema halls gear up for a cautious reopening amid the ongoing pandemic, actor **R MADHAVAN** feels, given the current scenario, releasing a new film on a streaming platform is a blessing. Madhavan's latest, the thriller *Nishadham*, is all set to arrive on an OTT platform. "There is no denying the fact that theatres have a different charm but during these times, having a film released on OTT is a complete blessing," said Madhavan.



"OTT platforms are much more easier for the fans to access, especially under the current circumstances. They don't have any geographical or physical boundaries attached to them," he added.

Ride the airwaves

According to a global report, music and podcasts are helping millennials rewrite social norms, engage with the global community and connect with their own kind.

By TEAM VIVA

This whirlwind year has been strange, unprecedented, isolating and depressing at times, and at the same time, galvanising and inspiring. It's clear that 2020 will help define generations to come as a global pandemic has upended lives and a movement for racial justice has brought about a profound and overdue reckoning. It's impossible to say exactly how this year's events will shape our future, however, these months have clarified, and, in some ways, accelerated cultural trends that millennials have been shaping for years. Music app Spotify has been following the trends closely. It shares its second annual *Culture Next* report.

Through global reporting, it met entrepreneurs, activists, artists and more, and discovered inspiring and surprising revelations from a generation ready to rebuild society from the ground. The report's highlights from India include:

Indian Gen Zs are reimagining their role in society

The Indian Gen Zs are rewriting the playbook and ready to take action on some of the most pressing issues and opportunities we face. Many Zs in India are eager to start their own thing. Approximately 67 per cent of them said that they plan to be, or already are, their own boss (nearly 20 per cent higher than the global average). About 61 per cent of Indian Gen Zs attended an education plan other than a degree immediately following higher secondary school.

A force for community-building and uniting globally

While 76 per cent of Indian Gen Zs and millennials, compared to 68 per cent globally, said that they use audio to cope with stress and anxiety, 83 per cent of them said that it's easier to feel connected to a community today, all thanks to digital platforms. When asked about the elements that fuel their self-discovery, 65 per cent cited music and 60 per cent cited podcasts. Audio was consistently identified as a powerful force for community-building — 84 per cent said that music streaming services offer a gateway to other cultures.

While social gatherings, celebrations and events, and in-person meetings ceased this year as the pandemic took hold, music emerged as an online activity capable of meaningfully uniting globally scattered groups. From Travis Scott's *Fortnite* concert (attended by 12.3 million gamers), to India's classical *HCL Concerts*



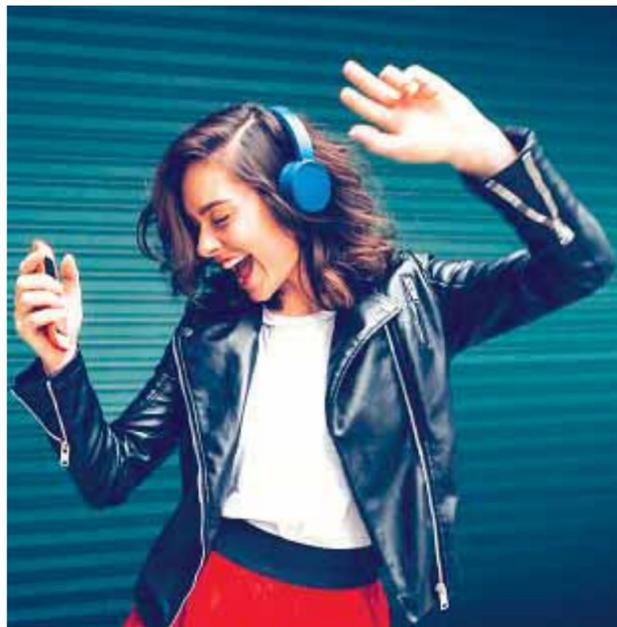
series (Vishwa Mohan Bhatt, Shubha Mudgal, Shujaat Khan) and *The Lockdown Gig*, featuring singer-songwriters like Nikhil D'Souza and Hanita Bhambri, communal livestreams diminished the sense of hierarchy between the artist and the fan, leading to interactions that turned out to be much more social. A zoom-powered festival also raised funds for the immigrants in need.

Making kids "light years" ahead

As per Dimitri Christakis, director at the Seattle Children's Research Institute, the interactive nature of the new technology is helping children "understand how the world works." While watching TV, "you play no role in the content, but interacting with touch screens and for that matter interacting with voice-activated technologies allows that to happen in spades. And with the arrival of COVID-19, at-home learning became essential and audio's role became apparent.

Approximately 87 per cent of parents said that technology has fuelled their family's discovery "exponentially," and 86 per cent said that today's kids, as a result, are "light years" ahead of where they were at their age. Notably, 86 per cent of parents who listen to podcasts said that the medium has become a very helpful educational tool (and this was pre-pandemic). For them, storytime podcasts had become a new household favourite, especially during the lockdown and it's not just about listening in. The quarantine-inspired podcast, *The Kids Are All... Home*, combined practical learning and creative thinking their own mini-podcasts.

About 84 per cent of parents said being connected is fundamental to thriving today. Almost 75 per cent of parents in the US said that they own a smart speaker, 30 per cent higher than the glob-



al average, as it "helps connect the family together." Malcolm from Brooklyn said, "Having the speakers on is a way for us to connect." About 92 per cent are open to buying one within the next year, compared to the global average of 80 per cent.

Around 78 per cent of young Indians said that listening to their parents' choice of music gives them a better sense of who their parents are, and 87 per cent of par-

ents said music is a way they bond with their kids. Globally, these averages were lower — at 64 per cent and 78 per cent, respectively.

Well, audio isn't just useful at home — it's a multi-generational touchpoint, and these days, that means a lot. When asked the Gen Zs and millennials what central theme says the most about their life right now, the most answered thing was "family".

Millennials see brands with a purpose and value for society

Almost 93 per cent millennials believe that brands need to bring value to our society and not just sell products. When they were asked about what they want to see out of brands, 97 per cent chose "purpose" over "politics". Young people are proud of their unique, multi-dimensional identities and want brands to be a part of that. Approximately 77 per cent of Gen Z said that brands have the power to create communities based on common interests and passions. About 93 per cent said that they love understanding how ideas are born and that doing so makes them feel a part of the creative process — brands can resonate with the audience by supporting and speaking to this creator mindset.

Brands can shape their voice through music

Approximately 74 per cent said music is at the forefront of humanising technology. About 78 per cent of millennials said voice technology makes us more sentimental toward our devices. About 74 per cent of them said that they like to choose the gender, accent or style of voice used by their devices.

In a year of drastic shifts and a constant uncertainty, the report shows where the Indian millennial culture is headed. The respondents (mostly millennials) are full of inspiration, passion and innovation, and they're pushing to make society more inclusive and fair. About 78 per cent of those surveyed in July shared that they remain hopeful that this difficult time will bring change for the better. As these young people rewrite the social norms, they're also dreaming up new ways to create, to engage with technology and to connect with their families.

'Theatre is the most convenient medium for an actor. When working on a production,

the process gives you ample time and space to experiment. Thanks to the beauty of imagination in theatre, you can also deal with characters and themes that are far away from you physically. Film doesn't offer you the same freedom, at least not to the same extent.'

—Amol Parashar

Actor **SAYANI GUPTA** feels that portrayal of women in the Hindi mainstream cinema is moving in the right direction, thanks to more women storytellers coming to the forefront and bringing with them a "female gaze" that counters a "male gaze" prevalent for the longest time.



Asked about the critique of how women are portrayed in the mainstream cinema, she says, "It's extremely problematic, you don't have representation of all kinds of woman. It's only a very skewed version of what a woman should be, and what she's doing."

Chrissy, John mourn baby loss

Star couple **CHRISSEY TEIGEN** and **JOHN LEGEND** are mourning the loss of their son one month after announcing the news of her pregnancy.

"We are shocked and in the kind of pain we've never felt before. We were never able to stop the bleeding and give our baby the fluids he needed, despite bags and bags of blood transfusions. It just wasn't enough," Teigen posted on Instagram.

"We never decide on our babies' names until the last possible moment after they're born, just before we leave the hospital. But we, for some reason, had started to call this little guy Jack. So he will always be Jack to us. He worked so hard to be a part of our little family, and he will be, forever," she continued.



BE A VOICE

Actor **BHUMI PEDNEKAR** says that she wants to use her stardom to educate people about climate change

Actor Bhumi Pednekar, an environmentally conscious citizen, has taken up climate conservation as a cause to raise awareness among fellow Indians. She has launched a lauded online and offline initiative called Climate Warrior through which she is mobilising citizens of India to contribute towards protecting the environment. This initiative turns a year old and it's making all the right noise towards climate protection.

The actor reveals that she was environmentally conscious since her childhood. "I had this fear and it started from my childhood, 'oh what would happen to this world when the water dries up?' That was my first question in my head. So I started researching and reading up on climate change. I have always been conscious, tried to have a sustainable style of living, especially since I became an adult. But then I realised I wasn't really doing enough and that's when I started Climate Warrior," she says.

She wants to use her stardom to educate people about climate change. "I have become an actor. I have the power to reach out to so many people and I have always tried doing that through my cinema. I was like I have to use my voice, my social media platforms to make a positive change in the world and educate people about climate change," she shares.

Bhumi feels that every individual must participate in raising community awareness towards environment protection. She says, "When we speak about

love for our family, when we speak about our love for our nation, do we actually mean all this because we should be doing more to protect our families and our nation and our future generations. These were all the looming questions in my head and you know that's when I realised that I should start Climate Warrior. It is a platform where I propagate advocacy and I am trying to create as such awareness as possible. People need to know that climate change is real. The idea is to bring about a change at an individual level. We need everyone to join hands to ensure that we leave behind barrels of hope and prosperity for the current generations and generations to come. Education is the significant channel to achieve this goal. Let us join hands and make a difference."

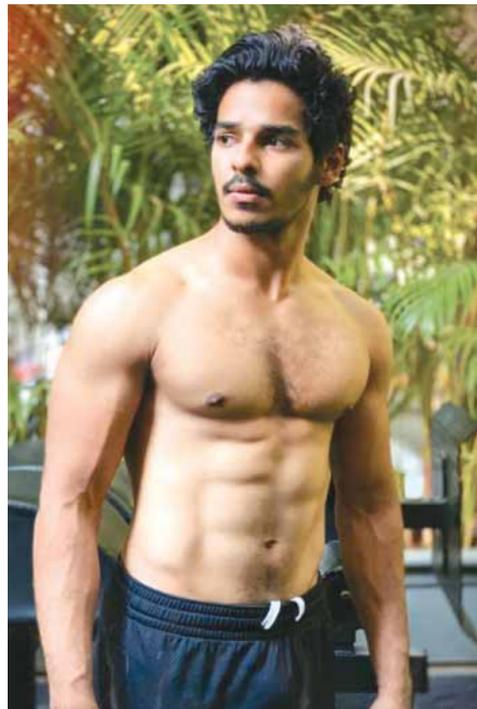


Dancing is pure joy: Ishaan

Actor Ishaan Khatter has left no stone unturned to achieve a certain body type in his forthcoming project, *Khaali Peeli*. A while back, he took to social media to share that he gained six kilograms of 'clean bulk' in two months. The actor had been training hard at the gym to look like a bulkier version of himself in the film. Talking about his regime, he tells us, "We would train 12 to 14 hours a day for six days a week and sometimes all seven. I even tried barre work, yoga, gymnastics and rope malakhamb. I took it very seriously. I definitely was 10 times fitter by the end of that. I went all out in terms of my diet."

Ishaan shares that he would go to the Antigravity Club in Bandra to train with trainer duo Yudi and Karan Jaising and Siddhant Sidhwani. "It was the first time I incorporated weights as a regular and central part of my routine," he says. He, however, adds, "It all starts and ends with the mind."

The actor has seen creating magic with his moves in the foot-tapping *Tehas Nehas* and the song *Duniya Sharma Jayegi*. A passionate dancer who trained himself under choreographer Shiamak Davar's programme, Ishaan says that he rehearsed very hard to look effortless on the screen. "I tried different styles of dancing. I started the day with basic ballet. Dancing is pure joy. It's always going to be the easiest way to burn calories. But it's so



much more than fitness for me. Fitness is co-related but is, in a way, a separate passion of mine," says he.

Ishaan reveals that he has always been a fitness enthusiast. "Early on, I remember being outdoors a lot and play-

ing games in the society with other kids. Then at some point I got more into sports. Dancing was always second nature and eventually turned into a major passion by the time I was a teenager," he says as he signs off.

CREATE A LOCAL BUBBLE

The Directorate of Tourism, Jammu, celebrated the 41st World Tourism Day across local destinations like Suchetgarh Border, Katra and Bhimgarh Fort



valuable coordination. At Katra, the function started with enthusiasm by flagging off bike rally by CO, CRPF Jatinder Gupta, President Municipal Committee, Katra, Vimal Indu, Joint Director of Tourism, Jammu, Neelam Khajuria and ASP, Katra, Amit Bhasin. It concluded at Bhimgarh Fort, Reasi. A total of 50 bikers participated in the event. A few mesmerising performances were presented by local dogri artists at Bhimgarh Fort. A small 3D animated film was also showcased to the audience on the history and importance of Bhimgarh Fort and General Zorawar Singh.

Earlier, the Divisional Commissioner and Director of Tourism of Jammu, flagged-off the "Garud Sewa, an open roof tourist luxury bus" with the slogan — "Chalo Suchetgarh Border". This new initiative of running a luxury bus from TRC, Jammu to Suchetgarh Border is part of the Border Tourism initiative taken by Jammu Paryatan headed by Baldev Khullar and Gian Sharma. The 27-seater is a sight-seeing bus and first-of-its-kind in Jammu Division. The bus shall run on daily basis from Jammu at around 10.30 am towards Suchetgarh Border for sightseeing. Other destinations covered enroute are Gharana Wetland where migratory birds from various parts of the world visit. While concluding the event, the Director of Tourism, Jammu, thanked the BSF authorities for their

At Patnitop, a seminar was organised jointly by the Directorate of Tourism, Jammu, the Patnitop Development Authority and Patnitop Hotels Association. On the occasion, the chief guest was executive engineer, PDA, KK Gupta and Assistant

Director of Tourism, National Highway, Dr Umesh Shan. They enlightened the stakeholders about the importance and history of the world tourism day. The Community Health Worker also educated the members about the "dos and don'ts" for Coronavirus. Lastly, Taxi shikar walas were given away registration certificates and some prominent local hoteliers, tour and travel agents were felicitated with appreciation certificates.

At Basholi, the World Tourism Day was celebrated by the CEO, Lakhapur-Sarthal Development Authority, DC Bharti with Block Medical Officer, Basholi. The CEO, LSDA, presented a lecture on the importance of tourism to the stakeholders, while the BMO, Basholi, highlighted the importance of preventive measures to be taken during the pandemic. Approximately, 200 wall clocks, caps and shirts were also dis-

tributed to the participants for mass awareness about tourism.

At Poonch, it was held at Jallian Loran with great enthusiasm. People appreciated the initiative taken by the tourism department. The event was presided by CEO, Poonch Development Authority, Dr Tanvir Ahmed Khan besides BDC Chairman, Block Mandi Shamim Ganai as guest of honour. During the programme, various Centrally-UT sponsored schemes of the Government were highlighted. Department also distributed calendar, information material, sceneries and masks to the general public.

At Mansar, the Surinsar-Mansar Development Authority celebrated the day in coordination with Directorate of Tourism, Jammu, wherein the CEO, Surinsar-Mansar Development Authority, highlighted the achievements of the authority. During the event, the participants/stakeholders were also made aware about salient features of Tourist Trade Act, 1978. The members of Panchayat Mansar and Bari Garh/stakeholders thanked Dr Jatinder Singh MOS (Independent charge) Ministry of Development of Northern Region and Minister of State for PMO Office for initiating the DPRs of the "Comprehensive Mansar Development Plan" at an estimated cost of ₹198 crore, which was prepared by the Directorate of Tourism, Jammu.

At Kishtwar, the occasion was celebrated with theme "Tourism and Rural Development". Tree plantation drive was also organised in TRC Kishtwar under "Green J&K Drive" in coordination with the forest department. Hanief Malik (KAS), DDC Kishtwar, was the chief guest who started the event by planting the deodar saplings.

IN SHORT



National Fertilisers Limited, a PSU under Department of Fertilisers, has tied up with Industrial Training Institute (ITI) in Dist. Guna in Madhya Pradesh (MP) to train youth in various trades

and to enhance the chances of their employability in heavy and process industry. NFL Vijapur Unit in Distt Guna in MP has signed a MoU with nearby ITI, Raghogarh, to train youth in Electrician, Fitter and Welder trades. The students will be skilled under dual system of training scheme and learn theoretical skills in the institute. The trainees will also get six months of exposure/ training of industry. The MoU was exchanged on Tuesday between Narendar Singh, Chief Manager (HR), NFL Vijapur Unit and J P Koli, Principal, ITI, Raghogarh, in the presence of Jagdip Shah Singh, CGM, NFL Vijapur. The company plans to explore more such options in future to give impetus to Skill India by training more youth from institutes around its plants.

Col. Pushpam Kumar, Officer on Special Duty in India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO) presented awards for excellence in use of official language in the organisation at Pragati Maidan.



The awards alongwith certificates were given to the winners in different competitions. These include: Hindi noting, drafting, translation and spelling correction. In Hindi noting and drafting (staff category), Amrita Ghai, Assistant Manager and Durgesh Nandini Batra, Manager, was honored with the first awards in the officer category. Suresh Kumar Chawla, Dy. Manager and Purshotam Sharma, Sr. Stenographer were given away the first award in translation. Harish, Attendant, was given the first award in spelling correction.



The Nagar Palika Parishad, Ghaziabad, is going to develop a pond in Khoda to promote tourism, the area of which will be 5.060 hectares. The district administration approved an amount of ₹90 lakh for its construction. Executive Officer of Nagar Palika Parishad, KK Bhadana, said that this pond is being developed on the orders of NGT. He informed that in Khoda village, 19 people have

illegally occupied that land. While the temporary occupants are Mahendra Akishan, Islam, Fajjar, Sarjuddin, Usha, Pramesh, Vijay and Nempal, the permanent occupants are Subodh, Pintu, Aayur Sundaramanay Satyua, Sonu Svita and Arinku Pandey. He said that an FIR is being lodged against all of them. He said, "The pond will have rainwater harvesting system and tubewell. The construction will begin soon."



The Power Finance Corporation Ltd (PFC) has signed a performance-based 'Memorandum of Understanding' (MoU) with Ministry of Power, Government of India, detailing various targets to be achieved by PFC during FY 2020-21. The MoU has been signed by Sanjiv Nandan Sahai, Secretary (Power), Government of India and RS Dhillion, CMD, PFC in presence of senior officials of MOP and PFC. An ambitious revenue target of ₹36,000 crore has been set along with various performance-related parameters such as Operating Profit as percentage of Revenue from Operation, PAT as a percentage of Average Networth and Non-financial parameters, viz. IPDS-related parameters.



Metro Railway, Kolkata is going to resume its services on Sundays from October 4. Manoj Joshi, General Manager, Metro Railway, in a meeting on Monday, declared the same. The first metro service will start from both ends at 10:10 am and the last one will depart at 07:30 pm. Senior officers are observing the total passenger count and footfalls at various stations everyday and are trying to figure out means to enable more commuters to travel by metro by increasing the number of services during peak hours or by stretching the train timings. There will be no time embargo for senior citizens when they travel by the Metro on Sundays without e-passes. There will be no East-West Metro services on Sundays.



As per the direction received from Railway Board, the Swachhta Pakhwara organised at various locations in CLW premises, was concluded on Wednesday. In order to develop a sense of awareness regarding cleanliness and healthy atmosphere among our next generation, an online essay writing competition was conducted on the theme of 'Better hygienic during COVID-19' by CLW's schools. On the concluding day of the Pakhwara, a Shramdaan on plastic waste collection was organised at the various marketplaces in CLW wherein volunteers of Bharat Scout and Guides actively participated, maintaining all precautionary measures to keep safe from COVID-19. Posters about Swachhta were displayed in various location of CLW. The CLW hoped that this 15-day long programme helps in increasing awareness regarding cleanliness and creating healthy atmosphere among all inhabitants, staff and students of CLW township.

LET THE SHIP SAIL

The Indian Coast Guard Ship, *Kanaklata Barua*, named after the eponymous freedom fighter, was commissioned at Kolkata by JIWESH NANDAN, IAS, Additional Secretary, MoD

The Indian Coast Guard Ship *Kanaklata Barua* was commissioned at Kolkata by Jiwesh Nandan, IAS, Additional Secretary, MoD on Wednesday, via video conferencing. DG K Natarajan, PTM, TM, Director General Indian Coast Guard, Rear Admiral (Retd) VK Saxena Chairman & Managing Director M/s GRSE Ltd, IG AK Harbola, TM, Commander Coast Guard Region (NE) and other MoD dignitaries attended the conference. This is second time in the Indian maritime history that Coast Guard ships are commissioned through digital medium, maintaining the strict protocol of social distancing due to the pandemic COVID-19.

Kanaklata Barua, the last in the series of five Fast Patrol Vessels (FPVs), has been designed and built indigenously by M/s Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) Ltd, Kolkata. It is a fine example of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' and is fitted with state-of-the-art navigation and communication equipment, sensor and machinery. The 49 m ship displaces about 310 tons, propelled by three MTU

4000 Series engines designed to attain a maximum speed of 35 knots. The ship is designed to carry one RIB (Rigid Inflatable Boat) high speed boats and one Gemini boat for swift boarding and 'Search & Rescue' operations.

The ship is named in honour of Ms Kanaklata Barua, a freedom fighter who was martyred while leading a procession carrying the Indian national flag during the 1942 Quit India move-

ment. The *Kanaklata Barua* is a replacement of a similar named vessel which was in commission from 1997 to 2018. The ship is commanded by Commandant (JG) Subhash Kapoor.

The ship, on joining the Coast Guard fleet, will be deployed extensively for EEZ surveillance, Coastal Security and other duties as enshrined in the Coast Guard charter of duties. With the commissioning of

this ship, Indian Coast Guard has 151 ships and boats and 62 aircrafts. Further, 40 ships are at various stages of construction at different Indian Shipyards and 16 Advanced Light Helicopters are under production at M/s HAL, Bengaluru, which will provide the added strength to the surveillance capabilities of ICG to deal with the ever-dynamic maritime challenges.

Chhattisgarh has remained unaffected by COVID-19 crisis: Baghel



Bhpesh Baghel, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister, unveils development works worth ₹300 crore for Kondagaon district. Baghel said that Chhattisgarh Government stood strong with the poor, farmers, tribal people and labourers during the difficult time of lockdown. He said that while the rest of the country and the world struggled with economic challenges, Chhattisgarh's economy remained unaffected. While addressing the inaugural and foundation-laying programme in

Kondagaon via video conferencing from his residence office on Wednesday, he unveiled the development works, including inauguration of 25 works worth ₹155 crore and foundation laying of development works worth nearly ₹145 crore.

Baghel talked about various pro-public policies, saying that the third installment of Rajiv Gandhi Kisaan Nyay Yojana will be transferred to the farmers' account on the State Foundation Day on November 1. He said that the State

Government has provided financial support to people through various steps such as farmers' loan waiver, paddy procurement, Godhan Nyay Yojana, minor forest produce collection and procurement at support price, regular employment to people of rural areas under MNREGA.

The 49 works include setting up of Ma Danteshwari Corn Processing Unit, Maha Nariyar Abhiyan, Tatamari Tourism Centre, Flower Valley Keshkal, Mari Livelihood Development Project, Udaan Livelihood Centre, Sanvedna Karyakram Leemdarha Midway, District Library and Study Centre, Bus Stand Kondagaon, Kosarteda Water Augmentation Scheme.

Commenced with the aim to provide additional source of income to cattle ranchers and to protect cows, Godhan Nyay Yojana of Chhattisgarh is one of its kind. This scheme has been appreciated across the country and abroad. He said that till date, ₹21 crore has been paid to cattle ranchers and villagers against cow-dung procurement.

MLA Mohan Markam presided over the programme. It was addressed by held Kondagaon district in-charge Minister Gurus Rudrakumar, Urban Administration Minister Dr Shiv Kumar Daharia, Member of Rajya Sabha, Phoolodevi Netaam, Chhattisgarh State Handicraft Development Board Chairman Chandan Kashyap, and MLA Santram Netam.

SRM runs for India



The students and staff of SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST), Kattankulathur participated in the Government of India's Fit India Freedom Run on Tuesday. The event was flagged off by Vice Chancellor of SRMIST Dr Sandeep Sancheti, and organised by the Department of Physical Education & Sports Science, SRMIST. Students participated in this event virtually.

The five-kilometer run was

held within the Kattankulathur campus with proper social distancing precautions for COVID-19 in place. Dean Prof T V Gopal welcomed the gathering. Flagging off the event, Sancheti said, "Apart from keeping fit and reducing anxiety, such events are also good avenues to make new friends."

The event was organised under the initiative taken by our Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

Northern Railway holds review meeting

Rajiv Chaudhry, General Manager, Northern Railway and North Central, held a review meeting with the departmental heads through video conferencing. Deliberations were held on keeping focus on safety on tracks, freight loading and transparency in working of railways.

He informed that Northern Railway maintained a good track record by achieving 96 per cent punctuality of trains. The freight loading has also been increased up to 30 per cent in September. He emphasised on maximum use of technology so that human intervention can be minimised and transparency in all sphere of railway working may be established. He said that the efforts should be enhanced for minimising human failure in train operations. "The monitoring system of progress

of construction projects should also be a focus area as the development of railways are very much dependent on these projects. Department heads should complete the work in stipulated time manner in particular construction projects," added the GM.

The safety has always been the prime focus of Northern Railway. He reviewed the work done and instructed the divisions on conducting drives to enhance the safety and counsel the staff whenever necessary. He also instructed that Business Development Units should create an environment of trust, support and confidence among the customers. "Loading of food grains and other items have steadily increased with every passing month. Northern Railway is committed to provide safe, smooth and efficient services to its customers," said Chaudhry.

Turnkey contract given to RITES

RITES Ltd has been awarded the Turnkey contract for construction of Road Over Bridges (ROBs) in replacement of existing level crossings on competition basis from Railway Board amounting to ₹205.85 crore.

A MoU will be executed between RITES and South Central Railway (SCR) in this regard in due course. This contract covers construction of four ROBs in replacement of level crossings in Vijaywada division of SCR on Vijaywada-Vishakhapatnam section in Andhra Pradesh.

DDA HOLDS YOUTH SABHA 2020

The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) in association with The National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA), is preparing the next Master Plan of Delhi-2041 (MPD-2041). As part of the process, a series of discussions and consultations have been carried out with various stakeholders and civil society groups to seek inputs from the people of Delhi that will help drive the agenda for the Master Plan.

To get insights from the youth, a series of Youth Sabhas are being organised. The objec-

tive of these meetings is to understand issues faced by the youth (aged between 15-30 years) in the city and discuss possible planning solutions. The first Youth Sabha on September 24 turned out to be a success. And the second series, on 'safe and equitable access to public spaces' was held yesterday. The discussion aimed to understand the changing needs of recreational facilities, the challenges in terms of accessibility and adequacy of such infrastructure from young citizens of different socio-economic con-

structs, including the larger public realm and what can be done to make the city safe for all. The design module also got feedback from all the participants. The Sabha was anchored by youth representatives from the CSOs — DDA, NIUA and PRIA and IGSSS.

There were a total of 900 registrations for the youth sabha. The detailed schedule of the further sessions are available on DDA website and official twitter handles @official_DDA, @NIUA_India. Use the hashtag #YouthforDelhi2041 to know more!

TODAY
CHENNAI SUPER KINGS VS SUNRISERS HYDERABAD
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IPL 2020

Mayank Agarwal | 246 runs
Mohd Shami | 8 wickets

PTI ■ DUBAI
I've been wanting to see them (Mavi & Nagarkoti) since the time they played the (2018 U-19) World Cup and now it's just great to see them both on the field

We have a more balanced side this season, especially bowling. It is not just me, everyone is getting a different feeling, the one we had had in 2016

KKR like to chase, so we planned to put their death bowling under pressure but obviously couldn't do that as we lost too many wickets upfront

Towards the end, the wicket was getting a little tired. So we definitely felt maybe we would have taken a little bit more time to get adjusted and then taken the attack to the bowlers

Rayudu comeback big boost for CSK

Ambari Rayudu's much-awaited comeback will be a shot in the arm for an under-pressure Chennai Super Kings when they take on Sunrisers Hyderabad, who have shown resilience after early setbacks on Friday.

Rayudu, hero of CSK's opening victory against Mumbai Indians, missed out due to mild hamstring injury and Bravo has been also carrying a niggles of similar nature since the Caribbean Premier League where he didn't bowl in the last two games.

"Both Rayudu and Bravo are available for selection," CSK CEO KS Viswanathan told PTI on Thursday.

CSK and Sunrisers Hyderabad (since inception) have traditionally been two of the most balanced sides in most IPL editions but both have ensured scratchy starts this year, losing two of their first three games, primarily due to lack of balance in the middle-order.

Rayudu's presence could well mean that he will replace an out-of-form Murali Vijay at the top alongside Shane Watson.

However, same cannot be said about DJ Bravo as it will then force Dhoni to tinker with the whole line-up. But Kedar Jadhav's poor form will cer-

MI BASH CLUELESS KINGS



Rahul Chahar appeals for lbw against Nicholas Pooran during IPL clash between Mumbai Indians and Kings XI Punjab | IPLT20.com

PTI ■ ABU DHABI
Chasing a stiff target of 192, Kings XI Punjab were stopped at 143 for eight, with Nicholas Pooran making 44 off 27 balls.

Earlier, Pollard walked out unbeaten on a 20-ball 47, while Hardik remained not out on 30 off 11 balls, the two hitting six sixes and as many fours between them.

MI got 25 runs in the final over with Pollard sending Gowtham's last three balls into the stands of the Sheikh Zayed Stadium, scored 19 off the penultimate over and 18 in the 18th.

A total of 104 runs came in the last 36 balls despite one excellent over in between by Mohammed

Shami. MI were 87 for three at the end of the 14th over but upped the ante with Pollard and Rohit hitting a six each off leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi to collect 15 runs from the 15th over.

Rohit scored 22 runs off the 16th over bowled by James Neesham. It was then left to the pair of Pollard and Hardik to launch a brutal onslaught.

The start was inauspicious for the defending champions as Sheldon Cottrell castled Quinton de Kock with late swing.

Smashed for five sixes in an over in his previous outing, it was

a new day, new game for Cottrell, as he started with a wicket maiden.

Rohit reached 5000 IPL runs with a glorious cover drive off his first ball of the innings, joining Virat Kohli and Suresh Raina in the club.

Three balls later, Rohit punched one along the ground through the cover-point region for another boundary.

Shami came back to hit the pads and forced the umpire to raise his finger with a vociferous appeal. However, the decision was turned down after a review as the ball seemed to be going down the leg-stump.

Leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi was introduced into the attack in the fourth over and while Shami could not strike with the ball first up, the India pacer ran out Suryakumar Yadav with a direct hit from short fine leg to leave MI at 21 for two in the fourth over.

Rohit gave himself some room and played Gowtham between mid-off and extra cover and cut the next ball through the point region for another fine boundary.

Having reached 14 off 21 balls, Ishan Kishan lofted Bishnoi for a massive six over deep mid-wicket to break the shackles.

Kishan soon got out to pave the way for Pollard's entry.

In reply, KXIP lost wickets at regular intervals to lose their second match on the trot. They were never in the game after losing the wickets of the in-form opening duo of skipper KL Rahul and Mayank, even though Pooran played a few handsome shots.

For Mumbai Indians, there were two wickets apiece for James Pattinson, Rahul Chahar and Jasprit Bumrah.

DUGOUT MOTION PICTURE



Rohit Sharma daughter Samaira Sharma cheers for Mumbai Indians as his wife Ritika Sajdeh, left, and Krunal Pandya's wife Pankhuri Sharma watch IPL match | Mumbai Indians/Twitter

Suresh Raina @ImRaina
Heartiest congratulations my brother on achieving another great milestone of completing 5k runs @ImRo45. Proud of you, more power to you! #MlvsKXIP
8:07 pm · 01 Oct 20

Suresh Raina congratulates Mumbai Indians skipper Rohit Sharma on completing 5000 runs in Indian Premier League

KOHLI-DP PAIR IN MENTORSHIP PROGRAM
Royal Challengers Bangalore has come up with a unique "mentorship programme" where young cricketers of the IPL outfit have been paired with like-minded seniors who can groom their talent. Explaining this initiative, RCB director of cricket Mike Hesson said every cricketer of the team is paired with a "buddy" from the side, giving each other an opportunity to learn, mentor and share. For example, young opening batsman Devdutt Padikkal has been paired with skipper Virat Kohli, while paceman Navdeep Saini has been paired with veteran South African speedster Dale Steyn.

UTHAPPA CAUGHT APPLYING SALIVA
In a violation of the ICC's Covid-19 protocol, Rajasthan Royals batsman Robin Uthappa was seen applying saliva on the ball while fielding against KKR in an IPL match on Wednesday. The incident happened right after Uthappa dropped a Sunil Narine skier in the fifth ball of the third over. He was seen applying saliva after collecting the ball at the mid-on region and the video of it has since gone viral on social media.

269 MILLION VIEWERS IN 1ST WEEK
The opening week of the 13th edition of the IPL was watched by 269 million viewers, 11 million more per match compared to the like period of last year's edition. According to a BARC-Nielsen report titled *Television Viewership and Advertising Consumption of IPL-13 2020*, the opening week of the ongoing IPL edition saw a 15 per cent growth in viewing minutes as compared to 2019 and witnessed a 21 per cent growth in average impressions per match, despite holding one match less and fewer channels showing the league than in 2019. The tournament, in the first week, registered 60.6 billion viewing minutes across seven matches and 21 channels.

HAVE USED 6-DAY BREAK WELL: FLEMING
CSK head coach Stephen Fleming on Thursday said the team used the six-day break to "get some clarity around" on what it needed to do to get its IPL campaign back on track. "It came at a good time because the first three games were in quick succession and all games were at different grounds, so you have to appreciate trying to read conditions, for each game being predominantly the first team to play there was tough. "And also coming off a couple of challenges we had off the field, we've used this break pretty well, we got some clarity around what we need to do and have practised very well," Fleming told the CSK website.

POINTS TABLE						
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1	MI	4	2	2	+1.094	4
2	DC	3	2	1	+0.483	4
3	KKR	3	2	1	+0.117	4
4	RR	3	2	1	-0.219	4
5	RCB	3	2	1	-1.450	4
6	KXIP	4	1	3	+0.521	2
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8	CSK	3	1	2	-0.840	2

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Novak equals Fedex win record



AFP ■ PARIS

World number one Novak Djokovic stormed to his 70th win at Roland Garros on Thursday with a 6-1, 6-2, 6-2 demolition of Ricardas Berankis while ninth seed Denis Shapovalov crashed out following a 7-5, 6-7 (5/7), 6-3, 3-6, 8-6 loss to Roberto Carballes Baena.

The top seed went level with Roger Federer for career victories at the tournament, still 25 behind Rafael Nadal's all-time best.

Djokovic, the 2016 champion, and chasing an 18th Grand Slam title, will face Colombian lucky loser Daniel Elahi Galan, ranked 153, for a place in the last 16.

"It was difficult for Ricardas in the third set as he had an injury and couldn't move very well," said Djokovic whose quickfire 83-minute win was eased by his opponent needing treatment on a back injury after the second set. "But I felt good just as I did in the first round and I want to continue like that."

Spanish world number 101 Carballes Baena prevailed after a five-hour battle on Court Suzanne Lenglen to set up a clash with 18th seed Grigor Dimitrov in the last 32. The Bulgarian 18th seed beat Andrej Martin 6-4, 7-6 (7/5), 6-1.

PLISKOVA OUT
Second seed Karolina Pliskova was knocked out of Roland Garros by 2017 champion Jelena Ostapenko in the second round.

The world No 43 fired 27 winners to just nine from Pliskova in a 6-4, 6-2 victory which gave her a third round match against Paula Badosa.

Reigning Australian Open champ Kenin needed to dig deep, rallying from a set down to defeat Ana Bogdan, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2. Sabalenka had a tough first set but then raced to beat Daria Kasatkina 7-6(6), 6-0.

It's Messi vs Ronaldo again

Liverpool, who won the Champions League in 2019, will face Ajax as well as Atalanta and Midtjylland of Denmark in Group D.

Holders Bayern will take on Atletico Madrid and will also have a short trip across the border to Austria to take on Salzburg in Group A. Lokomotiv Moscow are other team in the section.

Other notable match-ups will see 13-time European champions Real Madrid meet Inter Milan in Group B and Chelsea come up against debutants Rennes as well as Europa winners Sevilla in Group E.

The group stage starts on October 20, and all six rounds of games will be crammed into eight weeks in a schedule that is even more packed than usual because of the coronavirus pandemic.

This season's final is scheduled to be staged in Istanbul, which was initially the host for last season's final before UEFA was forced into a change of plans because of the health crisis.

Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo will meet in a mouthwatering clash in this season's Champions League after Barcelona and Juventus were placed in the same group in Thursday's draw.

Messi and Ronaldo will resume the rivalry they developed when the Portuguese superstar was at Real Madrid. Between them they have won 11 of the last 12 Ballons d'Or.

The two heavyweights were drawn in Group G along with Dynamo Kiev of Ukraine and Ferencvaros, the Hungarian club returning to the group stage for the first time in quarter of a century.

Meanwhile, beaten 2020 finalists Paris Saint-Germain will have a chance for revenge against Manchester United, who ousted the French club in the last 16 two seasons ago.

PSG will also come up against RB Leipzig in Group H. The sides met in last season's semi-finals in Lisbon in August, with Paris winning 3-0 before losing to Bayern Munich in their first ever final appearance.

Completing the group is Istanbul Basaksehir, who are appearing in the tournament proper for the first time.

Premier League champions

Lewandowski wins UEFA's top prize

AFP ■ GENEVA
Robert Lewandowski was named Uefa men's player of the year on Thursday following a superb season in which he won the treble with Bayern Munich. While Danish forward Pernille Harder, who recently signed for Chelsea, was named the Uefa women's player of the year at a ceremony on Thursday.

Lewandowski was at the Champions League group draw in Geneva to receive the award, just weeks after Bayern won the 2019-20 edition of the competition.

The Poland striker scored 55 goals in 47 games as Bayern also won the Bundesliga and German Cup.

"It's an amazing feeling, because you work so hard, so this trophy is something special," said Lewandowski after receiving the award.

"I have to say thank you to my team-mates and coaches who helped me get where I am. Also my family have given me so much support and are so important."

Lewandowski also picked up the award for best forward in last season's Champions League after amassing 15 goals in 10 games. In one match against Red Star he needed just 14 minutes to score four times.

The 32-year-old was also top scorer in the Bundesliga last season with 34 goals, equal to a goal a game in the 18-team league.

