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Nitish will remain our CM: BJP

Party asserts decision carved in stone, irrespective of number of seats each wins

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Nitish Kumar will remain the Chief Minister of Bihar if the NDA return to power in the State irrespective of the number of seats the BJP and the Janata Dal(U) clinch in the polls. The BJP made this declaration on Tuesday as the two parties announced their seat sharing pact.

The JD(U) will contest 122 seats and the BJP 121. The differences of one seat means BJP's symbolic acceptance of Nitish Kumar as the "elder brother" in Bihar politics.

The BJP also rebuffed LJP chief Chirag Paswan who has decided to go solo in the polls and put up candidates against the JD(U) nominees. Without directly naming Chirag or his party, the BJP said no one outside the NDA alliance in Bihar was allowed to use Prime Minister's name in poll campaigning.

Incidentally, Chirag has been repeatedly saying his candidates will strengthen the hand of the Prime Minister after the polls.

Bihar Deputy Chief Minister and senior BJP leader Sushil Kumar Modi said that the NDA in this election will mean only four parties — the BJP, the JD(U), Jitan Ram Manjhi's HAM and the Vikassheel Insaan Party. "Only four NDA parties can use PM's photo during campaign. If needed, we will write to the Election Commission that PM Modi's photo must not be mis-



JD(U) national president and Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar with BJP senior leader and Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Kumar Modi during a Press conference ahead of Bihar Assembly election in Patna on Tuesday PTI

used," he added. Sources said before the two sides held a joint Press conference to announce their seat sharing deal, the JD(U) leader-ship told the BJP that it must distance itself from Chirag Paswan. Following this, BJP State president Sanjay Jaisawal issued a brief statement which said, "Only those who accept Nitish Kumar's leadership in

Bihar will remain in the NDA. The leader of the NDA in Bihar is Nitish Kumar. The BJP accepts his leadership in Bihar and everyone in the NDA should accept his leadership." Jaisawal later said "the LJP was an ally at the Centre and we pray for early recovery of its founder and Union Minister Ram Vilas Paswan. But there should be no confusion with

regard to the fact that in Bihar the NDA's leader is Nitish Kumar. Our alliance with his party is *atoot* (unbreakable)." Declaring the seat-sharing arrangement, Nitish Kumar said, "The JD(U) has got 122 seats out of which we have set aside seven for the Hindustani Awam Morcha (headed by former CM Jitan Ram Manjhi). The BJP has got the remaining

121 wherein new entrant Vikassheel Insaan Party of Mukesh Sahni will be accommodated."

Responding to a query about post-poll scenario Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Kumar Modi asserted, "We have said unequivocally that Nitish Kumar will be our Chief Minister. It does not matter which party gets how many seats in the elections."

Nitish did not mention Chirag by name but remarked sarcastically, "I believe in doing my job. If some people derive pleasure out of saying something inconsequential, they are most welcome to do so. It does not bother me."

However, he sought to repudiate Chirag's allegation that the JD(U) has not treated its alliance partners in the State well and asked "did Ram Vilas Paswan get elected to the Rajya Sabha without the JD(U)s support?"

In the outgoing Assembly, the RJD is the single largest party with 73 MLAs, followed by the JD(U) with 69, BJP (54), Congress (23), CPI-ML (3), LJP (2), HAM and AIMIM of Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi one each, and Independent (5).

Several senior leaders of both the BJP and JD(U), including BJP Bihar in-charge Bhupendra Yadav, BJP's Bihar poll in-charge Devendra Fadnavis and JD(U) State chief Vashisht Narayan Singh too were present at the joint press meet.

India calls for rule-based world order, free India-Pacific region

At Quad Summit, Jaishankar says New Delhi committed to peaceful resolution of disputes

PNs/AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI/TOKYO

Amid its strained relations with China, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Tuesday said New Delhi is committed to peaceful resolution of disputes and rule-based world order even as he called for a free and open India-Pacific region.

Making these opening remarks at the meeting of Foreign Ministers of Quad countries including India, Japan, Australia and the US in Tokyo, he also said the four democratic countries favour a free and open India-Pacific region. The Quad meeting comes at a time when China is aggressively asserting itself in this region leading to tension. Jaishankar, however, refrained from naming China.

This is the second Minister-level meeting of the Quad countries in the last two years. The ongoing two-day conclave is the first against the backdrop of ongoing tension between India and China at the LAC in Ladakh and coronavirus pandemic. Jaishankar had held a two-hour long bilateral meeting with his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi on September 10 in Moscow to end the logjam at the border. The Quad meeting discussed the issue of ensuring a free and open Indo-Pacific in the face of China's increasingly aggressive behaviour across the region. The other three Ministers include Marise Payne (Australia), Toshimitsu Motegi (Japan) and Mike Pompeo (US). Jaishankar said the events of this year have demonstrated how "imperative it is for like-minded countries to coordinate responses to the various challenges that the pandemic has brought to the fore". On the situation in the strategically important India-Pacific region, he said "as vibrant and pluralistic democracies with shared values, our nations have collectively affirmed the importance of maintaining a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific." "It is a matter of satisfaction that the Indo-Pacific concept has gained increasingly wider acceptance," he said.

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External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, along with other Quad Foreign Ministers, poses for a photograph with Japan Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga, in Tokyo, on Tuesday PTI

SOP for reopening cinema halls from Oct 15 issued

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Information and Broadcasting Ministry on Tuesday issued strict Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) to re-open cinema theaters from October 15.

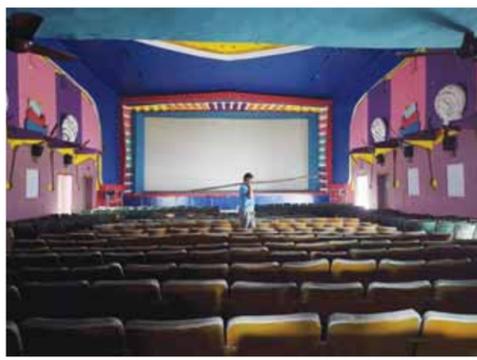
The SOP includes filling up only for 50 per cent capacity, keeping one seat vacant between the viewers, and maintaining temperature conditions.

The SOP bars serving cooked food of any kind and says only packaged food and beverages will be allowed for sale at refreshment points. The viewers will not be allowed to carry any food inside the cinema hall.

Releasing the SOP, Minister Prakash Javadekar said local authorities must ensure the guidelines are adhered to along with strict physical distancing norms.

In multi-halls, to prevent the crowding, the SOP has suggested staggered timing also. Mask wearing will be compulsory for viewers and staffers and theater managers must ensure medical facilities if anybody is feeling uneasy.

"The highlights of the guiding principles include the general principles which have been given by the Ministry of



Preparations underway at a cinema hall ahead of its reopening in Chennai PTI

Health & Family Welfare, including thermal screening of all visitors/staff, adequate physical distancing, use of face covers/masks, frequent hand washing, provision of hand sanitisers, etc and respiratory etiquettes specifically with regard to the exhibition of films," the I&B Ministry said.

The Ministry said it has formulated the general SOPs taking into consideration international practices notified in the sector, including physical distancing, entry and exit with designated queue markers, sanitisation, safety of staff, contact minimisation.

The SOP said there should be one seat vacant between the viewers and the vacant seat should be marked. The SOP also asked the local PWD authorities to ensure the temperature and air-conditioning norms.

"Temperature setting of all air conditioning devices should be in the range of 24-30°C. Relative humidity should be in the range of 40-70 per cent. Recirculation of air is to be avoided to the extent possible. Intake of fresh air should be as much as possible. Cross ventilation should be adequate," said the guidelines.

Haryana Deputy CM Chautala Covid +ve

CHANDIGARH: Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala on Tuesday said he has tested positive for coronavirus, adding that he was asymptomatic and feeling alright. Chautala, a JJP leader, urged people who had met him during the past week to get themselves tested.

"My Covid-19 test report has returned positive. There are no symptoms of Covid-19 like fever etc, but as the report is positive, I am self-isolating," Dushyant said in a message on Twitter.

Covid-19 IN INDIA

TOTAL CASES: 67,41,616
DEATHS: 1,04,220
RECOVERED: 57,22,286
ACTIVE: 9,14,155



| STATES | TOTAL CASES | DEATHS | RECOVERED |
|----------------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| Maharashtra | 14,53,653 | 38,347 | 11,62,585 |
| Andhra Pradesh | 7,29,307 | 6,052 | 6,72,479 |
| Karnataka | 6,57,705 | 9,461 | 5,33,074 |
| Tamil Nadu | 6,30,408 | 9,917 | 5,75,212 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 4,20,937 | 6,153 | 3,70,753 |
| Delhi | 2,95,236 | 5,581 | 2,66,935 |
| West Bengal | 2,77,049 | 5,318 | 2,43,743 |
| Kerala | 2,42,800 | 885 | 1,54,092 |
| Odisha | 2,38,003 | 993 | 2,10,217 |
| Telangana | 2,02,594 | 1,181 | 1,74,769 |
| Bihar | 1,90,123 | 925 | 1,77,929 |
| Assam | 1,87,718 | 760 | 1,53,448 |
| Rajasthan | 1,48,316 | 1,574 | 1,25,448 |
| Gujarat | 1,45,361 | 3,522 | 1,25,343 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 1,38,668 | 2,488 | 1,18,039 |
| Haryana | 1,36,115 | 1,509 | 1,23,286 |

Delhi past peak of 2nd Covid-19 wave: Kejriwal

New Delhi: Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday said the national Capital is past the peak of the second wave of coronavirus and the situation has been controlled to a large extent. Kejriwal said the Delhi Government increased the testing exponentially to detect the infection. "Delhi hit the peak of the second wave of COVID-19 on September 17 when 4,500 cases were reported," he said.

Inform by Oct 8 about steps to protect Hathras witnesses: SC

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday directed the Uttar Pradesh Government to inform it by October 8 about the steps taken to protect witnesses in the Hathras horror case in which a Dalit girl was brutally raped following which she succumbed to injuries.

Describing the crime as "horrible", the court also asked the State Government about legal aid to the victim's family.

Hearing a PIL, a bench comprising Chief Justice SA Bobde and Justices AS Bopanna and V Ramasubramanian asked all

Court describes crime as horrible, asks UP Govt about legal aid to victim's family; Govt says it favours a court-monitored CBI probe



Police stand guard outside the residence of the 19-year-old Dalit woman who died after being gangraped at Bulgadi village in Hathras on Tuesday PTI

it favoured a court-monitored CBI probe because fake narratives were being spread.

"Narratives after narratives being spread in Hathras case, this needs to be stopped," said Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the UP Government.

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6-yr-old Hathras girl raped by relative, dies

Aligarh: Even before the outrage over the gangrape-murder case of a Dalit woman in Hathras settled, a six-year-old girl from the district, who was allegedly raped by her relative, died during treatment at a hospital in Delhi, police said on Tuesday. The minor was held captive at a relative's house in Iglas area of Aligarh district and was rescued on September 17, Senior Superintendent of Police Muniraj G said.

CAPSULE

CONGRESS MIN DIVERTING PROJECT, SAYS SEN A MP

Mumbai: Shiv Sena MP Vinayak Raut on Tuesday claimed Amit Deshmukh, Congress Minister in Maharashtra, is trying to divert a central project meant for Konkan to his home district Latur, an assertion disputed by the latter. Raut said the Ayush Ministry has finalised setting up the National Institute of Medicinal Plants at Sindhudurg in Konkan, but Deshmukh wrote to the Centre seeking to locate the project at Latur.

NSCN(IM) WANTS PM TO HOLD PARLEYS ABROAD

Dimapur: The NSCN (IM) has demanded direct involvement of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the talks to resolve the festering insurgency and insisted that the negotiations be held in a "third country".

5-fold spike in stubble burning set to choke north India



RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

As if the Covid-19 pandemic wasn't enough, residents in north India, including Delhi-NCR, could well be heading for winters far more polluted than in the last three years. Satellites have detected an almost five-fold increase in the number of crop residue burning instances in Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh in the first week of October in 2020 than during the corresponding period since 2017 to 2019.

According to the Agriculture Ministry, satellites detected 208 incidents of farm fires on just a single day, October 5. Of them, 163 were detected in Punjab, 30 in Haryana and 15 in UP. Between October 1 and 5, 894 paddy crop residue burn-

ing events have already been detected as compared to 184 in 2019, 263 in 2018 and 652 in 2017. Punjab is leading in farm fires with 700 events, followed by 146 in Haryana and 48 in UP. The number of burning events was highest on October 5 in Punjab in the last 4 years.

According to the Ministry, in Punjab, burning/fire events were concentrated in Amritsar, Tarn Taran, Patiala, Gurdaspur, Ferozepur, Ludhiana, Sangrur and Fatehgarh Sahib districts. Last year, only 79 events of farm fires were detected between October 1 and 5 in Punjab. The number of farm fires was 117 in 2018. On October 5, total 163 farm fires were reported while 16 in 2019, 56 in 2018, 106 in 2017 and 95 in 2016. This is despite the fact that the Punjab Government

had spent more funds than Haryana and UP in the past two years on trying to get farmers implement farm waste management practices. But farmers say they do not have any option but to burn.

In Haryana and Uttar Pradesh, the burning events were scattered. As many as 86

farm fires events were detected in Haryana this year during the same period while 87 farm fires events were reported in 2019; 208 in 2018 and 100 in 2017. Most farm fires events were detected from Ambala, Kurukshetra, Kaithal, Jind and Fatehabad districts.

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Bio-decomposer spraying from Oct 11 in Delhi, says Kejriwal

New Delhi: Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday said the Delhi Government will start spraying "Pusa bio-decomposer" solution from October 11 to prevent stubble burning in non-basmati rice fields in the

national Capital. Scientists at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, PUSA, have found a low-cost, simple and effective way to deal with the problem of stubble burning, he said.

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Hathras-bound Kerala scribe, 3 others held for PFI links

PTI ■ LUCKNOW/THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Uttar Pradesh Police has arrested a journalist and three other people in Mathura while they were on their way to Hathras, home to a Dalit woman who died after being allegedly gangraped.

The police had on Monday said it has arrested four people having links with the Popular Front of India and its affiliate in Mathura. The PFI had been accused of funding protests against the CAA earlier this year and the UP Police had sought a ban on the outfit.

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SSR case: Rhea custody extended till October 20

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

A special court here on Tuesday extended the judicial custody of actress Rhea Chakraborty in the Sushant Singh Rajput-related drug case till October 20, even as Rhea's family lawyer Satish Maneshinde charged that the actor's family and their lawyers were "interfering and tampering" with the investigations.

The special court also extended the remand of Rhea's brother, Showik Chakraborty, and others till October 20.

In a related development, the Bombay High Court - which had on September 29 reserved its verdict on the bail pleas of Rhea, Showik and others in the same case - is expected to deliver its order on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Rhea's family lawyer Satish Maneshinde charged that Sushant's family and their lawyers were "inter-

fering and tampering" with the investigations, by raising doubts about the probe carried out by the CBI and the forensic report submitted to it by the All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS) which has ruled out murder in the Sushant death and said it was a clear case of "suicide".

Maneshinde's statement came on the day when the Special court extended Chakraborty's judicial custody by another fortnight i.e., till October 20.

"The CBI is independently and impartially investigating both the cases and the agency is supposed to be insulated and free from any interference," Maneshinde said.

"It is disturbing to learn that the family of SSR and its lawyers are interfering and tampering with the investigations by bringing pressure on the AIIMS team of doctors by speaking to them during inves-

tigations and releasing purported audio recorded conversations and information to the media in order to bring pressure and tamper with potential witnesses," Maneshinde said.

"The SSR family lawyer (Vikas Singh) is supposed to have said that he is going to meet the CBI Director to get the family's pre-determined path of investigations in SSR death. It is very disturbing to read such information in the media as attempts are being made to get a pre-determined result in the case," Maneshinde said.

"Any further attempts to interfere and tamper with the investigations would be brought to the notice of the appropriate courts," Maneshinde added.

It may be recalled that Rhea was arrested on September 8, after 19-long hours of grilling carried out during a span of three days.

Combative Rahul says won't back down on farm laws

Dares PM to come to Punjab to convince farmers

Patiala/Kurukshetra: Capping three days of protests against the new farm laws, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday said his party will not allow the Centre to imperil India's food security as he attacked Prime Minister Narendra Modi on a host of issues, including the Hathras case.

Claiming that several institutions, including the media, that protect the voice of the people have been "captured" by the BJP-led Centre, he said, "Give me free press and institutions which are free, this government will not last for long." A combative Gandhi also targeted the prime minister on the Ladakh standoff, demonetisation and GST, besides the farm laws, and asked why he was "scared" of answering queries from mediapersons.

The prime minister does not understand these farm laws, the Congress leader alleged on the final day of his tractor rally in Punjab and dared Prime Minister Modi to come to the state and stand with farmers if these new legislations were in the interest of the farming community. **PTI**

Maha Cong Min trying to divert Central project, says Sena MP

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Shiv Sena MP Vinayak Raut on Tuesday claimed Congress Minister in Maharashtra Amit Deshmukh is trying to divert a Central project meant for Konkarni to his home district Latur, an assertion disputed by the latter.

Raut, whose party is a Congress ally, said the Ayush Ministry has finalised setting up the National Institute of Medicinal Plants at Sindhudurg in Konkarni, but Deshmukh "on his own" wrote to the Centre seeking to locate the project at Latur in the Marathwada region.

The Sena leader is the Lok

Sabha MP from Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg, which is part of the coastal Konkarni region.

Reacting to Raut's claim, Amit Deshmukh, the state's Medical Education Minister, said there was no discussion at the level of his department at any point of time about locating the institute in Sindhudurg.

He, however, stressed that there are no differences between the Shiv Sena and the Congress on the issue.

The Congress leader, son of former chief minister Vilasrao Deshmukh, is an MLA from Latur and is also the guardian minister of the central Maharashtra district.

Coal scam: Court convicts ex-Min Dilip Ray, others

New Delhi: A special court convicted former Union Minister Dilip Ray on Tuesday here in a coal scam case pertaining to irregularities in the allocation of a Jharkhand coal block in 1999. Special Judge Bharat Parashar convicted Ray, former minister of state (coal) in the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government, for criminal conspiracy and other offences.

The court also convicted two senior officials of the Ministry of Coal at that time, Pradip Kumar Banerjee and Nitya Nand Gautam, Castron Technologies Ltd (CTL), its director Mahendra Kumar Agarwalla and Castron Mining Ltd (CML).

The court will hear arguments on the quantum of sentence on October 14. The case pertains to allocation of Brahmadha coal block in Giridih in Jharkhand to CTL in 1999.

4 sentenced to life imprisonment till natural death in 2019 Alwar rape case

Jaipur: A special court in Rajasthan's Alwar district on Tuesday convicted four men and awarded them rigorous life imprisonment until natural death for the gangrape of a woman in 2019. The court also awarded five years imprisonment to the fifth culprit under the IT Act for circulating a video clip of the incident.

Referring to the Ramayana and Mahabharata, the court observed that the act of the accused was more serious than 'Sita Haran' by Ravana and 'Cheer Haran' of Draupadi in Krishna Kal.

The crime committed by the culprits was "cowardly", "disgusting" and had "shamed humanity", the court observed, adding that rape is not a problem of any caste, creed or religion but of entire humanity. Talking to a news channel later in the day, the survivor of the gangrape said, "The law has its course but it would have been better if the accused were given death penalty." Her father-in-law, however, said, "We are satisfied with the court's decision.

The court has given life imprisonment until natural deaths. It is the right judgement." The rigorous life imprisonment was awarded to Hansraj Gurjar, Ashok Gurjar, Chhotelal Gurjar and Indraj Gurjar for gangrape by the special court that deals with cases under the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. **PTI**

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In UP, most farm fires events were detected from Sitapur, Meerut, Aligarh, Bareilly, Ghazipur, Sambhal, Shamlai and Saharanpur districts.

"A sharp increase in stubble burning was observed around Punjab, Haryana, and neighbouring border regions. Boundary layer wind direction is favorable for transport (of pollutants). It will start impacting Delhi in the coming days," the System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research (SAFAR) said.

Officials said that wind directions have changed to

north-westerly and this will cause pollution to Delhi-NCR. Stubble burning causes a smog-like situation in Delhi-NCR every year post autumn, creating a health hazard for its residents. Interestingly, the Supreme Court on Tuesday agreed to examine a suggestion that full Minimum Support Price (MSP) should be released to farmers only after a verification that they didn't burn stubble. The court posted the matter for further hearing to October 16 after SG Tushar Mehta said the Centre would file a reply on the issue.

Taking note of air pollution, the Prime Minister Office has

held a high-level meeting with northern States to chalk out a policy and measures in advance to control stubble burning.

Despite a ban on stubble burning in Punjab and Haryana, farmers continue to do so because of lack of financial incentives to switch over to environment-friendly farm waste management practices. Last year, Punjab produced around 20 million tonnes of paddy residue of which farmers burnt 9.8 million tonnes of it while the figures in Haryana stood at 7 million tonnes and 1.23 million tonnes respectively.

State Governments were now providing 50 to 80 per cent subsidy to farmers and cooperative societies to buy modern farm equipment for in-situ management of paddy straw.

India's wildlife, biodiversity equally imperative as its developmental needs: Modi

New Delhi: India's developmental needs are paramount but wildlife and biodiversity are equally imperative, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Tuesday.

In his message to the nation to mark the celebration of the ongoing Wildlife Week, the prime minister said India's commitment to wildlife protection and conservation is strong. "Wildlife conservation is ingrained in our ethos and has always been an integral part of our tradition and culture. Our holy Constitution also enshrines this philosophy by including conservation of forest and wildlife as one of the fundamental duties of every Indian.

"India harbours 17 per cent of world population within 2.4 per cent land area of the world. Developmental needs of the country are paramount. However, we believe wildlife and biodiversity conservation

are equally imperative," Modi said in a written message. He said that with a robust and wide network of protected areas, the country's commitment to words wildlife protection is as strong as ever.

"Eco-sensitive zones provide a peripheral support and act as a buffer around national parks and sanctuaries. Taking great strides in this direction, several such zones have been notified to enhance the space availability for thriving wildlife," Modi said. He said India remains a natural home to a variety of migratory species and for this reason, Gandhinagar declaration, which was adopted during the 13th Conference of Parties to Convention on Migratory Species in February this year, prioritised the integration of the concept of ecological connectivity into the 'Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework'. **PTI**

JMM accuses Tejashwi of political betrayal

Party to go alone in Bihar polls

VUJAY DEO JHA ■ RANCHI

The JMM on Tuesday announced to go solo in the Bihar assembly after a failed talk between chief minister and JMM working president Hemant Soren and RJD leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav over seat sharing in Bihar.

Highly placed sources said that while Soren wanted the JMM should be given a dozen seats under the UPA seat sharing formula Yadav was not ready to give more than two seats.

An exasperated JMM launched an attack on the RJD leadership saying that the new leadership of the RJD has forgotten political decency and sacrifices made by the JMM.

Andhra CM discusses river water sharing disputes with T in apex council meet

Hyderabad: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jaganmohan has clearly scored over his Telangana counterpart K Chandrababhanu Rao at the Apex Council meeting convened by the Centre via video conference on Tuesday to resolve river water sharing disputes between the States.

Jagan could secure most of his major demands from this crucial meeting while the Centre simply ignored the demands put forth by KCR. The Apex Council developments proved how Jagan remains favoured CM for BJP-led government at the Centre over KCR. It may be mentioned that Jagan rushed to Delhi a day ahead of Apex Council meeting and met Prime Minister Narendra Modi just an hour before the council meeting. **PNS**

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The CBI probe in Hathras case will ensure no vested interests will be able to create fake, false narrative with oblique motives, Mehta told the court.

Mehta said the State Government is not opposing the plea for a fair probe by the CBI or a Special Investigation Team and said "a young innocent girl has lost her life, but nobody should sensationalise it. Investigation should be fair, appear fair". Senior Advocate Indira Jaising, appearing for a few intervenors, asked the top court to provide protection to the victim's family. Jaising said the family has expressed that they are not satisfied with the CBI taking up the case and said an SIT, monitored by the apex court, should probe the case.

At this point, the bench asked Jaising what her locus standi was in the case.

"You don't have any locus in this matter. But we are hearing you because the case is such and of huge importance. We are hearing you because this is a shocking incident, but we are still pondering over your locus in this case," said the bench.

Advocate Kirti Singh, appearing for a few women lawyers, said the probe should be under the supervision of the court. The apex court said this is a horrible incident but it does not want repetitive arguments in court.

"It is horrible incident but the question is how many similar arguments should we hear? Please understand that there is no need to duplicate concerns in the court of law," the bench said.

"Court of law need not hear the same argument by every party. This is not a comment on the incident but please understand our point of

view," it added.

The Uttar Pradesh Government earlier in the day sought a CBI probe into the alleged gang-rape and murder of the Dalit woman saying it will ensure that no vested interest is able to create a fake and false narrative with "oblique motives".

In an affidavit filed in response to a PIL, which has been listed for hearing before a bench headed by Chief Justice S A Bobde, the UP Government said it is important that the investigation is carried out by an independent Central agency.

It said the State has already requested the Centre that the CBI takes over the investigation as it would obviate hindrance being created by certain vested interests in the fair and impartial investigation.

Quoting FSL reports, it has however denied the charge that rape was committed.

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"We remain committed to upholding the rules-based international order, underpinned by the rule of law, transparency, freedom of navigation in the international seas, respect for territorial integrity and sovereignty and peaceful resolution of disputes," he added.

Spelling out India's stand, he said it was for advancing the security and economic interests of all countries having legitimate and vital interests in the region.

Incidentally, Australia is keen to join the yearly Malabar series of maritime exercise between India, US and Japan in November-end. However, a decision is yet to be taken. Moreover, China is resisting such a proposal of all the four countries of Quad holding a

military exercise. Among other key points, Jaishankar also underlined the need for "seeking collective solutions to global challenges, including global recovery from the pandemic and reform of multilateral institutions."

Highlighting the growing importance of this coalition, he also said the fact that the four Foreign Ministers were meeting in person, despite the global pandemic, is "testimony to the importance that these consultations have gained, particularly in recent times". He added, "Our world is significantly different today than what it was when we last met in New York in September 2019."

As regards other issues, the four Foreign Ministers were likely to discuss plans for manufacturing and distribution of

a Covid-19 vaccine, connectivity, development of 5G technology, maritime cooperation, counter-terrorism, cyber security, and development of critical

infrastructure and supply chains. The Quad Foreign Ministers also called on Japan's new Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga.

India, US reaffirm peace commitment

India and US on Tuesday reaffirmed their commitment to work together for peace and stability in the India-Pacific region. This point was underlined during the bilateral meeting between External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo on the sidelines of the Quad conclave in Tokyo. Jaishankar will hold one on one meeting with his Japanese and Australian counterparts too. On his parleys with Pompeo ahead of the Quad meeting, Jaishankar said "Pleased to see the progress of our partnership in so many fields. Will work together for stability and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific." It was learnt that Jaishankar and Pompeo also deliberated on overall ties including the evolving security scenarios around India. The US Secretary of State said he had a productive meeting with Jaishankar adding together "we are advancing US-India relations, combating Covid-19 and ensuring a secure and prosperous Indo-Pacific for all." Jaishankar also tweeted after his meeting with the Japanese Prime Minister that he mentioned the bilateral and global dimensions of special partnership between the two countries.

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Online item rate e-tenders in one bid pattern of Renovation of Laboratory under "Jai Jeevan Mission" Programme of District- Baghpat on turn key basis is hereby invited by U.P. Jal Nigam from the reputed contractors. Tender document shall be available on e-procurement website <http://etender.up.nic.in> & <http://jn.upscd.gov.in> latest by 16.10.2020. Interested contractors may view & download tender document and upload their tender, duly filled, online as per schedule given below: **Date for:** (1) Uploading Bid document at website: 16.10.2020 at 17:00 hrs. (2) Submission of E-tender fee/Earnest money would be deposited by RTGS: 16.10.2020 to 22.10.2020 up to 17:00 hrs. (3) Online submission of e-bids: 16.10.2020 to 23.10.2020 up to 14:00 hrs. (4) Opening of technical bid for pre-qualification: 23.10.2020 at 15:00 hrs.

PUBLIC NOTICE

On behalf of my client M/s O. E. Exports, Oriental House, 3A, Gokhley Marg, Lucknow, Uttar Pardesh, 226001 general public is being informed at large that in lieu of my aforesaid client's builtup property bearing /Unit no. A-0902 at Krrish Prohance Estate, Sector-2, Gwal Pahari, Gurugram, Haryana admeasuring 10000 square feet, no person should interact in any manner (by sale or by mortgage) as the same is the subject matter of a dispute with M/s Jasmine Buildmart Private Limited and Mr. Yogesh Suri and Rupa Suri. Any person, dealing with the said property, shall be solely responsible for the said acts at his/her own risk.

Pankaj Kumar Dua
Advocate
P/12/10/2008
Pankaj Kumar Dua & Associates
Advocates and Legal Consultants

PUBLIC NOTICE

To be known to all that We, (1) Mr. Madan Lal Bhatti, (2) Mr. Ashok Kumar Bhatti both sons of Late Shri Narain Singh, and (3) Mrs. Ram Bai Bhatti wife of Late Shri Dal Chand all residents of J-190, LIC Colony, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110087, are owners and in physical possession of Plot No.190, measuring 209 sq. yds., in Block-J, situated in the layout plan of Northern Zone Insurance Employees Co-operative House Building Society Ltd., colony known as Jeevan Niketan LIC Colony, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110087, and applied for mutation and leasehold of said plot in D.D.A. The original Lease Deed, GPA, Agreement to Sell and Payment Receipt etc of the said plot have been lost. An NCR to this effect has been lodged vide LR no.62887/2/2020. Any person(s) claiming a right, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents, may write/contact with above named person at above address/Phone no.9810975840 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest, objections with respect to this plot can personally inform or write to Dy. Director (CS), DDA, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi.

Hathras-bound Kerala scribe...

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The police had identified the arrested persons as Siddique from Malappuram, Atiq-ur Rehman from Muzaffarnagar, Masood Ahmed from Bahraich and Alam from Rampur.

Hours after the arrest, a prominent journalist body of Kerala identified Malappuram native Siddique by his full name as Siddique Kappan, saying he is "a senior Delhi-based journalist".

कार्यालय नगर पालिका निगम, भोपाल
यांत्रिक विभाग (मुख्यालय) गोविंदपुरा (बी.एच.ई.एल.)
निविदा आमंत्रण घोषणा-प्र

क्र. 675/यां.वि./2020 भोपाल, दिनांक 05.10.2020

निम्नलिखित निर्माण कार्य हेतु दो लिफाफा पद्धति के अनुसार म.प्र. लोक निर्माण विभाग में केन्द्रीकृत व्यवस्था के अंतर्गत पंजीकृत ठेकेदार परसेलेज मोहर बंद निविदाय निष्कारित प्रपत्र पर ऑनलाईन आमंत्रित की जाती है।

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STUBBLE BURNING

BIO-DECOMPOSER SPRAYING FROM OCT 11, SAYS CM

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday said the Delhi Government will start spraying "Pusa bio-decomposer" solution from October 11 to prevent stubble burning in non-basmati rice fields in the national Capital. The statement came following his visit to Kharkhari Nahar village to review the bio-decomposer process under which the capsules produced by Pusa Agricultural Institute are mixed along with readily available inputs to create a fermented liquid solution to be sprayed on the farm fields to soften the stubble to curb stubble burning. The Chief Minister said the entire cost of the process of creating the liquid solution for spraying it on 700 hectares of farm fields in Delhi is just Rs 20 lakh, which proves that it is a cheap alternative for the farmers and can be adopted by neighbouring States. Kejriwal also met the

farmers and scientists to discuss the working and the efficacy of the process. Addressing the media, Kejriwal said, "The harvesting of paddy leaves behind hard stubble on the farm fields and farmers' have to get rid of this owing to the less time between the harvesting and sowing season of the crops. They then used to resort to stubble burning, due to which the healthy bacteria on the farm fields used to get damaged. The smoke came as a health hazard for the farmers and their families and people living in those villages and the entire North Indian region."

"Scientists at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, PUSA, have found a low-cost, simple and effective way to deal with the problem of stubble burning. Today onwards, the Delhi government has started the process of preparing this solution under the guidance of the institute, and will be starting the process of spraying it on the fields across Delhi from



Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai and others visit Bio Decomposer Center in New Delhi on Tuesday. Ranjan Dimri | Pioneer

October 11," he said.

Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai said, "In Delhi, the stubble burning is significantly lesser than the neigh-

bourhood States. The stubble burning in Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and other States contribute nearly 45 per cent of air pollution in Delhi. Keeping this in mind, the Delhi Government and the Pusa institute has come

up with this new idea of bio decomposers," he said.

"We want to make Delhi a role model, so that the other States can make no excuses for avoiding stubble burning. States all over India can adopt



Bio Decomposer Centre at Khad Khadi Nahar Najafgarh in New Delhi on Tuesday. Ranjan Dimri | Pioneer

the bio-decomposer technique of converting stubble into manure, so that the people of Delhi can get relief from the pollution due to stubble burning," he said. Rai said the Government

has also approached all the State Governments to follow the technique. "We will again reach out to the State Governments and urge them to adopt this policy after getting positive results. The work has started and near-

ly 1,200 farmers who want to adopt this technique have registered. We will start spraying of solution on their farm lands soon," Rai added.

Capital past peak of 2nd Covid-19 wave: Kejriwal



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STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday said the national Capital is past the peak of the second wave of coronavirus and the situation has been controlled to a large extent. Kejriwal said, "I hope the second wave will slowly pass." Testing in Delhi hit the 60,000 a day mark in September compared to 20,000 tests per day in August. The Chief Minister also said that 10,000 beds are now unoccupied in hospitals. At one point, 7,200 beds were occupied. Forty-eight deaths were reported on September 29, the highest in a day since July 16,

when the city reported 58 deaths. The average death rate for the last 10 days stands at 1.41 per cent.

Meanwhile on Tuesday, the national Capital recorded 39 Covid-19 fatalities pushing the toll to 5,581, while 2,676 fresh cases took the tally to over 2,95,000, authorities said. These fresh cases came out of the 53,591 tests conducted the previous day. Thirty-nine new fatalities have been recorded, taking the death toll to 5,581, according to the latest bulletin issued by the Delhi health department.

480 patients administered plasma therapy at 2 Govt hospitals

New Delhi: Over 480 Covid-19 patients have been administered convalescent plasma therapy at the Delhi Government-run Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narayan (LNJP) Hospital and Rajiv Gandhi Super Speciality (RGSSH) Hospital over the last few months, officials said on Tuesday. LNJP Hospital and RGSSH are dedicated coronavirus facilities.

Plasma therapy was started at the LNJP Hospital, the largest under the Delhi Government, in June. Later, Delhi's second plasma bank was set up at the hospital in July. The national Capital's first plasma bank was inaugurated at the state-run Institute of Liver and Biliary Science on July 2 by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal. PTI

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Strict surveillance of home isolation, aggressive contact tracing part of city's revised strategy

New Delhi: Strict surveillance of home isolation cases, aggressive contact tracing, creation of containment zones at micro level and efforts for human behavioural changes through extensive campaign will be part of Delhi's revised Covid-19 management strategy discussed by the DDMA on Tuesday, sources said. Cinema halls, theatres and

DURING HATHRAS VISIT

AAP raps BJP for ink attack on Singh

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Tuesday launched an attack against the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) after ink was thrown at party leader and Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh at Hathras on Monday when he was speaking to media after meeting the family members of the 19-year-old gangrape victim who died of her injuries in Delhi on September 29.

AAP senior leader and MLA Rakhi Birla said "Y" cat-

egory security for the family of the Hathras girl must be given by the State Government. "It is very shameful that the UP Police have claimed that no rape took place when the Aligarh hospital report has clearly mentioned that gang rape took place. Yesterday the AAP delegation met the family members of the Hathras victim. It was unfortunate that in the presence of Uttar Pradesh police one person attacked us. When the attack took place the police were completely silent," she said.

"While the Yogi Adityanath Government is busy filing cases against opposition leaders, they are not at all serious about the justice for the Hathras girl. Despite the fact that CBI has taken over the case the investigation has not yet started in reality. Officially the CBI has not yet taken over the case," she said.

The Dalit community of Uttar Pradesh and India are very much outraged after the incident. In Uttar Pradesh under Yogi Government, everyday atrocities against the Dalits are



AAP MLA Rakhi Bidlan. Ranjan Dimri | Pioneer

increasing and the Government in no way giving any kind of justice to the people from the Dalit community," Birla said.

Rlys to restore earlier system of preparation of second reservation charts from Oct 10

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Indian Railways has decided to restore the earlier system of preparation of second reservation charts from October 10. As per established pre-covid period instructions, the first reservation chart was prepared at least four hours before the scheduled departure of the train. Thereafter, the available accommodation could be booked across Passenger Reservation System (PRS) counters as well as through the internet on first-come-first-serve basis till preparation of second reservation charts, the ministry said in a statement.

The Ministry added the second reservation charts were prepared between 30 minutes to five minutes before the scheduled time of departure of trains. Cancellation of already booked tickets was also permitted during this period as per provisions of refund rules.

Due to coronavirus pandemic, instructions were issued to shift the time of preparation of second reservation chart to two hours before scheduled time of departure of trains, it said, adding that as per request of Zonal Railways for ensuring convenience of rail passengers, the matter has been examined and it has been decided that the second reservation chart shall be prepared at least 30 minutes before scheduled time of departure of train. Accordingly, ticket booking facilities online and on PRS ticket counters shall be available before preparation of the second chart, it added. It further informed that CRIS has been issued necessary modifications in the software accordingly.

DDA holds meet to seek inputs from Delhiites on Master Plan-2041

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Development Authority (DDA) held a meeting with all stakeholders and civil society groups to seek inputs from the people of Delhi that will help drive the agenda for the Master Plan-2041.

The civic body 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 to prepare the Master Plan.

One of the important stakeholders are its youth, who form a significant portion of Delhi's population. To get insights from this section of Delhi, a series of Youth Sabhas are being organ-

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ised. The objective of these meetings is to understand issues faced by the youth (aged between 15-30 years) in the city and discuss possible planning solutions.

After the success of the first two 'Youth Sabhas' that were held on 24th September and 1st

October 2020, a third of the series is planned on the theme of "Work-Live-Travel" in Delhi on 8th October 2020 for which many registrations have been received from youth.

It aims to draw attention to the existing gaps and changing needs of young people in the workforce and their aspirations, facilitating work opportunities (demand based skill centres, common facility centres in industrial areas for start-ups etc.), need of the influx population coming from other parts of the country, preferred housing and other challenges they face in the city, it said in a statement.

"DDA and NIUA look forward to active participation from the youth of Delhi to use this opportunity to provide constructive feedback and discuss critical issues of the city," it said.

No enforcement drive for HSRP, colour coded stickers for now

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Transport Minister of Delhi Kailash Gahlot on Tuesday convened a high-level meeting with all the stakeholders to address the public grievances in relation to the affixing of High Security Registration Plate (HSRP) and colour coded stickers.

During the meeting, the Minister discussed several issues faced by vehicle owners in getting their HSRP fitted on their vehicle. The minister instructed 'Original Equipment Manufacturers' (OEM) manufacturers to put a system in place for addressing the grievances of the vehicle owners. He also instructed them not to book any new appointment for HSRP fitment until a proper system is in place and also instructed the transport department to delay enforcement till further orders.

Colour-coded stickers are meant for identifying vehicles based on their fuel type, with

light blue ones for petrol and CNG, and orange ones for diesel vehicles. They bear details such as the registration number, the registering authority, a laser-branded PIN, and engine and chassis numbers of the vehicle, according to officials.

Following the meeting, the Minister said, "Our objective is to provide relief to the public. We have asked dealers and HSRP manufacturers not to take any further appointments until a proper system is in place. We are also clear on our part that we will give sufficient time to vehicle owners to get the HSRP and colour coded stickers installed before enforcing the HSRP rules."

The meeting was attended by senior officers from transport department, National Informatics Centre (NIC) and other stakeholders such as OEM, Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) and High Security Registration Plate (HSRP) manufacturers.

Man arrested for duping bank to tune of ₹97 lakh

He obtained multiple loans using fake salary slip

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A man was arrested for allegedly duping a reputed private bank to the tune of Rs 97 lakh by obtaining multiple loans using a fake salary slip. Police said by procuring multiple loans, the accused managed to dupe the bank to the

tune of Rs 97 lakh. The accused identified as Rajesh Sharma, used a fake name (Pradeep) and fake salary slip to obtain multiple loans - including personal, credit card and vehicle loans on high valued cars.

According to Sanjay Bhatia, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Central district, based on a complaint received from the bank last month, a case was registered against Sharma under relevant sections of Indian Penal Code at Paharganj police station. "Later, police managed to

trace the hideout of the suspect and nabbed Sharma from his flat in G.B. Nagar, Noida Extension. Three vehicles were also seized from his possession," the DCP said.

"During investigation, it was found that the accused had set up two companies - one in the name of UAI Services by his fake name Pradeep Sharma and another - Mindtree by his real name Rajesh Sharma. The employees of both companies obtained multiple loans from the bank including personal loan, auto loan and credit card loan. But all the loans availed

by them were also transferred to accounts of both UAI Services and Mindtree," the DCP added.

"But the bank found it suspicious when they checked the account and documents of both the companies and found out that the photo of Aadhar and PAN card which were used in loan application form of both Pradeep and Rajesh were the same," said the DCP. "Police have recovered both the Aadhar as well as PAN cards of the accused and are tracing the co-associates in the case," he added.

SIX MEN HELD FOR IPL BETTING

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police has arrested six men allegedly found running a betting module on the ongoing Indian Premier League (IPL) matches in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) following a raid at a place in south Delhi's Rajpur Khurd village area.

The arrested accused have been identified as Gaurav Sejwal (30), Sonu Rathi (37), Sahil Luthra (28), Mohit Dagar (27), Hemant Dalal (30) and Sanjay Rathi (38). Police said a laptop, nine

mobile phones and a stake amount of Rs 1,19,700 used for betting on the ongoing IPL 2020 cricket match between Delhi Capitals and Royal Challengers Bangalore was recovered during the raid.

According to Atul Kumar Thakur, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), South district, a raid was conducted at around 9.40 pm on Monday after specific information was received that some people were running a betting module on ongoing IPL cricket match between Delhi Capitals Vs Royal

Challengers Bangalore in an enclosed premises in the area of Rajpur Khurd village.

"On reaching the spot, six persons were found sitting with a laptop and making entries of betting being done, while in a mobile phone, live cricket match was being telecast and on other phone, rates of betting were being announced," said the DCP.

"A case under relevant sections of gambling act was registered against them at Maidan Garhi police station," the DCP said, adding further investigation is underway.

Bring down Covid fatality rate to below 1%, States told



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

About 48 per cent of the total Covid-19 deaths in the country is concentrated in eight States of 25 districts, of which 15 districts are in Maharashtra alone, the Government said on Tuesday. The target is to bring the fatality rate below 1 per cent, it maintained.

Giving figures on Covid deaths in the country at a press briefing here, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said, "Out of 25 districts in eight States, 15 districts are in one state alone, that is Maharashtra. Two districts each are in Karnataka, West Bengal and Gujarat and one each in Tamil Nadu, Punjab, UP and Andhra Pradesh."

The Ministry is in talks with these states to control the deaths due to the pathogen, Bhushan told the reporters. He was of the view that the deaths in these identified districts were not due to poor

health infrastructure but because of delay in treatment.

The States have been asked to enhance tests and thus detection so that those needing the treatment are given adequate medical facilities. "Delay in treatment can progress the disease and hence deaths," Bhushan said even as he added that the States were having enough supply of oxygen and other infrastructure to manage the disease. More than 8 crore COVID tests have been conducted so far, of which 80 lakh tests were done in the last week.

While talking about the spread of Covid-19 in the country, he said that ten States account for 77 per cent of total active cases of which three States viz. Maharashtra, Karnataka and Kerala account for 50 per cent of country's total active cases.

Analysing the trend of COVID cases reported in different states, he remarked that it is too early to take a call on Maharashtra and that there is

Govt issues advisories on preventive measures ahead of festival season

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Ahead of the festivals like Navratri, Durga Puja, Diwali, Chhath Puja, the Union Health Ministry on Tuesday issued advisories on preventive measures such as staggered timings, thermal screening, physical distancing, sanitisation and monitoring through CCTVs at the events to contain the spread of Covid-19 which are on increase across the country.

While festive events in the containment zones will not be allowed, the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) enlists necessary preventive steps that need to be followed for religious worship, fairs, rallies, exhibitions, cultural functions during the festivities that are expected to witness gatherings of a large number of people.

The document says that organisers/staff/visitors from the containment zones shall not be permitted in areas

where festive events are organised. People residing in the containment zones may be encouraged to observe all festivals inside their homes and not move out.

Persons above 65 years, those with co-morbidities, pregnant women and children below 10 years have been advised to stay at home and avoid large gathering for festivals to be held in October, November and December.

As per the SOPs prepared by the Union Health Ministry, the committees will have to ensure the adequate area for events with a detailed site map and proper markings to maintain social distancing. Touching of idols and holy books has been prohibited to prevent the spread of infection.

People wishing to attend the events, including the staff should be allowed entry only if they are using a face mask. The SOPs clearly state that the visitors will have to maintain

physical distancing of a minimum of six feet.

In case of rallies and immersion processions the number of people should not exceed the prescribed limit and proper physical distancing and wearing of masks must be ensured. In any case, the number of such rallies and the distance covered by them may be kept within manageable limits, as per the advisory.

"Adequate manpower shall be deployed/ arranged by the organisers to ensure observance to physical distancing norms and other preventive measures at all times, appropriate arrangements for personal protection gears like face covers/masks, and other logistic like hand sanitizers, soap, sodium hypochlorite solution for sanitising frequently touched surfaces etc. shall be made available by event organizers/business owners for their staff as per requirements," it said.

a need to observe the state for a longer period of time. "As we approach festival and winter season which is conducive for spread of diseases such as influenza, we

need to be extra cautious. We have told all states to ensure effective implementation of public health strategies in the fight against COVID-19", he added.

He also said that a digital platform is being built to track COVID-19 vaccine administration and movement, from procurement to storage to distribution to indi-

Health, Ayush Ministries launch National Clinical Management Protocol for Covid

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To bring in uniformity and consistency in the Ayush-based Covid-19 treatment across the country, the Union Health and Ayush Ministries on Tuesday jointly launched a protocol for the clinical management of Covid-19 based on Indian traditional medicine system for prevention of coronavirus infection and treatment of mild and asymptomatic cases.

According to the 'National Clinical Management Protocol, based on Ayurveda and Yoga for Management of COVID-19', which was released by Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan on Tuesday in the virtual presence of Shripad Naik, Minister of State for AYUSH, one should follow dietary measures, yoga and consume Ayurvedic herbs and formulations such as Ashwagandha and AYUSH-64 among few other herbal formulations.

"This protocol dealing with preventive and prophylactic measures is a significant step not only in management of COVID-19 but also in making traditional knowledge relevant to solving problems of the modern time," Vardhan said.

"Unfortunately, Ayurveda did not receive much attention after independence until Prime Minister Narendra Modi took up this cause with the importance it deserves," he said while stressing that Ayurveda "had a significant impact in the foundations of modern medicine".

The protocol document points out that the current understanding indicates a good immune system is vital for prevention of coronavirus infection and to safeguard from disease progression. It suggests use of medicines such as Ashwagandha, Guduchi Ghana Vati or Chyawanprasha as prophylactic care for high risk population and primary contacts of patients while recommend-

ing consumption of Guduchi Ghana Vati, Guduchi and Pippali or AYUSH 64 for asymptomatic COVID-19 positive patients for prevention of disease progression to symptomatic and severe forms and to improve recovery rate.

Guduchi and Pippali, and AYUSH 64 tablets can be given to mild coronavirus infected patients, it said. Union Secretary Rajesh Kotecha said, "We call this first version of the protocol, which will be modified as more evidence is generated through further studies in future."

The document also listed Ashwagandha, Chyawanprasha or Rasayana Churna for post-COVID-19 management to prevent lung complications like fibrosis, fatigue and mental health.

Further, to improve respiratory and cardiac efficiency, to reduce stress and anxiety and enhance immunity, the ministry has listed Yoga Protocol for Primary Prevention of COVID-19.

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Railway bribery case: ED files chargesheet against 10 persons, 1 firm under PMLA

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The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has filed a prosecution complaint (chargesheet in police parlance) under Prevention of Money Laundering Act against 10 individuals and one entity in the infamous railway bribery case.

The PMLA case was an outcome of a CBI case in which then railways minister Pawan Kumar Bansal's nephew Vijay Singla was caught red handed while accepting a bribe of ₹89,68,000 for favourable appointment and posting of Mahesh Kumar, a 1975 batch officer of Indian Railway Service of Signal Engineers (IRSE) as Member (Electrical), Railway Board.

Those named in the prosecution complaint are Mahesh Kumar (former officer of Indian Railway Service of Signal Engineers), N Manjunath, Sandeep Goyal, Vijay Singla, Ajay Garg, Rahul Yadav, Sameer Sandhir, Sushil Daga, CV Venugopal and MV Murali Krishna besides private firm Venkateshwara Rail Nirman Pvt. Ltd. The prosecution complaint was filed before the Special Court (PMLA) at Chandigarh in the Railway Bribery case.

"The Prosecution Complaint has been filed with a prayer to punish the accused in accordance with the law and to confiscate the asset attached under PMLA," the ED said in

a statement.

The ED had initiated investigation under the provisions of PMLA on the basis of CBI's FIR and chargesheet filed before Special Judge (SPE/ CBI cases) Patiala House Court, New Delhi against Mahesh Kumar (Member (Staff), Railway Board), Vijay Singla, Sandeep Goyal and seven other accused persons under Section 120-B (criminal conspiracy) of the Indian Penal Code and relevant provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

"During the course of investigations under PMLA, it was revealed that N Manjunath, on behalf of Mahesh Kumar, had persuaded various Railway vendors/S&T manufacturers/contractors for making arrangement of bribe amount for promotion of Mahesh Kumar as Member (Electrical) by alluring them that all the contributors will be taken care of/benefited from the desired posting of Mahesh Kumar," the ED said.

Investigation further revealed that the first instalment of bribe amount of ₹89,68,000 was contributed by N Manjunath, MV Murli Krishna, Sushil Daga and Venkateshwara Rail Nirman Pvt. Ltd. Of this, Rs 50 Lakh were contributed by Manjunath himself, ₹25 Lakh by MV Murali Krishna, ₹5 lakh by Sushil Daga and Rs 10 Lakh from the account of Venkateshwara Rail Nirman Pvt. Ltd. by Rahul Yadav and Sushil Daga.

'70@70' programme to focus on accessible and affordable smart education, smart health

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The '70@70' programme, launched on Gandhi Jayanti as part of celebrations of 70th birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, would in the first phase focus on providing accessible and affordable smart education, smart health, smart agriculture and clean energy in the 70 villages that would be adopted.

Launching the programme, Agriculture and Rural Minister Narendra Singh Tomar had extended the Centre's full support to the project as, he said, it would

help people in the villages take advantage of technology and processes.

Tomar said the program would also inspire neighboring villages to move towards becoming self-reliant.

The initiative of adoption of villages has been undertaken by various organisations like eKisaan foundation, GIBV, and organisations including Jaipur Foot USA, Computer Society of India, Edufront, Friends of MP, India Global, True Tesla Technologies and ATREE.

The core team for this '70@70' programme includes Pramit Maakoday, Kanchan

Bannerjee, Jyoti Bhowraskar, Sanjeev Tripathi, Srikanta Bhaskara and Manoj Sisodia.

Maakoday said the objective of this program is to educate, engage, and empower our farmers, along with implementing programs in PPP mode. While eKisaan foundation is a registered organization based in India, the Global Indians for Bharat Vikas (GIBV) is a not-for-profit organization based in Boston, United States and its mission includes establishing a network of volunteers from around the world in organic development of villages and rural ecosystem in India.

BJP gets 80.12% of overall political donation, tops list

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Eleven political parties together collected ₹2,777.97 crore comprising donations above ₹20,000 between 2014-15 and 2018-19 with the ruling BJP accounting for 80.12% of the total donations by collecting ₹2225.66 crore, followed by its rival Congress at 13.64% with ₹379.02 crore.

According to the Association for Democratic Rights (ADR), only three of the 11 mainstream parties analysed had submitted their reports of donations to the Election Commission (EC) within the stipulated time frame.

The income for all political

parties for the 11-year period was estimated at ₹11,367.34 crore, including national and regional outfits at ₹9,278.30 crore and ₹2,089.04 crore, respectively. The ADR report showed that ₹1,405.19 crore was declared by six national parties through known sources of donation worth above ₹20,000.

There were donations worth ₹325.23 crore that were deposited without any Permanent Account Number (PAN), which is issued by the Income Tax (I-T) Department.

95 Covid warriors' kin got insurance claim: Govt



In the wake of Covid-19 pandemic, the Centre has made a provision for insurance cover under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Union Health Ministry on Tuesday said that insurance claim of ₹50 lakh each was paid to the kin of 95 frontline healthcare workers who succumbed to the coronavirus disease, while 176 claims were still under process.

"In 95 cases of death of healthcare workers across the country, insurance money of Rs 50 lakh each has been paid. There are 176 claims which are being processed by the nodal insurance company. Out of these, 79 claims are yet to be received from various states," said Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan at a press briefing here.

In the wake of Covid-19 pandemic, the Centre has made a provision for insurance cover under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package for healthcare providers and community health workers, who may have to be in direct contact and take care of Covid-19 patients and thus at risk.

Dr Reddy's Lab asked to submit revised protocol for both phase 2 and phase 3 human trials of Sputnik V

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) has asked Dr Reddy's Laboratories to submit a revised protocol for conducting both phase 2 and phase 3 human clinical trials for the Russian vaccine against Covid-19, Sputnik V, in India, the Government said on Tuesday.

The Hyderabad-based pharmaceutical company had applied to the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) late last week, seeking permission to conduct phase-3 human clinical trials of the Russian vaccine.

The Subject Expert Committee (SEC) on Covid at

the CDSCO, which held its meeting on Monday, deliberated on the application and asked the firm to submit a revised protocol stating it will have to conduct combined phase 2 and 3 clinical trials.

The firm has been asked to provide some other information as well.

In reply to a media query here at a press briefing, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said that the Russian vaccine has an agreement with an Indian commercial entity (Dr Reddy's Lab) which has approached the Indian regulator (DCGI) for clinical trials and that the regulator has given some suggestions which need to be incorporated by the entity.

NCERT inks deal with ISLRTC to standardise Indian Sign Language

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In a move aimed to benefit the deaf and those with hearing disabilities, the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) inked a pact with the Indian Sign Language Research And Training Centre (ISLRTC) on Tuesday to come up with resources to standardise the Indian Sign Language to prepare inclusive academic material for persons with disabilities.

The agreement was signed on the occasion of the 60th foundation day of NCERT. Union Education Minister

Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' said: "This new initiative by the NCERT and ISLRTC for the specially abled children, especially for those who cannot hear or speak, will help to guide them along with the rest of the students in terms of education."

Officials said that the priority will be to convert textbooks into the Indian Sign Language for Classes 1 to 5 and later for Classes 6 to 12. ISLRTC will provide the educators, interpreters and resources for this task.

As per the census 2011, there are 50,71,007 deaf people and 19,98,535 with speech disability in India.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, TRANSMISSION LINE MAINTENANCE DIVISION-VIII, JKPTCL, AMBEDKAR CHOWK, RAILWAY ROAD, JAMMU
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CORRIGENDUM
NO: TLM-D-VIII/J/1670-72 DT: 01/10/2020
Reference to the e-NIT No. TLM-D-VIII/J/10 of 2020-21 dated 29-09-2020, read the below mentioned terms and conditions as:-
1. Cost of E.M.D = Rs. 18400/- (Rupees Eighteen Thousand and Four Hundred only)
2. Completion Time = Forty Five (45) days after the issue of L.O.A.
No: DIPIJ-1921-P/20 Sd/- Executive Engineer Dated :- 06-10-2020 TLM-D-VIII, JKPTCL, Jammu.

SC seeks Centre, CBI's response on PIL to bring back Indians stranded in Gulf countries sans passport

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court Tuesday sought response from the Centre, CBI and 12 States on a PIL seeking directions to set up a mechanism to bring back Indian workers who have lost their passports in Gulf countries and implement policies framed for their welfare.

A three-judge bench com-

Indian Embassies in many cases are not working proactively: Petitioner's advocate

prising Justices N V Ramana, Surya Kant and Aniruddha Bose issued notices to the Ministry of Home Affairs, the CBI as also Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and other States.

Advocate Sravan Kumar, appearing for the petitioner,

told the court that Indian Embassies in many cases are not working proactively and not adopting any effective measure to bring back the workers as it is being done by other countries.

The apex court was hearing a plea filed by Basanth Reddy Patkuri, president of Gulf Telangana Welfare and Cultural Association, who has also sought guidelines to help Indian citizens visiting other countries for employment who are cheated by agents and employer.

Rajasthan Govt transfers 11 IAS, 5 IPS officers

PTI ■ JAIPUR

The Rajasthan Government has transferred or redesignated 11 Indian Administrative Service officers and five Indian Police Service officers.

Aparna Arora has been appointed Principal Secretary of School Education and Library Department, whereas Roli Singh is the new Principal Resident Commissioner, New Delhi, an order issued by the Department of Personnel said.

Hemant Kumar Gera, who was earlier the Secretary of Food and Civil Supplies Department, has been appointed to the Department of Personnel. P Ramesh has replaced Vikas Sitaram Bhale as the Udaipur Divisional Commissioner. Bhale will now be the Commissioner of Tourism Department and RTDC Chairman.

NORTHERN RAILWAY
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Name of work with its location: 30-Elect-26-T-2020-21-E3 Electrical work in connection with urgent replacement of indoor in important Rooms and non repairable VRF ODU's at Rail Bhawan.

Approx. Cost of the work in: ₹31.24 lacs

Address of the office :- Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.

Earnest Money (₹) ₹62500.00

Date & Time of submission of tender :- 02.11.2020, 12.00 Hrs.

Opening of tender :- 02.11.2020, 12.00 Hrs.

Website & notice board :- www.ireps.gov.in & Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.

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DIVERSION OF TRAINS DUE TO NON-INTERLOCKING WORK

In order to upgrade the infrastructure, Lucknow Division of Northern Railway will undertake the Pre-Non-Interlocking and Non-Interlocking work at Gauriganj-Bani-Jais Stations in connection with Doubling work on Lucknow-Rai Bareilly-Pratapgarh-Varanasi Section. To execute this work Lucknow Division will take suitable traffic blocks of different durations. As a result following trains will be affected as under:

| DIVERSION OF TRAINS | | |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| Train No. & Train Name | Diverted Route | Date (from originating station) |
| 02875 Puri - Anand Vihar (T) Neelachal (3 days in week) | via PT. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn.- Faizabad-Lucknow | 09.10.2020, 11.10.2020 & 13.10.2020 |
| 02876 Anand Vihar (T) - Puri Neelachal (3 days in week) | via Lucknow- Faizabad-PT. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn. | 09.10.2020, 11.10.2020 & 13.10.2020 |

The passengers shall adhere to the COVID-19 related safety norms & guidelines issued by Government of India from time to time.

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.

Integrated Helpline No. 139 Security Helpline No. 182

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Tight Security for Hathras victim's family after threats

Hathras (UP): The Yogi Adityanath Government has deployed round-the-clock security outside the house of the Hathras victim.

The family had sought security from the government.

Hathras Superintendent of Police Vineet Jaiswal said that two women sub-inspectors and six women constables have been stationed at the victim's house.

"Two security personnel have been deployed for the security of the victim's brother. Provincial Armed Constabulary personnel are also camping outside the house," he said.

Apart from this, 15 police personnel, three station house officers

Why Balrampur rape case is being ignored?

Balrampur (UP): Two strikingly similar incidents took place at a distance of about 540 kilometres and within a matter of 24 hours last week.

A Dalit girl died after being assaulted in Hathras and another Dalit woman was raped and killed in Balrampur district.

In both the cases, the accused were promptly arrested and the police forced the families to cremate their daughters in the dead of the night. Hathras has gone on to become a story of national shame while Balrampur remains largely uncovered by the media.

Political parties in the opposition have also chosen to ignore the Balrampur incident where the 22-year-old B.Com student was raped, drugged/poisoned and sent home in a rickshaw with her back and legs broken.

Bheem Army chief Azad, former BJP MLA Rajveer booked

PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH

Near the Sasani gate police station intersection, an inspector has filed a case in police station against Bheem Army chief Chandrashekhar Azad and his 400-500 supporters for protesting and jamming the highway. All these have been accused in the lawsuit of violating the instructions of the Corona guidelines. At the same time, police have also filed a case against former BJP MLA Rajveer Singh and other people doing Panchayat.

Former BJP MLA Rajveer Singh said that he has received information that a case has been filed against him and his supporters at Hathras Gate police station. This case has been filed for holding Panchayat. He further told that there was no Panchayat there and they all gathered to welcome the Chief Minister's decision of CBI inquiry, yet the police filed a case in this. He added that he will give arrest in this case and are preparing the same strategy with their supporters as to when they will give arrest.

A case has been registered against unknown 400 Samajwadi Party and RLD workers for creating a ruckus on the road leading to the Chandpa village of the victim girl.

Case filed for conspiracy of caste-based riots

Aligarh: There was a conspiracy incite caste-based riots in the State under the cover of Hathras case. On the disclosure of PFI funding, unknown media persons and associated social media people have been booked in Chandpa police station in 20 serious sections. This lawsuit also mentions the audiotape in which the conversation of tricking the daughters' brother was made public.

They are booked under section 109, 120B, 124A, 153A, 153A1A, 153A1B, 153A1C, 153B, 195, 195A, 465, 468, 469, 501, 505/1, 501 / 1B, 505 / 1C, 505/2 and 67 IT Act in Chandpa police station. It has been mentioned in the case that some anarchic elements are trying to take advantage by hatching a criminal conspiracy and spoiling the image of the government and distorting the peace in the state.

In the same case, it was mentioned that they are threatening, tricking, and provoking the victim's family to change their statements and offered Rs 50 lakh for this misrepresentation.

Attacked by TMC goons in Diamond Harbour area: BJP ex-MLA Samik

2 held for BJP's leader murder SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Bengal BJP spokesperson and former MLA Samik Bhattacharya was on Tuesday physically assaulted and his car literally smashed by alleged Trinamool Congress supporters while he was going to join a party meeting at Diamond Harbour some 50 km south of Kolkata.

The attack came close on the heels of the murder of BJP Councillor Manish Shukla demise at Titagarh in North 24 Parganas. Two persons were arrested in the case.

"I was going to Diamond Harbour to attend a party meeting. Suddenly my vehicle was stopped by a crowd of 100-150 people shouting anti-BJP slogans. They smashed the windshields of my car, pulled me out, threw me on the ground, kicked me, rained blows on me," Bhattacharya whose clothes were

Hathras impact: Congress postpones announcement of candidates list for Bihar polls

DEEPAK KUMAR JHA ■ NEW DELHI/PATNA

The impact of the Hathras rape case is being felt even in Bihar Assembly elections with Congress postponing announcement of its list of candidates for the upcoming polls in the state with few party leaders asserting tickets should not be given to tainted leaders.

AICC sources said the Congress Election Committee was to finalize and release its list of candidates by Monday evening but it was unable to do it and the matter has been placed before the party high command to take a view.

"The party wants to keep away from the controversy of proposing the names of tainted candidates, particularly those related to cases on women issues. Our top leadership have been fighting on this front and most recently over the Hathras," said the party sources. With Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra leading the campaign against Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, senior party leaders are of the view that giving tickets to the rape and crime against women related cases will boomerang and erode the moral of the grand old party which taken on the Hathras incident by attacking the government tooth and nail.

Further explaining the reasons for the delay is the name of shortlisted candidates like Brajesh Pandey (for Govindganj constituency) tainted with rape and other crimes against women, attracting protests from several leaders most notable being senior Congress leader and former Union minister Girija Vyas.

Kerala Secretariat fire: Forensic probe rules out short circuit

KOCHI: The gold smuggling scam and Quran import case which rocked Kerala politics took a new turn on Tuesday as the Forensic Department which probed the August 25 fire mishap at Government Secretariat in its report stated that the fire was not caused by short circuit as claimed by the Police.

The Protocol Room, where all sensitive files of the government's dealings with foreign countries were stored, was gutted in the fire. While the entire files got destroyed in the mishap all other items in the room remained intact. "Even the sanitizer bottles stored in the room remained safe," said one of the Forensic Science Department officials.

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) probing the gold smuggling case was to inspect the Protocol Room for seizing the files when the fire destroyed the entire lot. Files dealing with the official tours of Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and other ministers too were stored in the Protocol Room.

Terrorist killed in retaliatory firing in J&K

Jammu: An 'unidentified' terrorist was killed in retaliatory firing by the personnel security officer of a local BJP leader in Nunar area of central Kashmir's Ganderbal district late Tuesday night.

The BJP leader has been identified as Ghulam Qadir by the local police authorities. According to police, he escaped unhurt while one of his PSO received injuries in the attack.

Confirming the ground reports, the twitter handle of Kashmir Zone police said, "terrorists fired upon one BJP worker at Nunar in Ganderbal. He is safe, however, his one PSO was injured in this incident. One unidentified terrorist got killed in PSOs retaliation". Meanwhile, an encounter between the security forces and a group of terrorists hiding inside a home was going on in the Sugan area of Shopian.

Will join Indian Army and become an ace shooter: Daughter of martyr Singh

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Even before the mortal remains of Subedar Sukhdev Singh, martyred in a ceasefire violation by Pakistan on the line of control in Nowshera sector of Rajouri late Monday night, arrived in his native village Peoni falling under Majlata tehsil of Udhampur district on Tuesday, his daughter Tanvi Rajput said a pledge to serve the Indian Army by becoming an ace shooter, as desired by her father.

"My father was a brave soldier and an ace shooter. When he was off duty and staying at home he used to train me and motivate me to become a shooter. After completing my studies I would like to serve the Indian army and become an ace shooter like my father," Tanvi Rajput told reporters while paying glowing tributes to him at her village home in Peoni on Tuesday.

Holding the hands of her younger brother in her lap, Tanvi kept repeating the last words uttered by her father. "Beta when you will complete your class 10th I will start your training, I want to become shooter like my father"

Subedar Sukhdev Singh, labeled as 'sher' (Lion) in his native village, had also participated in the Kargil war.

Remembering Singh's valour one of his ageing uncles said, "Sukhdev was very courageous. He never showed his back to his enemies. He led from the front, was not afraid of meeting death on the front line."

Thrissur murder: Former CPM leader arrested

KOCHI: Thrissur residents breathed a sigh of relief by Tuesday as the police arrested the prime accused in the Sunday night murder of CPI(M) activist Sanoop.

Nandan, a former CPI(M) leader was arrested by the police in connection with the murder on Tuesday afternoon. The cops seized the passport and other relevant documents from the 48-year-old accused who murdered Sanoop with the help of two accused.

Police are on the trail of the other two who are absconding. The CPI(M) State leaders continued to allege that the murder of Sanoop was the handiwork of Sangh Parivar elements.

Kerala Minister for Cooperation A C Moideen, who had alleged on Monday that they CPI(M) knew who were the murderers and even named Sangh Parivar activists changed tack by Tuesday morning and said the killing of Sanoop had wider perspective. Gopalakrishnan, the BJP spokesman told reporters that Nandan who has been arrested was a CPI(M) member and the Sangh Parivar has no role in this incident.

7,871 more test positive in Kerala

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI/CHENNAI

Total number of Covid-19 patients in Kerala reached 87,738 by Tuesday evening, according to Pinarayi Vijayan, Chief Minister. Briefing the media Vijayan said 7,871 new patients were diagnosed across the State till Tuesday evening while the last 24 hours saw 25 fatalities.

Situation has stabilised in neighbouring Tamil Nadu. The State diagnosed 5,017 new Covid-19 patients on Tuesday evening.

The total number of Covid-19 patients in the State stood at 45,279.

The medical bulletin issued by the Tamil Nadu Government said 71 persons succumbed to the pandemic while 5,548 patients who recovered from Covid-19 were discharged from hospitals across Tamil Nadu.

Though Kerala had a high concentration of Covid-19 patients, CM Vijayan told the people that there was no need to panic.

3 held for running IPL betting centre in school

Aligarh: Joint team of kwaris police and SOG raided and caught the bookie center of IPL betting running in a private school in Swarna Jayanti Nagar colony. Three people including the center leader were arrested along with online money transactions and cricket bets. After late-night interrogation, they were charged under the Gambling and IT Act.

According to ASP Vikas Kumar, the police got information about the IPL bookie center inside a school in Swarna Jayanti Nagar running by Chirag Singh who also owns a showroom named Chirag Tiles nearby. On information, the team of Inspector Kwarsi Chhotalal and SOG in-charge Sanjeev Kumar raided and arrested Chirag, Ishaan Yagnik resident of Surendra Nagar and Neeraj Kumar resident of Jaiganj while doing on-line transactions and claims in this bookie center.

SUSHANT SINGH RAJPUT DEATH PROBE

MUMBAI

In a new dimension to the Sushant Singh Rajput death case which has reached a dead end after the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) ruled out murder and said it was a case of "suicide", the cyber crime sleuths of the Mumbai have launched thorough investigations into 80,000 alleged fake accounts created by "vested interests" on various social media platforms to "discredit" the Mumbai police force, its Commissioner Param Bir Singh and "derail" the investigations into the actor's death.

After having been at the receiving end of vicious criticism over what was described as the "shoddy" manner in which the city police officials investigated the Sushant Singh Rajput death case, Mumbai Police Commissioner Param Bir Singh has ordered an investigations into thousands of alleged fake accounts on various social media platforms including Twitter, Facebook and Instagram across countries and continents.

Confirming the development, Mumbai's Deputy Commissioner of Police (Cyber Crime) Rashmi Karandikar said on Tuesday: "Several social media account holders are trolling the Mumbai Police commissioner on different platforms like Twitter, Instagram and Facebook and are using abusive language against him and the force" Karandikar said that while one FIR had been registered against the fake account holders under section 67 of Information Technology Act, another FIR had been launched against a person who had allegedly used morphed image Mumbai Police Commissioner's office twitter account.

Saumitra Chatterjee down with corona

Kolkata: Veteran Bengali actor and Dadasaheb Phalke awardee Saumitra Chatterjee has contacted corona and has been hospitalized with mild fever, his family sources said adding he had to be taken to a hospital considering his age and comorbid conditions. Chatterjee is 85.

Poulami Chatterjee the daughter of Padma Bhushan award winning actor said, "he is stable. He had a fever in the last few days. We wanted to admit him as a precautionary measure since he has multiple comorbidities", adding a three-member medical team was monitoring the legendary actor who is a patient of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

Chatterjee is known for his life-long association with Oscar winning director Satyajit Ray playing the leading role in most of his classic apart from playing private detective Feluda (also a Ray creation) in his movies.

Tough time for Kerala Min Muraleedharan as he faces protocol violation charges

KOCHI: Kerala may soon lose its lone representative in the union council of Ministers as the demand to sack V Muraleedharan, Minister of state for external affairs, has reached a crescendo from dissenters in the BJP.

This is a follow up to the favouritism shown by Muraleedharan, who has been elected to Rajya Sabha from Maharashtra, towards Smitha Menon, a Public Relations Executive from Kochi. Menon attended the Indian Ocean Rim Association of Council of Ministers held at Abu Dhabi in November 2019 and shared the dais, which according to a social activist in Kerala was a violation of diplomatic protocol.

Salim Madavoor, a RTI and civil rights activist had received a reply from Indian embassy in UAE stating that Menon was not a member of the official delegate which proves that she was not entitled or eligible to sit in the dais.

NORTHERN RAILWAY OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

The Sr. Divisional Engineer-IV, Northern Railway, Delhi Division for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Tender on prescribed form for the following work.

Invitation of tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)

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|--|---|
| 1 Name of work and its location | Hiring of artisan & Helper for day to day maintenance of colonies and service building under Sr. DEN-IV. |
| 2 Approx Cost of Work | Rs. 96,05,861.67 |
| 3 Earnest Money | Rs. 1,92,100.00 |
| 4 Date and Time of submission of tender and opening of tender | Bidding Start date for work no. Up to 15.00 hrs. on 23.10.2020 opening of e-Tender at 15.00 hrs. on 06.11.2020. |
| 5 Website particulars published e-tender, notice location etc. complete details of tender can be seen and web site where the tender form can be downloaded | Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in |

No. 128-W/260/Tender Notice/NIT 21-W/IV/20-21-W/IV Date: 06.10.2020 2153/2020

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SCHEDULE

[To be published in pursuance of Clause (6) of Regulation 3]

- The applicant named above has made an application before the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, New Delhi for determination of tariff for **Chamera-III Power Station**.
- The beneficiary States/UTs of the generating station are:

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| i) PSPCL-Punjab | vi) UPPCL-Uttar Pradesh |
| ii) BRPL, BYPL & TPDDL-Delhi | vii) JVVNL, JdVVNL & AVVNL-Rajasthan |
| iii) UPCL-Uttarakhand | |
| iv) HPPC-Haryana | viii) JKPC, J&K |
| v) Engg. Dept.-UT Chandigarh | ix) HPSEBL, Himachal Pradesh |
- Capacity of the generating station: 231MW
- Approved capital cost of the project: Rs. 208510.20 lakh as on 31.03.2019 allowed by CERC vide order dt 29.01.2020 in petition no. 321/GT/2018
- Authority which has approved the capital cost: CERC
- Scheduled date of commercial operation: Already in Commercial Operation
- Actual date of commercial operation: 04.07.2012
- Capital cost on the date of commercial operation: Rs.199237.59 Lakh
- Details of tariff: (Rs. in Lakh)

| Sl. No. | Hydro Power Generating Station | Tariff for the previous year (2018-19) | Year-wise AFC sought to be determined | | | | |
|---------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | | (2019-20) | (2020-21) | (2021-22) | (2022-23) | (2023-24) |
| 1. | Annual Fixed Charges | 37376.22 | 40825.22 | 40915.12 | 40641.31 | 40248.01 | 39852.32 |
| 2. | Primary Energy Charges | | Not Applicable | | | | |

10. A copy of the application made for determination of tariff is posted on the website: <http://www.nhpcindia.com/tariff-petitions.htm>

11. The suggestions and objections, if any, on the proposals for determination of tariff contained in the application be filed by any person, including the beneficiary before the Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, 3rd and 4th Floor, Chandernagore Building, 36 Janpath, New Delhi-110001 with a copy to the applicant within 30 days of publication of this notice.

Place : Faridabad (M G Gokhale) Date : 30.09.2020 General Manager (Comml.), Commercial Division

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh Delhi-110005

PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]

Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

| Sr. No. | Name of Borrower(s) / Co-Borrowers / Guarantors / Loan Account No. | Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any | Amount Outstanding | Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit | Date and Time of Property Inspection | Date & Time of Auction |
|---------|--|---|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | (E) | (F) | (G) |
| 1. | Suresh Palan (Borrower), Sita Palan (Co-borrower) LBDEL00001789767 | Flat No 410 A, 4th Floor Samrat-I Block C, Gaur Valerio Indrapuram Ghaziabad- 201010 Area: 1550 Sq.Ft | Rs. 21,50,946/- as on September 29th 2020. | Rs. 71,00,000/- Rs. 7,10,000/- | November 10, 2020 from 11:00 AM To 03:00 PM | November 21, 2020 From 11:00 AM To 01:00 PM |

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link- <https://disposalhub.com>) of our auction agency M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited. The Mortgagors/notice are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **November 20, 2020 before 05:00 P.M** else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at **ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh Delhi-110005**, and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before **November 20, 2020 before 05:00 P.M** along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at **ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh Delhi-110005** on or before **November 20, 2020 before 05:00 P.M**. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favour of "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Delhi

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SEARCH FOR MISSING MALE

General Public is hereby informed that one male (depicted in the photo) namely Chakhure Chudhara S/O Mehar Chudhara R/O A-36, Sawan Park, Ashok Vihar, Delhi-110052 Aged-70 Years has been reported missing since 15.09.2020 at about 12.00 P.M. from his residence vide **DD No.86A Dated 16.09.2020** registered at Police Station Bharat Nagar, Delhi. His physical description is as under-

Complexion: Shallow, **Height:** 5'3", **Face:** Oval, **Build:** Thin, **ID:** Mentally fit, **Clothing:** Yellow coloured shirt, White coloured pant and Slipper in feet.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing male, may inform SHO, Bharat Nagar, Delhi at E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in or website : <http://cbi.nic.in>

Sd/- SHO, Bharat Nagar, Delhi/ Ph. No. : 011-24368639 Tel. : 011-27301200, 27303222 DP/424/NW/2020 Mob. : 8750870222

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified body of a male namely **Aman, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown was found on 17.09.2020 at K Blocks in the gutter near Kanchan Hospital, Delhi. Admitted in BJRM Hospital, Delhi. Vide MLC No. 163854/20. During the treatment the doctors declared him dead. Dead Body has been preserved in BJRM, Hospital mortuary for identification. In this regard DD No. 40A, dated 17.09.2020** has been lodged at Police Station, Jahangir Puri, Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

Name: Aman, Age: 30 Years, Height: 5'8", Face: Oval, Build: Normal, Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: Black T-Shirt and gray pant.

If anyone have any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.

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Outrageous plea

The UP Govt's affidavit in SC on the Hathras rape case, justifying its acts, shows why justice is a far cry for Dalits



The Supreme Court may express outrage at the gang-rape of a Dalit woman in Hathras as "shocking and extraordinary" and may have held the Uttar Pradesh Government to account over the legal protection of witnesses and the distraught family but does that change anything on the ground? On the contrary, the abhorrent arguments forwarded by the State Government in defence of what it did (though it was more like what it did not do) after the rape are the reasons why the justice system keeps failing us. By insuring the upper caste perpetrators, the UP police also ensured why two more gang-rapes of Dalit

women that made the news, one in UP itself, in Balrampur, and the other in Ajmer, Rajasthan, were not followed up. Hathras may have become politically volatile but does that mean the other two women have been less violated? No. It's just that the offence is so repetitive that it is not considered big enough. And given the fact that the UP Government presented its deficiencies as strengths, justified its obstructionist moves as necessary for maintaining law and order and pleaded that it was the victim instead of the tormentor, because there was a larger conspiracy to malign its image, even the unthinkable can be sold as credible. So justice seems like a far cry. What is disturbing is that the State Government keeps looking for all kinds of "otherisation" to justify its actions, labelling every problem as a conspiracy and a threat to national security and the greater good of the community. So it told the Supreme Court that its police had "immediately registered the crime" and that it had cremated the girl's body in the presence of her parents to avoid a caste and communal flare-up that it had anticipated would be inevitable. Besides, some sections were force-feeding narratives to the victim's family and sensing a larger conspiracy to defame the Yogi Adityanath Government, the blockade at Hathras was necessary to counter false propaganda. It forgot to mention that it stood guarantor and made exceptions for an upper caste congregation that was called to save the rapists. And if the official version that the girl was killed by strangulation and brutal assault is to be believed, then there was no rape at all in Hathras. Yet these claims not only seem abominable and distasteful, they are blatantly false. On-ground reports by media and independent investigations have revealed that the police filed the said FIR days after the incident. The forensic test that ought to have been conducted within three days was delayed to such an extent, by 11 days to be precise, that there was no evidence of sperm left in the victim's body. Of course, the police knows that there are other ways of establishing rape, like matching DNA samples from the victim and the accused. But that was not to be as her body was burnt. As for parental consent, the family has been consistent in its statements that members were isolated in their house, stopped from accessing any kind of outside help. Not only that, once the State Government felt that things were slipping out of its control, it imposed Section 144, barricading the entire village and alienating the victim's family, restricting media presence and heckling Opposition leaders who were trying to meet the family. The UP police filed 21 FIRs across the State, alleging sedition and conspiracy by "unknown" people. One of the FIRs also alleges that the family of the young woman was offered ₹50 lakh to lie about the State Government. This is one of the six that were filed based on a complaint, predictably, by a sub-inspector. Did the State Government realise that there are other ways of hatching conspiracies than milking the rape of a daughter? Worse, the State Government's affidavit also accused the media of criminal intent to incite riots. In contrast, nowhere did it show a semblance of empathy for the girl who lost her life, accusing the family of changing versions of their statements as proof of a frame-up.

This is exactly a throwback to the gang-rape of Bhanwari Devi in 1992. Her rapists were acquitted in 1995 on the grounds that upper caste men would not even touch a lower caste woman as it would defile their "purity." Nothing has changed since then. If we go by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) figures for 2019, then about 10 Dalit women are raped every day in the country with UP recording among the highest numbers. And given the tone and tenor of the State Government's affidavit in the highest court of the land, and, therefore, seen as a measure of the official response mechanism, that number is likely to be higher. Most Dalit women do not report the crimes for fear of backlash by the dominant castes, coercion by the tools of the State that they happen to control and out of a fatalistic acceptance of their birth as a burden to be borne and lived with. Even among the rare cases that are prosecuted, the outcome is rarely empowering or so dragged out that the traumatised victim just gives up. Little wonder then that over the past five years, crimes against Dalits have almost doubled. Hardly are the procedural clauses mentioned in the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, followed strictly. This law mandates that violations be investigated by an officer who is or above the rank of DSP and that a chargesheet be filed within 60 days. The conviction rate for rape is anyway low in the country, at about 28 per cent. So imagine the chances of a Dalit victim. At this rate, even our moral conscience will look like a threat some day.

Milking his illness

Donald Trump is using his COVID-19 diagnosis in a politically unique way



US President Donald Trump has joined the list of world leaders who have been diagnosed with COVID-19, but like the United Kingdom's Boris Johnson and Brazil's Jair Bolsonaro, he is also a leader who was once sceptical of the virus. Bolsonaro was quarantined for a couple of weeks and Johnson was hospitalised and even administered oxygen. So far, Trump appears, at least from what we hear, to have escaped the worst. Yet, unlike the other two, Trump is in the midst of election season. Indeed, voting day for the US Presidential election is under one month away. But instead of convalescing, he has used the last few days to actively campaign, and while we are unaware of the advice doctors have given him, one is pretty sure that keeping his mask on in public is one of them. And his bravado may do more harm than good.

But Trump has always been a bit fast and loose with facts and best practices surrounding the pandemic. He is right in calling out China's double standards and hypocrisy around the virus but by not taking the impact of the pandemic seriously enough, many lives have been lost in the US. However, in his defence, Trump's position right now is a delicate one. He is not a young man and the US Presidential election is a tiring one, particularly given the bizarre way the US conducts it. This involves large amounts of travel across a geographically large country and his precarious health will affect his campaigning. We are still not aware if Trump's diagnosis will impact the US Presidential election but it also highlights how uniquely susceptible politicians and the political process are to the pandemic. While education and some other sectors have switched to working from home, politics by its very nature involves social gatherings. In India, we do not know how adverse or otherwise the Bihar polls will be in the spreading of the virus but we could hope that it is now weaker than it was and best practices have been put in place. Trump should also be very careful, not just for his own health but those of his most ardent supporters as well.

Remembering a true friend

With the passing away of Jaswant Singh, India and the BJP have lost a great scholar, statesman and soldier

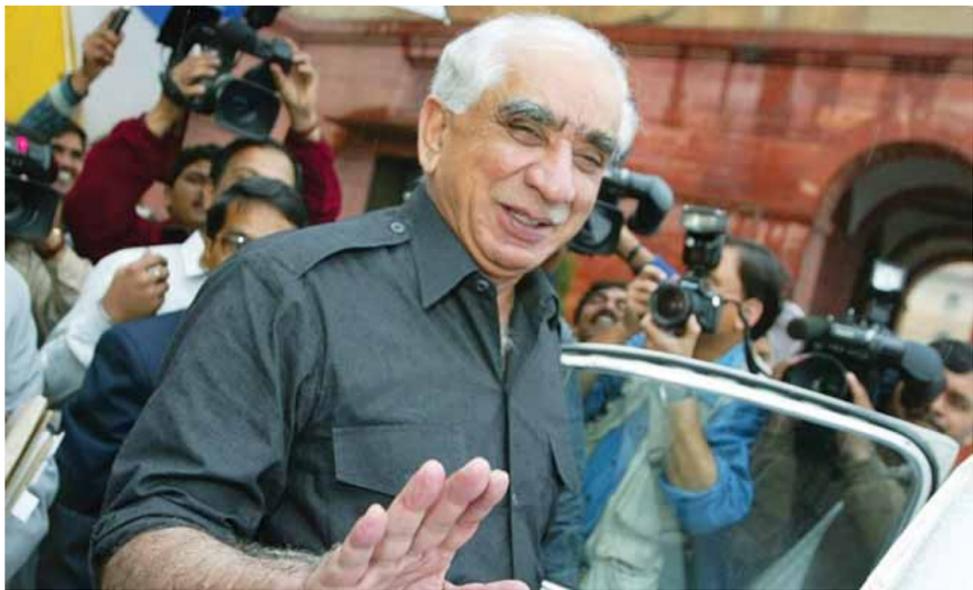


ASHOK K MEHTA

The only photograph I have of Jaswant Singh and me together was the one he gave me a year before he was admitted to the hospital in August 2014, never to regain consciousness. It was taken on December 10, 1957, when we were on stage enacting a play, *Choice of Arms*, at the Indian Military Academy, Dehradun, during the silver jubilee of the academy and our passing out parade celebrations. Portraying the hallmark cavalry officer, Jaswant reflected its mirror image: suave, stylish and snobbish. I played the rough and ready infantryman, his poorer cousin, crew cut *et al.* As Jaswant Major Saab bade farewell to arms in 1966, complaining about excessive employment of "Yes Sir," his sputnik political rise saw him become Defence, Finance and Foreign Minister. In those heady days, he would tell Jeeves, Pep Singh: "General Sahab ko manpasand whisky pilao". During these convivial encounters, he would recount in fits of laughter, incidents in the academy — of lost patrols, enemy ambush and one dereliction that nearly delayed graduation. His passion for Western classical music, literature and history never deserted him. Bach, Beethoven and Mozart played softly even at 35,000 feet on Air India or in his offices in South Block and 16 Teen Murti Lane.

A conspiracy hatched by Army Chief, General SF Rodrigues, marked my parting from the Army. I sought Jaswant's help which came unflinchingly. As a member of the Lok Sabha and a rising star in BJP, one evening over sundowners, he invited two of the country's best legal minds — Ram Jethmalani and Arun Jaitley — both from his party but with their mutual dislike never camouflaged. Only Jaswant could have brought them together and along with Jaitley's junior, Arvind Nigam, they managed, 20 years later, to defeat the Government for the first time in India's independent history over its imposition of Army Act Section 18 and the Pleasure Doctrine. All three legal eagles became good friends.

Jaswant also introduced me to his tailor in Khan Market, Mukhtar Ahmad, who patterned his black *mazri* bush shirts in the Army's Walking Out style. The trademark epaulette bush shirt — Jaswant's copyright — is now worn by all and sundry.



Jaswant's mastery of the English language and his gorgeous handwriting were legendary. He wrote a dozen seminal books, three focussed on defence and national security: *A Call to Honour, Defending India* and his last before he was hospitalised, *India at Risk*. In 2013, he invited me to Mumbai on a whistle-stop tour to promote his book and quiz him on the risks facing India. I recall vividly an earlier evening at his home that was rudely interrupted by Defence Minister Sharad Pawar's call announcing that he was on his way. I was urged to knock back my drink and leave. Then Army Chief Rodrigues, in an interview to this newspaper, had indiscreetly called neighbouring countries as bandicoots and counselled for good governance. This created a furore in Parliament which forced Pawar into administering a warning to Rodrigues. It was the draft of this admonition that Pawar wanted Jaswant to edit and embellish that led to my retreat. With his Sheaffer pen, Jaswant corrected the parliamentary reprimand which Pawar read out the next day in Parliament, pacifying the Opposition ranks of which he was one.

Perhaps Jaswant's most anxious moments were during the Kandahar hijack of IC 814. He told me that relatives of passengers made good copy for television and that IB was reporting that the incident could trigger communal disturbances. During the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) meeting, he volunteered, since no one else did, to accompany the three Jaish terrorists to Kandahar for release of

Indian hostages. The stigma of this enduring ignominy he parried bravely.

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During the Kargil skirmish, on the day Tololing heights were captured (June 11, 1999), I accompanied Jaswant to Beijing as part of the press delegation in my post-Army avatar. India had carried out nuclear tests the previous year and attributed them to the threat from China. His mission to China was to restore bilateral relations gone in deep freeze since the tests. The frosty meeting with Foreign Minister Tang Jiaxuan began with Tang insisting that China was never a threat to India, adding that we "have a saying in Chinese that those who tie the knot must untie it first" to which Jaswant recalled a Rajasthani aphorism from his village Jasol: "you need two hands to untie a knot." The strategic difference was not allowed to become a dispute.

Jaswant was full of witty repartees. After the nuclear tests, which stunned and annoyed the Americans, he met Secretary of State Madeleine Albright who remarked with dripping sarcasm that "India had dug itself into a hole." "Madam Secretary of State, India is a civilisational state, it does not dig holes," he replied with exceptional grace. The two developed healthy respect and affection for each other. Through the 'Next Steps in Strategic Partnership' Jaswant discussed with Deputy Secretary of State, Strobe Talbott, and over 16 meetings in different parts of the globe, they sketched the path towards the landmark India-US nuclear deal.

In the last of his nine stints as a parliamentarian, Jaswant rep-

resented the Gorkhas from Darjeeling. Since I was from the fifth Gorkha regiment, had widely trekked in Nepal, was fluent in Gorkhali and familiar with the problems of India-domiciled Gorkhas and their demand for Gorkhaland, I became his occasional advisor in his constituency. I once accompanied him to Darjeeling, meeting Gorkha Janmukti Morcha leaders Bimal Gurung, Roshan Giri and Ramesh Ale, who was from my regiment. Jaswant would park himself in a quaint 19th century English hotel — below Kalimati temple — which was then under American ownership but would annually fly in English actors to stage plays like that year Oscar Wilde's *Importance of Being Earnest*.

As convener of India-Pakistan Track Two dialogue, which ran for nearly 15 years till the ruling dispensation forced it to stop, I tried to invite Jaswant to participate when he was not in Government. I suggested "you could meet your Kargil counterpart Sartaj Aziz, with whom you refused to shake hands" but he steadfastly refused.

Jaswant was a prolific rider and played horse polo and cycle polo for the academy. He continued riding for several years and owned ponies till a back problem forced him to stop. While I have lost a true friend from whom I learnt a lot, India and the BJP have lost a great scholar, statesman and soldier.

(The writer, a retired Major General, was Commander IPKF South, Sri Lanka and founder member of the Defence Planning Staff, currently the Integrated Defence Staff.)

SOUND BITE

We are giving special attention on taking immediate action once repression on children in any form takes place. We want our children to be safe and be good human beings.

Bangladesh PM — Sheikh Hasina



If the farm laws are an achievement, then why are the farmers not celebrating, why are they not bursting firecrackers with joy?

Congress leader — Rahul Gandhi



Our team has done well against top sides in the recent past and, therefore, we are confident that we can win a medal for India at the Olympics.

Hockey player — Akashdeep Singh



The fire was lit to destroy evidence. (Pinarayi) Vijayan is responsible and cannot wash his hands from the issue.

Kerala BJP chief — K Surendran



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Deliver justice

Sir — After the body of the 19-year-old Dalit woman was cremated in Hathras, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath tweeted, "The UP Government is committed to the safety and development of mothers and sisters." However, the reality was different. Following the cremation, a curfew was imposed in Hathras. Political leaders, who wanted to meet the bereaved family, were roughed up. Journalists found themselves pushed back. It was evident the Government knew fully well about the barbarity of the crime and, therefore, wanted to minimise the political fallout. This takes us back to the January 2018 incident in Kathua, Jammu, where an eight-year-old girl of the nomadic Bakarwal tribe was abducted, drugged, kept in a local temple, raped repeatedly and strangled to death. Time and again, justice has been denied to the weak and vulnerable sections of the society. And if this continues, it will only give impunity to those who believe that lives and dignity of some are less valuable than theirs.

Haridasan Rajan
Kozhikode

Govt should reconsider opening schools

The Ministry of Education has issued guidelines for States and Union Territories on reopening of schools from October 15. However, at a time when the COVID cases are constantly increasing across the country, doubts do arise about whether the decision of opening schools is a wise move, especially with the children being more vulnerable to the virus. This could result in a rapid spread of the disease and spell doom for the already sick and weakened public healthcare system. Even though the health departments are doing their very best with whatever limited resources they have for a highly populated nation like ours, if the spread of the virus becomes uncontrollable, then it will only result in more deaths and disaster.

Political weather

Sir — An interesting political scenario has cropped up in Bihar with Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) under the leadership of Chirag Paswan breaking away from NDA to contest the Assembly polls on its own, while remaining glued to the party at the Centre. This means Chief Minister Nitish Kumar might witness a drastic cut



parents, students and teachers need to be considered with utmost priority before issuing any orders. Though the ultimate decision has been left to the State Governments, both Centre and State should reconsider the opening of schools and continue with the present method of online education.

M Pradyu
Kannur

in the number of Janata Dal (United) seats to accommodate LJP. Nitish will try to contest at least 120 seats so that he can be close to the majority mark on his own in case NDA wins the polls. At the same time, if the LJP gets more seats, the BJP will have more space to counter Nitish if the latter decides to switch sides.

Subhash Chandra Agarwal
Chandni Chowk

Lies exposed

Sir — The report submitted by the All Indian Institute of Medical Science, confirming actor Sushant Singh Rajput's death as a suicide, has exposed the Bollywood actress Kangana Ranaut and certain media houses, who were fabricating stories for their personal benefit. What started as an investigation of the

late actor's alleged murder turned into an issue of nepotism and drugs in the film industry with certain names being targeted. Ranaut should come forward and apologise for politicising Rajput's death. It is time that we accept the fact that Rajput was indeed depressed and committed suicide. The resources spent on politicising his death should be used to get justice in the rape-murder case of the 19-year-old Dalit woman in Hathras. And if Ranaut is really the person to break glass ceilings, then it is cases like this that she needs to focus on.

Bhagwan Thadani
Mumbai

GST Council meet

Sir — The decision to make returns for small taxpayers on a quarterly basis rather than monthly basis during the 42nd Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council comes as a major relief. The number of returns comes down from 24 monthly returns to eight, from January 1, 2021.

Kavya Shah
Ujjain

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FIRST COLUMN

A collective failure

The solution to the increasing number of rapes and atrocities on women in the country lies in us, not elsewhere



KALYANI SHANKAR

Once again the whole country is aghast at the alleged gang-rape and brutalisation of a 19-year-old Dalit girl from Uttar Pradesh (UP) who succumbed to her injuries in a Delhi hospital recently after fighting for her life for 15 days. Even though bowing to pressure, the four accused men belonging to the upper caste were arrested and are now in police custody, it was the callous attitude of the local police and the UP administration, which led to her sad end. Had the girl been from an upper caste family, the whole episode would have ended different. But as things stand, after the alleged rape in Hathras, the Government of UP hastily cremated the victim in the middle of the night, ostensibly to "avoid large scale violence" and briefly barred the media and Opposition politicians from visiting the victim's village and family, prompting suspicions of a cover-up. Sadly, even over seven decades after India's Independence, Dalits still remain on the fringes of society and face discrimination despite many laws protecting them.

Though top Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra marched to the residence of the murdered girl in Hathras, the police did not allow them to enter the area. There was a showdown after which they met the girl's family. Bhim Army chief Chandrashekhar Azad has also accused the State Government of inaction. However, the two former chief ministers of UP, Akhilesh Yadav (Samajwadi Party) and the BSP chief Mayawati (who is herself a Dalit) have confined themselves to tweets condemning the Government. Bowing to the public and political pressure, UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced a CBI probe into the crime.

The Hathras case is not just one more rape case. It shows that whatever laws are passed by Parliament, women, particularly poor Dalit women, have to struggle for justice, right from registering a First Information Report (FIR). According to the 2019 annual report of the National Crime Records Bureau, 32,033 rape cases were registered across the country, or an average of 88 cases daily or one rape every 16 minutes. The December 2012 Nirbhaya gang-rape case shook the conscience of the nation and there were large scale protests. Even then it took eight years for the justice system to execute the accused. The Government allocated a huge amount for the aid of rape survivors after the Nirbhaya case but it has not been distributed satisfactorily. Though new laws were passed since 2012 increasing penalties for sexual assault, rape, and sexual abuse, they have not deterred rapists. As the Hathras case shows, the perpetrators are still not scared of the rule of law. And only a vigilant media brings out such shocking incidents and helps the victims get justice, when all attempts are made to bury their voices.

What is the remedy and do we need more stringent laws? What is needed are not more laws but the strict implementation of the existing ones by the police, the Government and law enforcement agencies. The mindset of the police and the judicial system should change and they should be more sensitive and sympathetic to rape survivors. Complaints should be filed without delay and harassment of the victim. The backlog of cases is stupendous and justice takes too long to be delivered. Justice delayed is justice denied. It is important that the judicial system respond to public needs.

Second, it is a sad commentary that despite the Supreme Court's observations that judicial reforms were needed urgently, the Government is dragging its feet on them. Archaic laws need to be amended. It is bizarre that when a child of two or three is raped and is unable to give evidence, the culprits go scot-free because the mother's evidence is considered secondary. How can a two-year-old child give evidence of rape? The onus of proof should not lie with the victim. Third, building up of weak cases by the investigating agencies, including the CBI has enabled influential criminals to go free or get away with minimum punishment. The fourth is the need for educational reforms. There is no doubt that the system needs some shaking up. Children should be taught moral values and respect for women right from their childhood. In a country where the Shakti cult is still relevant, girls should be taught self-defence in schools.

The fifth is the social outlook. Society has to change its present attitude. Many women still do not go to the police to report these incidents for lack of faith in the system. Till rapists are not brought to book swiftly in the country, they will continue to rape with impunity.

A watchful society, supportive of the victims is very necessary to check these heinous crimes. It is apt to remember the quotation in William Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*. Cassius confides in his friend Brutus that in the best interests of the public Julius Caesar must be stopped from becoming the emperor of the Roman Empire. Cassius tells him, "The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, but ourselves, that we are underlings." The solution to the increasing number of rapes and atrocities on women lies in us, not elsewhere.

(The writer is a senior journalist)

POINT COUNTERPOINT

CUSHIONED SOFA ON TRACTORS IS NOT A PROTEST. IT IS PROTEST TOURISM TO MISGUIDE FARMERS, WHO ARE EDUCATED ENOUGH TO SEE THROUGH THIS FACADE

—UNION MINISTER
HARDEEP SINGH PURI



THE 'KHETI BACHAO YATRA' IS AGAINST DARK LAWS THAT WILL DESTROY THE EXISTING STRUCTURE OF AGRICULTURE AND HIT PUNJAB AND HARYANA MOST.

—CONGRESS LEADER
RAHUL GANDHI

History repeating itself

Popular opinion for the Krishna Janmabhoomi dispute in Mathura is being slowly galvanised although the court dismissed the civil suit



ANURAG TIWARY

As popular opinion for the Krishna Janmabhoomi dispute in Mathura is being slowly galvanised after the court dismissed a civil suit on September 30, it looks like history is repeating itself. It wasn't a usual day at the office for Civil Judge, senior division, Chhaya Sharma of the Mathura Civil Court, although, what happened wasn't unexpected. The court had just received a civil suit by a Hindu deity — Lord Krishna Virajman. Since the Lord is a "minor", he was represented in the suit through his "next friend." The suit had been filed against encroaching and illegally building a *Shahi Idgah* mosque on the minor's property. The allegation was against the Uttar Pradesh Waqf Board and the mosque trust for illegally allowing the entry of "some Muslims" for the said purpose.

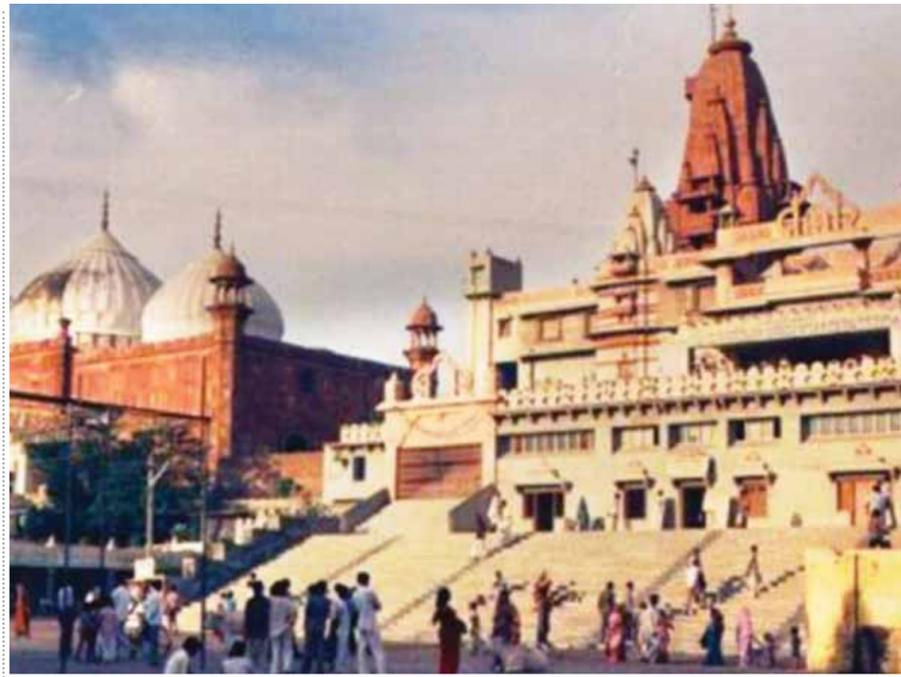
It had been claimed in the suit that "every inch of land in Katra Keshav Dev (the disputed site) is sacred for the devotees of Lord Krishna" as he was born on that site. It had been demanded on behalf of the deity that, "*Darshan, pooja, rituals according to Vedic Sanatana Dharma, faith, belief, usages, traditions and customs*", which are protected under Article 25 of the Constitution, be allowed to be performed at the actual birthplace which lies beneath the *Shahi Idgah* mosque. The suit was dismissed by the court on September 30 at the admission stage itself. The court cited that the Places of Worship Act, 1991, which provides for the maintenance of the religious character of any place of worship as it existed on August 15, 1947, barred it from accepting the suit at this stage.

Don't be surprised if you are getting a feeling of *déjà vu*, because the country has been through this before. The filing of a civil suit before the Mathura court was only symbolic. What it effectively did, irrespective of the dismissal order, is that, it has set the tone for an all new battle that Right-wing Hindus are ready to fight in their attempt to regain their cultural heritage and lost religious integrity.

The Krishna Janmabhoomi in Mathura has for decades been one among the three sites (others being the Ayodhya Ram Janmabhoomi and the Kashi Vishwanath Temple in Varanasi) that Hindu Right-wing political organisations have been fighting for. The battle is to reclaim the religious and cultural heritage of India which was lost when Aurangzeb had issued orders for the demolition of a large number of temples (close to 40,000) in 1669-1670 and had built mosques over them. This, of course, is a matter of fact and history. But, how will this lost heritage be regained today? The answer is: "By the demolition of these mosques built by barbaric Muslim rulers over temples."

One can't help but be reminded of the Ayodhya Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri masjid dispute. It was one of the longest and the most fiercely fought legal as well as political battles in our country which changed the way politics was done and elections were fought. Although appeasement politics was used as a tool during elections even before the 1990s, such glorification of a particular belief system juxtaposed to the vilification of another was unprecedented. Populism and divisive politics were played like never before. Politics of identity based on new definitions of Hinduism had emerged — one that was based

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on the faith of exclusion and anti-communitarian. The battle even defined what is meant by community, society, and citizens and who deserved to stay in it. It set new standards for everything. No one knew what was the "common good" anymore. This led to social atomisation, cultural fragmentation and moral and religious decadence.

For 25 long years, Lord Ram was politicised. He was made an emotional issue to garner votes. Rabble-rousers and demagogues were allowed to rise to positions of political power using his name. A new politico-cultural space was created in this country which said, "Let me glorify my own religion."

This led to bloodshed that cost thousands of lives. The most viral slogan on the streets, for the longest time ever was, "*Tareekh nahi batayenge par mandir wahi banayenge* (we will not give you a date, but we will make the temple there only)."

Suddenly, everybody was a staunch supporter of this new version of Hindutva. Everybody wanted a temple to be built in Ayodhya on the disputed Babri mosque site — legally or illegally, peacefully or violently. All this was happening simultaneously with an equally fierce legal battle being fought before the courts.

When the apex court gave a final decision in the case, allowing for a temple to be built on the disputed site, it was clear that this was an apt example of decisions based on faith. The majority of the parties to the suit were happy. However, senior advocate Rajeev Dhawan had warned the court during the hearings by stating that the court must consider how future generations would view this verdict.

The demand for declaring the disputed site in Mathura as Krishna Janmabhoomi is gaining momentum. A

'Krishna Janmabhoomi Nirman Nyas' has already been set up by a group of religious men. Mass support for the suit is on the rise on social media where political groups are even demanding for the scrapping of the 1991 Act.

"Hindu unity" like never before is being called for. Statements by top political leaders and members of Right-wing organisations have already started pouring in. And last but not the least, prime-time drama on TV news channels have got new fuel for their daily duels. Popular opinion is being slowly galvanised, and this all looks like history repeating itself. This was the inevitable consequence of the Ayodhya issue and the verdict.

One has to understand that political parties, whose rise to power has transpired due to a combination of certain formulae and tools of political oppression, will always be reluctant to let those formulae go away so soon. It was the Ayodhya dispute, the reassertion of the "persecution complex" on the part of Muslims, and the subsequent wave of "Hindu nationalism" that transformed the BJP from a cadre-based party to one with mass support. The BJP has leap-frogged into power and consecrated its image of a "Hindu nationalist." A denouement of the same is, therefore, impossible especially when it is faced with a crippling economy and the worst rates of unemployment this country has seen in decades.

Religion, historically, has proven to be the best political weapon, to internalise oppression among the masses. A sedative that helps cool down dissenting voices, where people can agree to not disagree.

Mathura will be the new metaphor for Hindutva politics. The Krishna Janmabhoomi movement will serve as a consistent emotional issue required to

connect to the masses. This time, Lord Krishna will be used. Fringe groups will again devise a putsch to assert majoritarianism. New definitions of State and citizens will be written down in the name of "religious freedom." Safe spaces for minorities will again be crushed. The judiciary will again be faced with an all-new battle where it will again choose necessity over rationality. But, what after Mathura? How many more Ayodhyas and Mathuras will we be spectators to? Isn't our heritage more about inclusivity, acceptance, tolerance, trust and harmony? Why can't a mosque in Mathura's Katra Keshav Dev stand together with Lord Krishna's temple? Why can't the compromise arrived at between the two communities, based on mutual respect for each other's faith, way back in 1968, be allowed to survive? Isn't that the idea of India we are duty-bound to protect?

I am reminded of two *kalyug* predictions that Ved Vyasa made. First, he said that cities will be dominated by thieves, the *Vedas* will be contaminated by speculative interpretations, political leaders will virtually consume the citizens and the so-called priests and intellectuals will be devotees of their greed. (*Srimad Bhagavatam* Verse 12.3.32) Second, he said, "Uncultured men will show their austerity to the Lord by wearing a mendicant's dress and those who know nothing about religion will mount a high seat and presume to speak on religious principles (*Srimad Bhagavatam* Verse 12.3.38)." The dismissal of the suit by the Mathura court doesn't matter because the politics around Krishna Janmabhoomi has just started. India is fully set to vindicate Ved Vyasa. *Jai shri Krishna!*

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Women at the receiving end during the pandemic

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statements, guidance documents and response strategies, laid bare a shocking revelation that nearly half or 46 per cent ignored the gendered effects of the pandemic and hunger crises and only seven per cent proposed any concrete action.

"The pandemic-containment public policies and health strategies so far haven't looked through the gender lens... and now the pre-existing gender inequalities, in every sphere, from health to the economy... are likely to be further amplified," lamented Poonam Muttreja, Executive Director, Population Foundation of India (PFI).

In the light of the past adverse health consequences of epidemics, the World Health Organisation's (WHO's) early advisory urged prioritising sexual and reproductive health services as "essential services." Nevertheless, a survey in 103 countries found large-scale disruptions in 67 per cent. A Guttmacher Institute's projection, on the basis of data from 1.6 billion women of reproductive age from 132 low and middle income countries, envisaged that a "10 per cent decline in use of reversible contraceptive methods, would hit 49 million more

women, cause 15 million additional unintended pregnancies and 3.3 million unsafe abortions over the course of a year." Going by official figures, the health deficit (April-June) in India amounts to a drop in immunisation by 27 per cent, institutional deliveries by 28 per cent and major surgeries by 60 per cent in comparison to last year.

Despite abortions being enlisted as "emergency services," very few in reality could reach the clinics due to inadequate transport and lack of information. Ipas Development Foundation (IDF), India, collating data from eight States, evaluated that "from March 25 to June 24, about 1.85 million Indian women could not terminate unwanted pregnancies. About 80 per cent for absence of medical abortion drugs at pharmacy stores, another 20 per cent, due to reduced access to health facilities."

However, women play a lead role in care-giving within families or as healthcare workers. "Women's social conditioning makes them take charge of a sick family member. And as professional care-givers, nursing continues to be seen as a women's domain. But the risks of being with patients for

longer hours than the doctors are often undermined. We tend to fall into gendered hierarchies in recognising the services of a nurse contracting the disease and succumbing, as against the doctors falling prey to the disease," says Padmini Ghosh, country co-ordinator, Women's Regional Network.

The recent agitation of the ASHA workers against underpayment and increased workload, without the minimum protective gear, further exposed the inadequacies of the public health system. PFI's Muttreja was categorical that "we must invest in our 3.3 million strong female frontline workforce for combating COVID-19 by valuing and resourcing their needs."

A PFI study in Uttar Pradesh (UP), Bihar and Rajasthan, disclosed that an increasing care-giving role within the household has led to high degrees of psychological distress among girls/women. Ghosh says that women's mental health problems are often ignored as "figments of imagination" and receive no medical interventions. In this regard, the launch of a toll-free helpline "Kiran" to address the rising number of pandemic-induced mental health problems is a welcome step.

Furthermore, the economic slump has also created ripple effects on food security in India, which experts apprehend, would reinforce inequalities in food distribution within the household, making structural inequities more visible in food systems.

Dr Shweta Khandelwal, Head, Nutrition Research, Public Health Foundation of India, asserted that "women tend to remain vulnerable to multiple forms of malnutrition due to various socio-economic, demographic and cultural factors. Undernutrition enhances their susceptibility to infection, including respiratory infections and immuno-deficiency, making them more vulnerable to COVID-19."

Plus, with less than a quarter being present in the labour force in the pre-pandemic era, Indian women are now likely to be further pushed out of gainful employment. The Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy's Consumer Pyramids Household Survey data confirmed that, at least, four out of ten women in India lost their jobs. In rural India, the huge influx of migrants workers to home-towns and villages generated a downswing of about 2.24 per cent in the rate

of women's work participation. William Joe, Professor, Population Research Centre, Indian Institute of Economic Growth, alerted that, "Women being hardly present in the core sector labour force are less likely to benefit from macro-support programmes. There is a need for direct wage support programmes like MNREGA, rural and urban. These should be redesigned to fit into gender needs and work preferences as unskilled labour work may not find many takers in urban areas."

Many experts also fear that "about 23.5 percentage points less women than men employed in the pre-Corona phase are likely to be re-employed later."

Besides, the lockdowns have turned homes into a place for physical, sexual and psychological abuse for many women. During the first four phases of the lockdown, Indian women filed more domestic violence complaints than in the last ten years during the same period.

Now, while assessing women's COVID-19 disease burden and health outcomes from the biological perspective, many researchers affirmed that "women tend to mount a stronger

immune response," while some contended that "sex patterns are not universal among all viruses." How sex and gender are influencing clinical care cannot be fully explained for lack of comprehensive sex-disaggregated data, as the WHO in its 2007 guidelines emphasised. Nevertheless, in the past too, WHO guidelines have been overlooked which seriously affected women's health needs.

"The pandemic's imagery in public consciousness and reportage has been dominated by a male doctor, a policeman, a male migrant labourer. While a nurse, the policewoman who has to go back home to an infant, a jobless migrant domestic help or a trafficked sex-worker with no income, rarely feature in public imagination," laments Ghosh. Sadly, this rings true.

The UN Secretary-General's call for focussing on women's interests in the pandemic remains largely unheeded. The world is far away from building more equal and resilient societies and creating equitable policies and interventions.

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WITH NO MASK ON Trump, still infectious, back at White House

Washington: President Donald Trump staged a dramatic return to the White House after leaving the military hospital where he was receiving an unprecedented level of care for COVID-19. He immediately ignited a new controversy by declaring that despite his illness the nation should not fear the virus that has killed more than 210,000 Americans — and then he entered the White House without a protective mask.

Trump's message alarmed infectious disease experts and suggested the president's own illness had not caused him to rethink his often-cavalier attitude toward the disease, which has also infected the first lady and several White House aides, including new cases revealed Monday.

Landing Monday night at the White House on Marine One, Trump gingerly climbed

the South Portico steps, removed his mask and declared, "I feel good." He gave a double thumbs-up to the departing helicopter from the portico terrace, where aides had arranged American flags for the sunset occasion. He entered the White House, where aides were visible milling about the Blue Room, without wearing a face covering.

The president left Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, where his doctor, Navy Cmdr. Sean Conley, said earlier Monday that the president remains contagious and would not be fully "out of the woods" for another week but that Trump had met or exceeded standards for discharge from the hospital. Trump is expected to continue his recovery at the White House, where the reach of the outbreak that has infected the highest levels of the U.S. government is still being

uncovered.

Still, just a month before the election and anxious to project strength, Trump tweeted before leaving the hospital, "Will be back on the Campaign Trail soon!!!" And in case anyone missed his don't-worry message earlier, he rushed out a new video from the White House.

"Don't be afraid of it," Trump said of the virus. "You're going to beat it. We have the best medical equipment, we have the best medicines." His remarks were strong, but he was taking deeper breaths than usual as he delivered them.

On Tuesday, Trump went a step further, repeating his previous comparisons between COVID-19 and the seasonal flu.

"Many people every year, sometimes over 100,000, and despite the vaccine, die from the Flu," he tweeted. "Are we going to close down our Country? No, we have learned to live with it, just like we are learning to live with Covid, in most populations far less lethal!!!" AP

EU says that no-deal Brexit becoming ever more likely

Brussels: A top European Union official dealing with the United Kingdom said Tuesday that a cliff-edge rupture between the two without even a basic trade deal by the end of the year is becoming more likely by the day.

European Vice President Maros Sefcovic told the European Parliament that "time is short" to reach a deal before a Brexit divorce transition period ends by year's end, effectively giving negotiators less than four weeks to broker a deal which must subsequently go through a lengthy approval process.

And he pointed his finger at British Prime Minister Boris Johnson for making things even more difficult when he decided last month to introduce a bill that breaches the legally binding Withdrawal Agreement it struck with the bloc to make sure it could leave on January 31.

Sefcovic said it made Britain less trustworthy and called the plans "a heavy blow to the British signature and reliability. Respecting agreements is first a matter of law, but also of trust and in good faith." He said the plans left the EU with no choice

but to launch legal action against Britain.

If passed into law, the Internal Market Bill would undermine the EU's previously agreed oversight of trade to and from Northern Ireland, which is part of the U.K. and shares a border with EU member Ireland.

The bloc is furious that Britain plans to breach portions of the withdrawal treaty that were put in place to maintain an open Irish border, which has underpinned peace since Northern Ireland's 1998 Good Friday accord.

Sefcovic said the EU would never change anything to the Brexit divorce deal.

"The full and timely implementation of the withdrawal agreement is simply not negotiable," he told the European Parliament.

Under such adversarial conditions, negotiators from both sides continue to look for common ground to broker a rudimentary trade deal to avoid a barrage of uncertainty, tariffs and red tape that would hurt economies on both sides when the transition window ends on January 1. AP

3 scientists share Nobel physics prize for cosmology finds

Stockholm: Three scientists won this year's Nobel Prize in physics Tuesday for advancing our understanding of black holes.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said that Briton Roger Penrose will receive half of this year's prize "for the discovery that black hole formation is a robust prediction of the general theory of relativity".

Goran K Hansson, the academy's secretary-general, said German Reinhard Genzel and American Andrea Ghez will receive the second half of the prize "for the discovery of a supermassive compact object at the center of our galaxy".

The prizes celebrate "one of the most exotic objects in the

universe," black holes, which have become a staple of science fiction and science fact and where time even seems to stand still, Nobel committee scientists said.

Penrose proved with mathematics that the formation of black holes was possible, based heavily on Albert Einstein's general theory of relativity.

Genzel and Ghez looked at the dust-covered centre of our Milky Way galaxy where something strange was going on, several stars moving around something they couldn't see.

It was a black hole. Not just an ordinary black hole, but a supermassive black hole, 4 million times the mass of our sun.

Now scientists know that all galaxies have supermassive

black holes.

It is common for several scientists who worked in related fields to share the prize. Last year's prize went to Canadian-born cosmologist James Peebles for theoretical work about the early moments after the Big Bang, and Swiss astronomers Michel Mayor and Didier Queloz for discovering a planet outside our solar system.

The prestigious award comes with a gold medal and prize money of 10 million Swedish kronor (more than \$1.1 million), courtesy of a bequest left 124 years ago by the prize's creator, Swedish inventor Alfred Nobel. The amount was increased recently to adjust for inflation. AP

Vaunted White House virus testing couldn't protect Trump

Washington: His press secretary once described President Donald Trump as the "most tested man in America" when it came to COVID-19.

And variations on that message were the White House ready response any time critics questioned the president's lax approach to following guidelines for avoiding the novel coronavirus.

But that vaunted testing operation proved woefully insufficient in protecting the president and those who work for him at the White House, as evidenced by a string of positive tests over the past week for Trump, his wife and others in their orbit.

Trump demonstrated in dramatic fashion that relying on testing alone isn't enough to create a safe bubble. Mask wearing and social distancing are other key ingredients for preventing the spread of COVID-19, and both have often been in short supply at the White House.

From the earliest days of the virus, Trump has provided conflicting advice on wearing a mask, noting that federal health experts were recommending them, but adding that "I don't think I'm going to be doing it." At another point, he said that "maybe they're great, and maybe they're just good. Maybe they're not so good." AP

Mike Pence, Kamala Harris all set for vice-presidential debate on Wednesday

Washington: Vice President Mike Pence and his Democratic challenger Senator Kamala Harris are all set for a debate in the Salt Lake City of Utah on Wednesday.

This will be for the first time in the American history that an Indian origin person will be taking up the podium for a vice presidential debate.

Political analysts believe that an aggressive Harris, 55, will easily prevail over Pence, 61, during the only vice-presidential debate and help her running mate Joe Biden, 77, to widen his lead over Trump, 74.

Biden, in the last few days, has widened his lead over Trump by double digit. However, the Trump

Campaign believes that Pence could come out with a stellar performance during the debate.

The debate gains added significance, given the COVID-19 infecting Trump, triggering speculations that Pence may be taking over the reigns of the country temporarily.

Also, many believe that Harris will be the real force in a Biden administration.

Both Pence and Harris has said that they are well prepared for the debate, which will be moderated by journalist Susan Page, Washington Bureau Chief, USA Today.

According to media reports, plexiglass will be installed between Pence and Harris on the debate stage.

"The debates are a crucial part of making our democracy work and I am honored to participate," Page said in a statement.

The debate will be divided into nine segments of approximately 10 minutes each, said the Commission on Presidential Debate. The moderator will ask an opening question after which each candidate will have two minutes to respond.

The moderator will use the balance of the time in the segment for a deeper discussion of the topic, it said. PTI

Maldives ex-VP jailed again for money laundering

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The former vice president of the Maldives has been sentenced to 20 years in prison after he pleaded guilty to money laundering and embezzlement under orders from the former president.

The Criminal Court on Monday night also fined Ahmed Adeb \$129,800. The prison sentence, which will be shortened by one year because he served time after a previous conviction on the same

charges, also covered charges of corruption and possession of an unlicensed firearm.

Adeb was a protege of former President Yameen Abdul Gayoom during the early years of his presidency between 2013 and 2018. He had been sentenced to 33 years in prison in 2016 for several counts including masterminding a blast in a presidential speedboat in which Yameen's wife was wounded. He was freed from all charges after Yameen lost reelection in 2018.

Around the Globe

Berlin: Human rights groups said on Tuesday they have filed a criminal complaint in Germany asking prosecutors to investigate two chemical weapons attacks in Syria that stand out as among the worst atrocities in the country's long-running conflict.

Phnom Penh (Cambodia): Cambodia's government denied that its demolition of a US-funded facility at one of its naval bases is a signal that China will be granted basing privileges there, saying the work only involves planned infrastructure improvements.

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Sensex extends gains for 4th day, rallies 600 pts

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Equity benchmarks defied gravity for the fourth successive session on Tuesday as investors piled into finance and banking counters amid firm global cues following US President Donald Trump's discharge from hospital.

Encouraging macroeconomic data and anticipation of healthy Q2 results further buoyed sentiment, traders said.

The BSE Sensex zoomed 600.87 points or 1.54 per cent to close at 39,574.57.

Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty climbed 159.05 points or 1.38 per cent to end at 11,662.40.

HDFC was the top performer in the Sensex pack, surging 8.35 per cent, after the mortgage lender said its individual loan disbursements in

the second quarter of 2020-21 reached 95 per cent of the year-ago level and September saw the strongest recovery since the COVID-19 outbreak.

Other prominent gainers were IndusInd Bank, Mahindra and Mahindra, Asian Paints, Bajaj Finance, HDFC Bank and Ultratech Cement.

HDFC and HDFC Bank accounted for over half of the Sensex's gains. On the other hand, Tata Steel, Nestle India, Larsen & Toubro, Sun Pharma, NTPC and Reliance Industries slipped up to 1.26 per cent.

Asian shares followed Wall Street higher after US President Donald Trump was discharged from hospital following COVID-19 treatment. Investor sentiment was also boosted by hopes of a fresh US stimulus package.

European markets were

India to overtake China as world's largest LPG residential market by 2030

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India is expected to overtake China as the world's largest cooking gas LPG residential sector market by 2030, Wood Mackenzie said on Tuesday.

"Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) demand in the residential sector will continue to see sustainable growth at a cumulative annual growth rate (CAGR) of 3.3 per cent, reaching 34 million tonnes (MT) in 2030 as households' dependence on solid biomass diminishes in the long run supported by rising average household incomes and urban population," it said in a report.

Driven by environmental and health concerns, the government has also been implementing schemes to help lower-income families cope with the cost of switching from dirtier biomass to LPG.

The Direct Benefit

Transfer of LPG (DBTL) gives out subsidies to the vulnerable population, while the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) provides families living below the poverty line access to free LPG stoves.

Wood Mackenzie research analyst Qiaoling Chen said: "Although nationwide LPG coverage has reached 98 per cent, up 42 per cent from 2014, usage is still low.

Average annual cylinder refills have not kept up with the pace of new connections, with average consumption remaining below the benchmark of 12 cylinders."

Even with subsidy and the initial cost of set-up covered by the government, LPG is more expensive than biomass. Still, the Indian government is committed to roll out plans to further address affordability and infrastructure challenges in the LPG sector.

RBI's newly-constituted MPC to meet for 3-days beginning Wednesday; Decision on Oct 9

New Delhi: The newly-constituted Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank will begin its three-day deliberations on Wednesday amid expectations that the central bank this time around may refrain from changing the benchmark lending rates.

October 7 to October 9, 2020," the Reserve Bank said in a statement. The decision of the rate-setting panel will be announced on October 9. The government has appointed three eminent economists Ashima Goyal, Jayanth R Varma and Shashanka Bhide as members of the MPC. The new members replace Chetan Ghate, Pami Dua, and Ravindra Dholakia. They were appointed on the panel for four years on September 29, 2016. As per the RBI Act, the external members can hold office for a period of four years and are not eligible for re-appointment. Bhide is senior advisor at the National Council for Applied Economic Research, while Goyal is a professor at the Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Management, Ahmedabad.

NDDDB, Ladakh signs MoU for survey

New Delhi: With a view to promote dairying and rural livelihoods in the Union Territory of Ladakh, the National Dairy Development Board (NDDDB) and UT Administration of Ladakh has signed an MoU for conducting a benchmark survey in the newly formed UT.

NDDDB's dairy potential survey will help prepare a road map to boost dairying in the UT and will help in enhancing income of the rural population in the mountainous border areas. NDDDB Chairman Dilip Rath said that NDDDB is happy to support the efforts of the UT Administration who have taken initiative for dairy development in the interest of milk producers in particular and the cooperative movement in general in Ladakh region. He further said that the Dairy Board has also offered managerial and technical support to promote producer-owned institutions that remain true to cooperative values.

Gold rises ₹454, silver jumps ₹751

New Delhi: Gold prices rose by Rs 454 to ₹51,879 per 10 gram in the national capital on Tuesday amid rupee depreciation, according to HDFC Securities.

The precious metal had closed at ₹51,425 per 10 gram in the previous trade.

Silver prices also jumped ₹751 to ₹63,127 per kilogram from ₹62,376 per kilogram in the previous trade.

"Spot gold prices for 24 carat in Delhi were up ₹454 amid rupee depreciation," HDFC Securities Senior Analyst (Commodities) Tapan Patel said. The rupee pared initial gains and settled for the day 17 paise lower at 73.46 (provisional) against the US dollar on Tuesday.

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Mumbai: The rupee pared initial gains and settled for the day 17 paise lower at 73.46 (provisional) against the US dollar on Tuesday.

At the interbank forex market, the domestic unit opened at 73.17 tracking positive domestic equities and weak greenback, but soon pared the gains and finally closed at 73.46, down 17 paise over its previous close of 73.29. During the session, the local unit witnessed an intra-day high of 73.15 and a low of 73.51 against the American currency. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.02 per cent lower at 93.49.

Indian IT services growth set for comeback in 2021, pandemic to fuel digital spends: Fitch Ratings

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Indian IT services sector is expected to return to high single-digit revenue growth in 2021-2022 galvanised by higher demand for digital transformation after a flatish 2020, according to Fitch Ratings.

In a new report titled 'Spotlight: Indian IT Services Sector', Fitch said the impact of the coronavirus pandemic is seen to be only moderate and short term, as customers focus on transforming their businesses digitally, moving services and work platforms online, and minimise spending

on legacy services. Pandemic will accelerate digital IT spends, it said. Most companies have reported robust deal wins that should support growth in 2021-2022, despite the revenue decline in the second quarter of 2020, said the "The Indian IT services sector is likely to resume high single-digit revenue growth in 2021-2022 on higher demand for digital transformation," it said.

Fitch added that it expected the Indian industry to continue to take advantage of its low-cost operations and maintain its strong foothold in the global IT landscape.

New TDS/TCS rules not for power trading, insurance agents

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government has exempted power trading transactions from the purview of tax deducted at source (TDS) and tax collected at source (TCS) to prevent practical difficulties in implementing the levy from affecting functioning of the exchanges.

The Finance Act, 2020 inserted new section 194-0 in the Income Tax Act 1961 which mandated that from October 1, an e-commerce operator shall deduct income tax at the rate of one per cent of the gross amount of sale of goods or provision of service or both, facilitated through its platform.

Also, a sub-section (1H) in section 206C of the Act was inserted that mandated deduction of a sum of 0.1 per cent on all e-commerce transactions above Rs 50 lakh.

The Central Board of Direct Taxes has now exempted transactions in securities and commodities, traded through recognised stock exchanges or cleared and settled by the recognised clearing corporation, including recognised stock exchanges or recognised clearing corporation located in International Financial Service from this levy.

₹29,560 crore Jewar airport agreement to be signed today

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Noida International Airport Limited, the Yamuna Expressway industrial development authority, airport concessionaire, Zurich Airport International AG, and special purpose vehicle, the Yamuna International Airport Private Limited, would sign the concessionaire agreement for the ₹29,560 crore Jewar airport on Wednesday.

The agreement was supposed to be signed by July 2, according to the earlier schedule. Later on June 10, the UP government postponed the agreement signing date to August 17 in view of the Covid-19 pandemic.

According to officials,

restriction on flight services due to COVID-19 outbreak and subsequent lockdown has twice led to the extension of the date for signing of the concessionaire agreement between selected developer and the state government agencies for the project.

Officials said that the agreement for the international airport is scheduled to be signed at 1 pm on Wednesday.

Zurich International and Yamuna International Airport private limited had on January 30 applied for security clearance to the ministry of home affairs.

Zurich AG cannot start work at the Jewar airport site before the agreement is signed.

Your jobs, increments, bonuses are secure: Puri to HDFC Bank employees

PTI ■ MUMBAI

HDFC Bank Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Aditya Puri has assured employees of the country's largest private sector lender that their jobs and bonuses are secure.

Even as the COVID-19 pandemic rages on, Puri, who retires later this month, said the bank is doing well, has sufficient capital and does not have any strain in the loans that it has made.

He also hinted that the bank may post a strong set of quarterly numbers in the recently ended July-September

period and quarters ahead as well.

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in job losses, especially in the organised sectors, as businesses suffered due to economic activity coming to a halt in lockdowns. HDFC Bank and its private sector competitors have met hikes and bonuses commitments since the start of the pandemic.

"Not only are your jobs secure, your increment is also secure. Your bonus and your promotion are secure," Puri told over 1.15 lakh employees of the bank, in a video message last week.

Comprehensive Document on Review of Traffic at Indian Airports 2019-20 unveiled

New Delhi: Arvind Singh, Chairman, Airports Authority of India (AAI) unveiled the comprehensive document on 'Review of Traffic at Indian Airports 2019-20' in the presence of Board Members of AAI today.



The document would be of immense use to aviation planners, researchers, regulators, concessionaires and policy makers in Civil Aviation to meet the challenges ahead and develop new strategies.

Naqvi laid foundation stone of new Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya at Pakur in J'khand

New Delhi: Union Minister for Minority Affairs Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi today said here that the Union Ministry of Education is constructing 99 Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas in backward, weaker and minority concentrated areas across the country for the first time in the history, and several of these Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas are being constructed jointly by Union Ministry of Education and Union Ministry of Minority Affairs.

Ramesh Pokhriyal "Nishank" today laid foundation stone for a new Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya at Pakur in Jharkhand through video conferencing. This school is being constructed by the Ministry of Minority Affairs under the "Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram". Naqvi said that the Union Ministry of Education and the Union Ministry of Minority Affairs are also jointly constructing 4 Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas at Uttar Dinajpur and Howrah in West Bengal; West Kamang in Arunachal Pradesh; Mamit in Manipur.

L&T Launches final offshore patrol vessel for Indian Coast Guard

New Delhi: Larsen and Toubro (L&T) on Tuesday said it has launched the seventh and final offshore vessel for the Indian Coast Guard at its defence shipyard at Kattupalli.

The vessel is the last in the series of seven offshore patrol vessels (OPVs) contracted to L&T by the defence ministry in March 2015. OPVs are long-range surface ships, capable of operation in maritime zones of India, including island territories with helicopter operation capabilities.

Tata Motors global wholesales decline 16 pc in July-September

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Tata Motors on Tuesday said its group global wholesales, including Jaguar Land Rover, declined by 16 per cent to 2,02,873 units in the second quarter of the current financial year over the year-ago period.

The drop in sales of its commercial vehicles and Daewoo range was higher at 29 per cent (56,614 vehicles) during the second quarter of FY21 as compared to passenger vehicles sales, which declined 9 per cent (1,46,259 units) over the second quarter of the previous fiscal, according to a release.

Global wholesales for Jaguar Land Rover were 91,367 vehicles in the July-September quarter of FY21. Jaguar wholesales for the quarter were 18,189 vehicles, while Land Rover wholesales for the quarter were 73,178 vehicles, Tata Motors said.

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NOTICE INVITING BID (NIB-513)

01 (One) Bid as detailed below are invited for procurement of Equipments & Instruments for rate contract period of 24 months:

| S.No. | NIB No. | Last Date & Time of Receipt of Bid Form | UBN No. |
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Details may be seen in the Bidding Document at the office of the M.D. RMSSC or State Public Procurement Portal website "sppp.raj.nic.in" or "www.dipronline.org" or "https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in" or website "www.rmssc.nic.in". The each bidding document may be downloaded from either of the above websites and uploaded duly filled in with payment of Rs. 2000.00+360.00 (GST@18%) Total Amount 2360.00 and Rs. 1000.00+180.00 (GST@18%) Total Amount 1180.00 for MSMEs of Rajasthan through challan/banker's cheque/demand draft in favour of M.D., RMSSC, payable at Jaipur Executive Director (EPM) Samwad/C/5211/2020-21 Rajasthan Medical Services Corporation Ltd., Jaipur

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
 (See Section 82 Cr.PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Saiwan, S/o Niyaz Ahmad R/o Vill-Navdiya Sherpur Kalan, PS Purnapur, Distt. Pilibhit, UP has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 122/2020 u/s 363/366/376 IPC & 6 PCO Act, P.S. Khyala, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Saiwan cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Saiwan has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Saiwan of FIR No. 122/2020 u/s 363/366/376 IPC & 6 PCO Act, P.S. Khyala, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 09.12.2020.

By Order,
 Sh. G.N. Pandey
 Additional Sessions Judge 09 (West) Pocco
 DP/222/W/2020 Room No.113, First Floor, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED
 SEE SECTION U/S 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Mohd. Shakil, S/o Md. Mansub, R/o H.No. A-438, Gali No. 10, Part 2, Soniya Vihar, Delhi, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 492/19 Dt. 11.10.2019, u/s 33 Delhi Excise Act, at P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Mohd. Shakil cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Mohd. Shakil has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Mohd. Shakil of case FIR No. 492/19 Dt. 11.10.2019, u/s 33 Delhi Excise Act, at P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi is required to appear on this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 21.11.2020

By Order
 Ms. Richa Sharma,
 Metropolitan Magistrate (07),
 Room No. 06, Rohini Court, Delhi
 DP/418/NW/2020-(Court Matter).

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Name:** Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, **Age:** about 50-55 years, **Height:** 5' 5", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Normal, **Wearing:** Blue colour shirt and black colour pant, who was found at Hanuman Mandir, Kashmere Gate, Delhi. In this regard a case **DD No. 77-A U/s 174 Cr. PC Dated 30.09.2020 has been registered at P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi.**

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

Sd/- SHO
 P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi
 Tel.: 011-23968730
 DP/616/N/2020(UIDB)

Appeal for Identification

General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body **Name:** Unknown, S/o Unknown, R/o: Unknown, **Age:** Approx. 40 years, **Height:** 5'5", **Complexion:** Dark, **Sex:** Male, **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing :** Blue Colour Shirt and Blue & Green Colour full Pant. **Place of recovery:** Footpath of LIC Building, Near office No.15/1, Asaf Ali Road, Delhi.

In this regard, a **DD No. 23-A Dated 02.10.2020** has been lodged at PS Kamla Market, Delhi. Dead Body is preserved in MAMC Mortuary for 72 Hours for Identification. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.

SHO
 P.S., Kamla Market, Delhi
 Ph.: 011-23230623, 23233743
 DP/406/CD/2020

Appeal for Identification

General public is hereby informed that one person **Name:** Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, **Age:** 28/30 Years, **Height:** 5'6", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Sex:** Male, **Injury Marks:** Head Injuries & Lag Fracture, **Wearing:** Black Colour T-Shirt & gray Colour Lower, **Place of Recovery:** Found dead on 01.10.2020 at KM Pole No. 1527/7 & 1527/8 Near Harkesh Nagar Railway Track.

In this regard **DD No. 26A, U/s-174 Cr.P.C., Dated 01.10.2020** has been lodged at **P.S. Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station, Delhi.** Any clue come to notice please inform undersign.

SHO
 P.S. Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station, Delhi
 Ph.: 011-24356743, 24358593 & 7303610781
 DP/4481/RLY/2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client is in process of purchasing a piece of land falling in Khasra No. 20719 main West (4/3), 221 Main West (1/38) & 20 main (0/36) measuring 8 Bighas situated within the revenue estate of village Bhaswan, Sub Division (Kagazhera), South West Main Delhi, Whereas, M/s. Manoram Construction Pvt. Ltd. having its registered office at A-101, Sector-12, Plot No. 27 Sunny Valley, Okhla New Delhi-110019 is the recorded owner of the above captioned land. Although, M/s. Manoram Construction Pvt. Ltd. has its authorized representative/director namely M/s. Renu Gupta has represented and assured my client that the above land is free from all encumbrances, lien, charge etc. Albeit, my client believes the representations made by M/s. Renu Gupta (Director of Manoram Construction However, just as a matter of prudent caution and to avoid any future litigation, my client hereby issues this public notice to general public hereby inviting the claimants/objectors that the above mentioned land within 15 days from the publication of this notice. Any person including any individual/juristic person/company having any claim, right or interest of whatsoever nature in my client by filing his/her written objection to the email address: india@vishesh@gmail.com or through what's app @969922653 or to the undersigned.

Not receipt of any objections within the given time shall be construed as no one has any objection/interest in the above captioned property except M/s. Pooja Jain and thereafter, no claims from any person shall be considered.

One copy of this Legal Notice is kept by the undersigned for his records.

ABHILASH VASHISTH ADVOCATE
 CHM MO 714, Lawyers Chamber,
 Dwarika Court Complex, Dwarika, New
 Delhi, India. Ph: 987170987

CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-tenders are invited for and on behalf of the President of India for the following work:
Sl. No. : 01]. Tender No. : Engg/36/2020-21. Name of the work : Providing additional 100 nos. Fire hydrant in fabricating and bogie shop formerly DLFC including office etc. at DKAE. Tender value (₹) : 30,86,845.69. Earnest money (₹) : 61,700.00. Period of completion (in months): 06 months. NOTE: (i) Date of closing : 28.10.2020 at 13.00 hrs. (ii) Complete details can be seen in the Railways website : www.clw.indianrailways.gov.in & www.ireps.gov.in (iii) Contact Number : 9136640202. Divisional Engineer AD76 - 126 CLW/Chittaranjan Like us on : www.facebook.com/clwrailways

As people strive to find a more rewarding haven for their investments, cryptocurrencies such as bitcoin have now become the talk of the town. PROF KUBER SHARMA tells you how students can make it a lucrative option



QUOTE OF THE DAY
What a school thinks about its library is a measure of what it feels about education.
— Harold Howe

New high for JP International

The JP International school located at sector Omega 1, yet again featured in the Leadership Ranking and has retained its second spot in the Leadership category of the Times school annual ranking 2020 which is the most sought after Annual ranking of the region. The key factors of evaluation based on infrastructure and facilities, student-teacher ratio, network, exchange programs, awards, alumni, extracurricular activities and others.

"We are very proud of this achievements and wish to convey to all parents that the faculty and staff of our school has been putting their best and we hope to reach at the top also soon," says Roshan Agarwal, Chairman of the JP international school.

Amit Saxena, Vice President cites a series of metamorphic changes that JP International School has taken in last few years and said "JP International School believes in futuristic education and have introduced many new subjects like Artificial Intelligence, Entrepreneurship, Computational thinking and integrated 21st century skills in its pedagogy to make the school education more relevant and help our students to be future ready".

Principal, Sadhana Mallik said: "We are extremely grateful to all our parents and faculty members who have placed their trust on us and we shall continue to work hard to retain it."

New programme launched

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The IP University has started a new academic programme — PG Diploma in Healthcare Management — from this academic session.

This one-year weekend programme will be run under the University School of Management Studies (USMS) with collaboration and support of Association of Health Providers (AHP).

The total seats for this programme is 45. Any healthcare professional with Graduate or Post Graduate degree from a recognised university with minimum of 50 per cent marks and having minimum experience of one year in healthcare sector can apply for the programme. Admission will be given on merit list prepared on the basis of marks obtained in Graduation/Post-Graduation (70 per cent weightage) plus marks obtained in Interview (30 per cent weightage). There is no age limit for this programme. Classes will be held on weekends days (Saturdays and Sundays) in the campus. The fee for this programme is ₹81,000. The last date of submission of online form for this programme is October 15, 2020.

Admission brochure, online apply option and other details of the programme are available on the university website www.ipu.ac.in.

According to Dean — USMS Prof A K Saini this programme has been especially designed for practicing healthcare professionals/hospital administrators to upgrade their knowledge and skill in healthcare management to serve the society in more efficient and effective manner.

LAUNCH A CRYPTOCURRENCY CAREER

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to an unprecedented economic crisis. Every industry around the world has been affected by this pandemic, with the IMF calling it the worst recession since the Great Depression. Companies are missing their earnings estimates, people are losing their jobs, experiencing salary cuts and many traditional investments have taken a hit across the board. As people strive to find a more rewarding haven for their investments, cryptocurrencies such as bitcoin have now become the talk of the town. What are the reasons that are propelling this phenomenon? Let's analyse.

First and foremost the equity market is losing its attractiveness post the coronavirus crisis because of decreased demand for many companies' products, resulting in long-term declines in corporate profits. Investors are looking for more rewarding options to invest other than stocks. Since Cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin possess many properties that are similar to that of precious metals such as Gold, they are indeed

emerging as an important and highly rewarding asset class.

Secondly, cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin are proving to be an attractive option because there is very little correlation between them and traditional investments. So even if traditional investments are growing or declining, the appreciation in cryptocurrencies is fairly immune to them. As a result, for Investors, there is more room to incorporate assets in their portfolio that have little correlation with the uncertainty in the economy.

Thirdly, even before the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent economic fallout, financial experts around the world were already recommending some exposure to cryptocurrencies within investment portfolios. Post COVID-19 pandemic, the crypto market remains on the growth path, and cryptocurrency trading participation by institutional investors has become much more significant. One such reason behind this is because cryptocurrencies are protected against

inflation. So, events like the crash of the stock market, the spread of COVID-19 and others has little impact on the value of these digital currencies.

The fourth and most important reason is that cryptocurrency is one of the biggest applications of very popular and very trust-worthy Blockchain technology that eliminates the needs of middlemen, allowing transactions to perform directly and swiftly between two entities. This phenomenon of performing transactions swiftly while saving on brokerages and middlemen fees has particularly piqued the interest of several large scale investors, particularly the large global banks.

Blockchain has leaped onto the world stage and presented itself as a next-generation solution for many of the tech & finance sectors' most pressing problems. It has now received influential endorsements from government leaders, industry titans and ambitious entrepreneurs in an unprecedented acknowledgment of the technology's prowess. The

future of cryptocurrency seems very bright not just for investing but as a career path also.

What the blockchain industry needs are people who are aware of this ecosystem and are interested in continually enhancing their skills, and staying up to date with the industry's advancement. There are steps blockchain enthusiasts can take to start developing their careers in the space.

Popular career options in cryptocurrency

Want to apply your passion and knowledge of cryptocurrency to a profession? Here are three burgeoning career options you can pursue:

Blockchain Engineer: Blockchain engineer is an attractive career option that helps building applications using blockchain technology. While typical blockchain engineers used to track digital currency transactions, many companies are now creating customised technologies as per their own requirements.

Financial Analyst: As the world

is moving more-and-more towards digitalisation, the need for financial analysts who are fluent in crypto as an asset class has increased more than ever. As a financial analyst, your role is to help clients make smarter investments in digital currency.

Cryptographer: The work profile of a cryptographer is to develop algorithms and security systems to encrypt sensitive information, such as protecting data in finances. If data protection interests you, you can probably look out for this as a profession. Additionally, cryptographers are engaged in designing and developing several customised applications that help in maintaining national security.

Alternatively, there are many career options that exist in the Sales & Marketing functions and other functions such as Business Analysis, Technology Analysis, Advertisement & PR, Investor Relations, Legal, Regulations, Corporation Communications and others.

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What's in a year

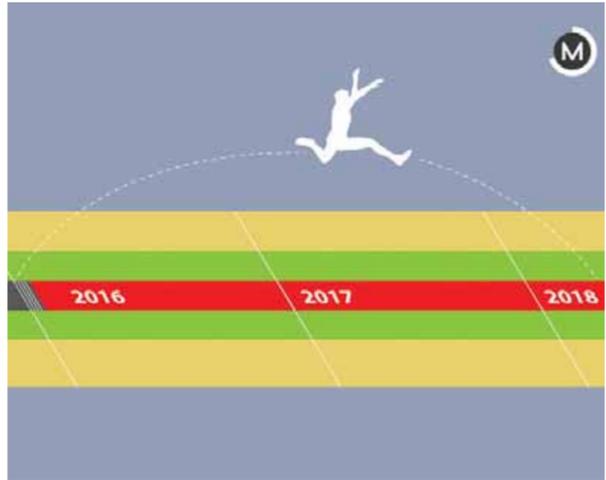
The impression of dropping a year has always been accredited with wasting the year. But now the scenario has completely reversed, says ANKIT KAPOOR

As far as their career is concerned, Class XII remains a threshold for students with a lot of unanswered questions pondering inside their head, leaving them confused. The most common notion that students have while deciding to choose the right career revolves around how to choose the right career, which course to opt for and what they are good at, among many others.

Such thoughts oscillating between questions about the future can be daunting, confusing, and lead to an unclear frame of mind. In such a dilemma the one thing that becomes an integral part and adds on to the confusion is "Should I take a drop if things don't turn out the way I have planned them?"

While this question remains a tough nut to crack, requiring countless self-introspection to reach a point where you can swiftly answer this, especially when everything seems to be at stake. The impression of dropping a year has always been accredited with wasting the year and the student has been left behind their batchmates in terms of the academic session. But now the scenario has completely reversed and if one is determined to go to their dream college, with parental support, if a student does not score well as per the desired results in the entrance exam, they have been opting to drop a year.

Dropping a year — waste or invest? There is no absolute answer to this question if one should drop a year or not, with a very thin line difference between waste and investment. It is all about the mindset of the individual, and according to experts one will definitely



be investing. Aspirants aiming for their dream career, with disciplined approach, dedication in their preparation are contributing to a positive investment towards their future.

But it is not that black and white to make up your mind so quickly on this question. One reaches to this question after contemplating about various points:

Missed the college by whisker: A wise student should evaluate the difference between the targeted and actual score. If the difference between the two is small and seems realistic that with

a little more effort and reworking the preparation strategy, they can easily reach the required score. However, if the difference is a major one then the chances with some extra efforts are negligible. The fact is to look for an alternative career path. And in other cases where a student gets into a good college but it is not his dream college, in such case he should join the college and continue alongside rather than dropping a year.

Poor scores in both Boards and entrance: This is a tough situation but as they say, every situation has a solu-

tion. A child should be very sure of the career path he/she intends to take thereon. While many attributes it as a dead-end situation, but it is not the end of the road and there exists multiple options:

- New age careers/skill-based careers
- Admissions in Tier-II colleges
- Universities

If none of the above-mentioned points works, and if one considers dropping a year to get into a good college then joining some certificate courses that will enhance your performance.

Need time to prepare and to plan again: The preparation for entrance exams requires hard work and perseverance irrespective of the entrance exam. In this scenario, one should evaluate what were the reasons for the previous performance. Self-questioning about the failure to prepare well, also opens up clarity, and seeking guidance from a career counsellor before taking the plunge also helps in revamping the preparation strategy.

In all these scenarios, one has to think articulately before reaching a decision of taking a college this year or dropping a year. It is not an end of the road if you are dropping a year, it's only that you are taking one year extra to shape your career the way you want it to be. Also, don't listen to anyone who tells you that it is a crime to drop a year. In the end, what matters is that you consider all your options well and do well. A happy mind is always capable to do wonders.

The writer is Managing Director, Pratham Test Prep

A new generation of start-ups

We are now witnessing a paradigm shift with entrepreneurship fast becoming the first-choice career for our best and brightest, and start-up successes inspiring a new generation of Indians, says ATUL RAJA

It is an interesting reflection. When I was growing up, and perhaps till a decade back, many of the career aspirations were decided by one set of parents proudly proclaiming, "My son will become an engineer or a doctor". The other set would tell you, "We are not Tata or Birla. Study hard to get into a job from where you can retire". Indians were traditionally risk-averse when it came to career choices.

However, the situation today has turned on its head, and we sure have come a long way. The fact that India needs job creators and not job seekers isn't lost on anyone, including the youth. We are now witnessing a paradigm shift with entrepreneurship fast becoming the first-choice career for our best and brightest, and startup successes inspiring a new generation of Indians. This has mainly been due to a significant shift in the way Entrepreneurship Education is now being imparted at campuses. The new trends in Entrepreneurship Education are experiential and focused on 'learning by doing'.

Mainstreaming entrepreneurship course with credits: Educational Institutions which are serious about creating a culture of entrepreneurship at their campus are mainstreaming the course with credits and bringing in an evangelist faculty for the same. This has gone a long way in generating more interest in entrepreneurship amongst students.

Project-based learning: The course is now less theoretical and focused on out-of-the-class and out-of-the-book approach — validating the start-up idea, how to create business models, understand the nuances of Minimum Viable Product (MVP), do's and don'ts before starting up etc. are real-time scenarios ensuring that startups of tomorrow begin on the right footing.

Exposure to industry experts, mentors and entrepreneurs: It is widely acknowledged that the best teachers of entrepreneurship are entrepreneurs themselves who have dirtied their hands,



faced myriad challenges and done it all. While industry experts give an outlook of the various facets of the business, the entrepreneurs give a firsthand feel of what's to come in the entrepreneurial journey.

Practice ventures: Practice ventures by students lay a clear roadmap for venture creation and build entrepreneurial muscle. A number of startups have arisen from campus ventures as they provide real-world learning into business planning, customers, markets, revenue, competition and funding.

Design thinking: Innovation and Entrepreneurship are two sides of the same coin. Fostering innovative thinking through creative and collaborative workflows helps to facilitate prototyping and discovery of new solutions.

The new entrepreneurship education trends at the campus are fostering innovation and experimentation through hands-on experiential learning and providing an opportunity to budding startups for building and executing the business idea, learning to challenge the status quo, and developing a risk-taking mindset. More importantly, this will go a long way in grooming a new generation of educated and robust startups who are more aware of the pitfalls that lead to failure and hence, will maximise their success rate.

We are looking at a future where our entrepreneurs will be heroes much like the Bollywood stars and cricketers.

The writer is Executive Vice President, Marketing at Wadhvani Foundation

Gxpress creates job opportunities

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The COVID-19 pandemic has affected every industry. It has brought the world to a standstill and has impacted our lives deeply. One of the largest affected sectors is Logistics Industry. According to the Industry body Indian Chambers of Commerce (ICC) due to coronavirus lockdown, the logistics sector lost at about ₹50,000 crore.

Recently, a report by Global Consultants states that around 122 million people lost their jobs due to the Covid-19 pandemic in India, and 40% of those are from blue-collar jobs. To solve this problem and to help revive the economy, Gxpress,

Fellowship in aesthetic & anti-aging medicine

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The ILAMED announces the launch of its one-year Fellowship in Aesthetic & Anti-Aging Medicine (FAAM) Programme. This Flagship Program is in Collaboration with University Medicine Greifswald, Germany. The eligibility criteria is the participants should have a recognised Medical Degree from any university/traineeship or specialised degree in Dermatology.

This one-year Fellowship programme is also approved and endorsed by The Indian Society of Aesthetic Medicine and The Plastic Surgery Center of Western

New York.

This programme will be delivered in a blended format of self-learning, live sessions, case studies & hands-on training which will be off One Month duration. One to one teaching format of this programme is what makes it unique from others in the world as this consists of concise and clinically relevant practical lectures on various topics. Live demonstrations with detailed explanations by the expert faculties of ILAMED from around the world. At the end of the programme all the successful participants will be awarded - The Fellowship in Aesthetic &

Anti-Aging Medicine which is an International Certificate and this will help them to excel in their careers.

This fellowship programme will give a chance to all the budding doctors & physicians to master themselves by hands-on training on live patients under International Faculty supervision and learn latest and advanced techniques. Also, all the participants will get Alumni Status of Indian Society of Aesthetic Medicine (ISAM). A life membership certificate free of cost.

During this programme, students will implement and test the

Virtual hackathon

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A first-ever virtual 24-hour Hackathon competition has been announced by leading e-learning platform-Fliplearn to help showcase technology prowess of students & engineers and creativity with an aim to develop innovative solutions in the education domain.

The virtual event will take place on October 17 to October 18, 2020 from 10 am onwards. On October 17th, 2020, all admitted teams will have 24 hours to build creative solutions to the problems through coding, programming, design, data etc. The goal of the event is to build the future of education using technology.

The competition is open for the students of Class IX to Class XII, engineering students and engineering professionals.

Towards robust learning



The new policy is a step towards building the country's resilient education system to help students face the rapidly evolving challenges arising in the emerging global ecosystem and economic integration, says PROF PADMAKALI BANERJEE

The National Education Policy 2020 is a critical and timely intervention that is destined to make Indian education landscape globally competitive. The policy is comprehensive and encompasses significant reform in every area of our education system. The focus towards making the higher education ecosystem inclusive, affordable, equitable coupled with adequate emphasis on technical and vocational skill development are welcome steps towards employment generation, economic productivity and economic growth.

Making higher educational institutions multidisciplinary with adequate flexibility in course selection, multiple entry and exit criteria in conjunction with a drive towards research and innovation are significant proactive overhauls. This makes new education system more realistic.

To accelerate the innovative approach, the move towards making engineering institutions, such as IITs, to include holistic and multidisciplinary education curriculum with the inclusion of arts and humanities is in sync with the need of the hour towards holistic education.

One of the hallmarks of NEP 2020 is the rightful emphasis on vocational and skill development intending to make far reaching

implications in enhancing academia-industry collaboration and facilitating outreach-practice-research endeavors with an intent of establishing Centres of Excellence in higher education institutions.

Such an intent embedded in the NEP 2020 is aimed at making fresh graduates ready for future in tandem with the objective to promote self-employment opportunities, making it a catalytic force towards promoting business and economic development in global paradigm.

All these aspects are destined to make a synergy between higher education and industry in a manner that provides complementarity between our education system and industrial management and productivity enhancement. The emphasis on important vocational skills is to boost small and medium sectors.

The critical significance provided to Open Distance Learning (ODL) and online programmes, provided they are specifically accredited to do so, aims to improve access and increased opportunities for lifelong learning (SDG4) and development of management attributes.

As a corollary, the NEP 2020 envisages that all academic programs, courses, curricula, pedagogy, across subjects, including

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those in class, online and ODL modes, achieve global standards.

One significant dimension of NEP 2020 is its emphasis on internationalisation for increased exchange of expertise and harnessing manpower resources optimally. Research and development collaboration and student and faculty exchanges between the Indian higher educational institutions and global institutions are integral components of the policy. In an era of global economic and business interdependence, such provision is going to metamorphosize the entire landscape of business and management competency among students graduating from universities and institutions of higher education in India.

One critical aspect of NEP 2020 is the realisation that vocational and professional education among students, in the form of integrating vocational education programs into mainstream education system, is of utmost significance.

Additionally, the policy initiatives further allow for incubation centres to be set up in universities and higher education institutes in partnership with industries. Simultaneously, deliberations on agricultural education, legal education and healthcare education are important to serve the society effectively.

Research and development, innovation, incubation centres and entrepreneurship skill development are predominant elements of NEP 2020.

Towards this, technical education encompassing engineering, technology, management, architecture, town planning, pharmacy, hotel management and catering technology are going to be critical in employment enhancement and higher trajectory of productivity.

At the same time the policy further envisions that India must take the lead in preparing professionals in cutting-edge areas that are fast gaining prominence, like Artificial Intelligence (AI), 3-D machining, big data analysis and machine learning among others. In technical education, genomic studies, biotechnology, nanotechnology, neuroscience and other scientific pursuits would pave the way to facilitate linkage of universities with industry.

Innovation in curriculum, internationalisation and industry integration are the three Is that can bring transformational effects in education. The NEP 2020 has been able to successfully amalgamate educational framework with innovation and research; global standards and industry needs and requirement.

The writer is Pro Vice-chancellor and Dean Academics, Amity University, Haryana

'Remote teaching is an efficient option'

There are a number of features of experimental mode of learning with innovative concepts making it the future of new education, says SACHIN GUPTA

The global pandemic Coronavirus has led multifarious changes in the working of every sector. The pandemic led to closure of education institutions to prevent the spread of virus therefore a new gateway for imparting education emerged. Virtual classrooms, a new and innovative concept in India. Global experimentation with remote teaching is the most efficient option available to bridge the education gap. Almost every education institution today has opted for the online mode. Adapting to this new mode was quite difficult initially but it is turning out to be an effective mode for students and teachers both and the best alternative option under the circumstances.



Sachin Gupta
Chancellor, Sanskriti University

Here are the top five features of experimental mode of learning making it the future of new education.

Flexibility: Online education is enabling teachers and the students to set their personal learning pace, adding more flexibility to set class schedules, and adding innovative methods to check student's learning. Now the student can take his lecture from anywhere. It is also helping students to improvise time management skills and consequently become more disciplined which apparently helps in maintaining good work-study balance. Unlike traditional means of learning the student can give his assessments online as also available course material online. There is direct contact between teacher and students which enables both parties to understand and respond in the required way.

Affordability: It is a more affordable option as compared to offline mode of education as it eliminates a wide range of payment options as the student can pay for the webinars that are relevant to him. Besides, for the academic classes it eliminates commuting costs, course material costs and many more miscellaneous fees. Therefore, there is less monetary investment and the education is more advanced.

Easily accessible: It enables studying or teaching from anywhere in the world. That is there is no need of commuting from one place to another or follow any rigid schedule which not only helps to save time, but also helps in saving money. Virtual classrooms are available

anywhere where an Internet connection is available.

Career relevant: Learning with the new method of education is more flexible and multi-tasking as students can meet career relevant skills while sitting at home apart from learning from online classes there is more time for students to attain online training, pursue skill based online courses, etc. These sources boost up a student's résumé making him future ready. E-learning is not only beneficial for students but also for the teachers as it is making teachers more updated to e-teaching techniques.

Enhance new age technology: Unlike traditional education, learning online is more advanced, as now students and teachers both are becoming more innovative, self-introducers which are helping to discover the undiscovered and setting of new trends. Both are navigating the course lectures, downloading course materials, interacting online, communicating well digitally and making new networks. E-learning allows a wide scope of practical and innovative learning. Online education ensures learning more than what is just written in books. The student can avail study material in the form of video, document, and voice notes. Virtual education has widened the scope of learning.

One are the days when it was believed that coding is only for absolute computer nerds. Now, anyone can participate in the process of writing code for their own creations such as websites, mobile applications and software. Coding and programming are vital skills and demand is expected to rise in the future, especially when it comes to managing cybersecurity, cloud services and SaaS platforms.

It has become a part of the curriculum for school going students. Therefore, students who can be engaged in coding now can have better potential prospects once they do leave school. The beauty of programming is that you can build whatever you can think of.

Here are the five unique platforms to learn how to code.

School of Accelerated Learning
It is the first hybrid product school for learners who are looking to build tech-focused careers founded by Raj Desai. School of Accelerated Learning (SOAL) claims to be India's first-ever hybrid coding boot camp for emerging technologies and future work skills. Their product-driven boot camp is now available at Mumbai, Hyderabad and Delhi. It provides in-depth knowledge of courses in Product Engineering and Product Design. SOAL helps to build real-life, robust web applications from scratch. SOAL gives you access to global experts with both online

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learning modules and the excitement of learning with peers in its offline campuses. Aside from learning, you'll have the ability to connect with mentors who are currently at the top of their field.

SP Robotics
Founded by Sneha Priya, this is an ed-tech platform to learn, build and showcase robotics, coding, image processing, virtual reality and other next-generation skills or education. The best part is that concepts are taught using animation videos and real-world examples. It only enhances coding

Udacity
This is an online learning platform offering groundbreaking credential programs in fields such as AI, machine learning, self-driving cars, and robotics as well as app and web development. It empowers students to

succeed while in school, but also in their daily life after school is completed. It aims to teach the skills that are needed by leaders today, delivers the credentials that are endorsed by employers and give valuable education at just a fraction of the cost that is asked in traditional schools. Students can learn JavaScript for free while the more intense courses and nanodegree programs do come at a price.

Coursera
It offers massive open online courses, specializations, degrees, professional and master track courses. It offers over 1,000 courses that come from 119 institutions. It provides coding-based courses, tutorials and resources taught by professors at leading

universities. There some introductory programming courses that are free while there are some more advanced courses available for a fee. Courses are available in English, Spanish and French and can be subtitled in English, Spanish or Chinese. Those who complete their course will receive an electronic course certificate.

Coding Ninjas
Founded in 2016, it is one of the largest online tech education company in India, focusing on courses like C++, Java, Python, Android, Machine learning and Data science, to name a few. With TA sessions, Live webinars, discussion forums and certifications, this is a great place to build a solid programming foundation



Twin Win, has launched a scholarship programme for students from Government Schools and poor households. Students with best results are being interviewed and financial assistance is being given to the best ones. The scholarship will be awarded to students of Government schools and children of poor background.

Written tests, talent hunts are being conducted online. Twin Win has a reach of around one lakh individuals annually. It aims this scholarship to reach students of around 10 states by November end.

It has also started social media campaigns to give free Career advice to students who cannot afford costly career counsellors. It also has an e-magazine — Yuvaan — to improve the habit of reading among masses. Also the organisation wishes to help young entrepreneurs with financial assistance.

University of Oxford's Saïd Business School.
Award: It covers partial living expenses of at least an additional £14,777.

Eligibility: Students of any nationality can apply. Have started a new social venture or an initiative within an existing organisation, or pursued positive change as an impact career professional (i.e. someone who has used entrepreneurial approaches to address the same social/environmental issue with a clear core thread that unites his work) for preferably 3 years or longer by the time you apply for the MBA.

Have demonstrated evidence of personal qualities strongly resonating with entrepreneurial leadership.

Have demonstrated how a business education will help further your career goals; Have demonstrated need for financial support.

English language requirements: Candidates whose first language is not English or who have not studied at an English-speaking university are required to take either the TOEFL or IELTS tests.

How to apply: To apply for the Skoll Scholarship you first need to apply and be accepted onto the Saïd Business School's MBA programme

Application deadline: The last date is January 8, 2021.

- SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT (ECONOMICS) AT INNOVANCE LEARNING SYSTEMS**
Location: Work From Home
Stipend: ₹8,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/5523756
Deadline: October 14, 2020
- CLIENT SERVICING AT WHATAPORTRAIT.COM**
Location: Work From Home
Stipend: ₹8,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/5523757
Deadline: October 14, 2020
- E-COMMERCE MANAGEMENT AT THE RUG REPUBLIC**
Location: Delhi
Stipend: ₹10,000-₹12,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/5523758
Application deadline: October 14, 2020
- LINUX (KERNEL) PROGRAMMING AT WJUNGLE — BY HTTPCART**
Location: Delhi, Jaipur
Stipend: ₹15,000-₹20,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/5523759
Application deadline: October 14, 2020
- CONTENT EDITING AT EDUNIFY- UNIFORM APPLICATION**
Location: Lucknow
Stipend: ₹4,000-₹8,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/5523760
Application deadline: October 13, 2020
- PROJECT COORDINATOR AT IAPTUNES**
Location: Chandigarh, Kahar, Mohali
Stipend: ₹7,000-₹12,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/5523761
Application deadline: October 14, 2020
- ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING AT KIDI ROBOTICS**
Location: Ranchi, Dhanbad, Jamshedpur
Stipend: ₹7,000-₹12,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/5523762
Application deadline: October 11, 2020

STUDY ABROAD

'COVID-19 has changed how education is imparted'

International students need to study online and complete course from campus when safe to return, says EMMA LANCASTER



The onset of the Coronavirus pandemic is transforming the traditional way of imparting education. However, now new tools are being added to the labs and lecture theatres.

Earlier, virtual learning was only considered a supplement to classroom learning. While many will still prefer physically attending classes, the pandemic is bringing a shift in how online learning is perceived. We are confident blended learning will become a larger part of the education system, with a combination of face-to-face teaching and online teaching.

An understanding across academia that talented international students need to start their study programmes virtually and then eventually complete the course from the campus when safe to return. This means students won't have to skip a semester or waste a full year.

While Indian students have been historically cautious about distance learning (especially for higher studies), the realities of

COVID and the fact that high quality programmes have been developed with leading universities are changing attitudes. In addition to programmes with top 100 universities in the US and U.K., Australian programmes like the Charles Sturt University Study Centre in Australia have introduced additional measures to allow students to try face-to-face virtual and blended learning risk-free.

In the UK, the University of Huddersfield moved its courses online earlier this year in the wake of the global pandemic and locked international borders. With the campus reopening for Autumn 2020, students who had begun studying online can now progress to their degree.

The key test though is the experience of students and their teachers. Academics say they have confidence that students are satisfied with their learning. Students and their teachers have risen to the challenge. They are both to be commended for the work they have undertaken and the online skills they have acquired which will remain part of their experience.

The writer is CEO, Study Abroad

IN BRIEF

3,100-PLUS TEACHERS CERTIFIED AS MIE BY TAG

The largest congregation of teachers took a test to become Microsoft Innovative Educator (MIE) certified. Around 3,173 school teachers from different parts of the country got recognised as MIE digital classroom teachers after qualifying and passing the test conducted by Tech Avant-Garde (TAG), technology powered Ed-Tech company and a Global Training Partner of Microsoft in Education.

As part of the Knowledge L'avenir Conclave (KLC) webinar series, which started on Teacher's Day 2020, and will continue till November 2020, 300 teachers trained nearly 5,000 teachers from across the country. The first assessment was held on Sunday, September 28, 2020.

As it is important for teachers to get a degree/ diploma in teaching to become

a qualified teacher, similarly to be recognised as a digital teacher MIE certificate is necessary.

Ali Sait CEO of Tech Avant-Garde said: "Teacher is an important stakeholder of education. By empowering them we can empower society. If teachers are not digitally skilled, our formal education will collapse and have a serious impact on human capital. Today, knowledge is the greatest asset, the benefits of information-rich, technology-enhanced connected learning environment must be extended to students, teachers, parents, schools and entire communities to learn without limits. Training and certification 5,000 teachers is just the tip of the iceberg, Tech Avant-Garde is finding ways to digitally skill 26 million teachers in India and many more across the world."

NEW ZEALAND-INDIA EDUCATION WEEK

The Education New Zealand kick-started New Zealand-India Education Week. The aim's to discuss top trends that will drive the future of the education sector globally in the post COVID-19 era.

David Pine, New Zealand High Commissioner to India, Bangladesh, and Ambassador Designate to Nepal said: "The COVID-19 pandemic has created the largest disruption of

education systems in history, with the UN identifying nearly 1.6 billion learners in more than 190 countries affected. But, the crisis has also stimulated innovation within the education sector."

UV-RAY DEVICE TO DISINFECT AIR FROM AC

Researchers from Lovely Professional University have developed a device that can be installed in air conditioners to disinfect the air they disperse from viruses and harmful gases. The devices comprises of a set of UV tubes which emit rays at a particular wavelength to destroy the viruses present in the air flow of the AC. The device also removes hazardous gases like Sox and Nox from the air.

The device circulates pure air inside the room as soon as the AC is turned on. The sensing unit ignites the tube, whilst the indicator installed inside the unit, displays when the tubes need to be replaced. The research team has developed prototypes and necessary testing has been completed. It took the team about one month to prepare the module. The cost of each module is between ₹1,500-₹2,000.



It's more important to learn from your mistakes. In IPL, matches happen too fast and it's a matter of one victory and the momentum comes back

We dropped a catch in the field, little bit of slackness in the field as well, couple of fumbles which cost us ultimately 20-30 runs. But then again we didn't bat well at all

We need to grab when the opportunity comes our way. It is not like we are dropping half chances, we are dropping sitters and those things hurt you

Our strategy was to be fearless and play with full freedom. We have got good youngsters in our side, so we just need to go out and execute our talent and skills

Gayle, Mujeeb will play soon: Jaffer

PTI ■ DUBAI
Kings XI Punjab batting coach Wasim Jaffer said overseas stars Chris Gayle and Mujeeb Zadran could feature in the playing eleven soon in the ongoing season of IPL.
KKIP have struggled so far, losing four of their five games, with death bowling proving to be their biggest concern.
Jaffer said the campaign has been disappointing so far but "it only takes a game or two" to turn things around. For that to happen, the more match winners in the team the better, said Jaffer adding Gayle in that list.
Both Gayle and spinner Mujeeb are yet to play in the IPL. "It should happen soon. As I said, it needs to happen sooner than later. We don't want to bring them when every game is a must win game. Hopefully, we will have those guys featuring soon," Jaffer told PTI.
Jaffer said the 41-year-old West Indian great is in top shape and hungry to do the job for the team.
"Chris looks very much ready and is keen to get on to the park, he has been training really well



and has looked really good in the nets.
"He is such an impact player, we all know what he can do. I hope he turns up and turns it on straightaway and changes the tide for all of us. He looks hungry and that is a very good sign for the franchise.
"I am hoping he plays quickly. We need match-winners, as many as possible. Not just for the next game, also for the rest of the tournament as he can easily win you four-five games on his own," said the former India opener. Jaffer said his team is in a situation where it needs to win seven out of the remaining nine leagues games to finish in the top-four, a tough task but possible.
For that, it will have to rework its composition and decide who will make way for Gayle and Mujeeb. Nicholas Pooran and Glenn Maxwell, who is yet to fire, are certain to retain their place in the eleven. Sheldon Cottrell and Chris Jordan are the other overseas players who featured in the last game which KKIP lost to CSK by 10 wickets.
Besides death bowling, Jaffer feels even the finishing with the bat also needs improvement.

SKY IS THE LIMIT

Surya, Bumrah's best IPL performance script MI's big win

PTI ■ ABU DHABI
Suryakumar Yadav smashed his highest score in the tournament as Mumbai Indians put up a clinical performance against a pedestrian Rajasthan Royals outfit for their third successive win in the Indian Premier League here on Tuesday.
Yadav hammered an unbeaten 79 off 47 balls to fire Mumbai Indians to an imposing 193 for four after Rohit Sharma opted to bat at the Sheikh Zayed Stadium.
In response, Royals were down and out at 12 for three before Jos Buttler gave them a glimmer of hope with a 44-ball 70.
However, he did not get support from the other batsmen and Royals ended up well short at 136 in 18.1 overs for a 57-run loss, their third in a row.
The three changes that they made also



Suryakumar Yadav plays sweep shot against Rajasthan Royals IPL20.cpm



Jasprit Bumrah celebrates with Mumbai Indians skipper Rohit Sharma after he takes Steve Smith's wicket IPL20.com

did not work for them.
Mumbai's pace trio was exceptional once again with Jasprit Bumrah being the pick of them, returning with figures of four for 20, the best of the tournament so far. Trent Boult struck twice in the powerplay while James Pattinson removed Buttler in the 14th over.
With another resounding win, Mumbai look the team to beat alongside Delhi Capitals. It is still early days in the tournament but it seems they have already figured out their best eleven on the park.
Earlier, Mumbai suffered a mini middle-order collapse after a good start before late-hitting from Yadav and Hardik Pandya (30 not out off 19) enabled the defending champions to amass 51 runs in the last three overs.
It was remarkable how quickly Yadav overcame a blow on the helmet from Jofra Archer en route to his career-best

score in the IPL.
He and Hardik shared 76 runs for the unbroken fifth wicket stand.
Opting to bat, openers Rohit Sharma (35 off 23) and Quinton De Kock (23 off 15 balls) forged a quickfire 49-run stand.
Mumbai amassed 15 runs in the third over off Ankit Rajpoot, the highlight of it being Rohit launching one into the orbit over the bowler's head.
Debutant pacer Kartik

Tyagi (1/36) removed De Kock in his very first over to provide the much needed breakthrough.
Yadav at the other end smashed Tyagi for three boundaries in ninth over. His innings comprised 11 fours and two sixes.
However, leggie Shreyas Gopal (2/28) struck twice in as many balls removing Rohit and Ishan Kishan (0) to leave Mumbai at 88 for three in the 10th over.
While Rohit gave a sitter to

Captain DK faces stiffest test

PTI ■ ABU DHABI
Under-fire Kolkata Knight Riders captain Dinesh Karthik will have to figure out urgent fixes for his star-studded team's faltering performances when it takes on a resurgent Chennai Super Kings in the IPL here on Wednesday.
KKR acquired England's World Cup-winning skipper Eoin Morgan but the management reposed confidence in Karthik and asked him to lead the side. However, a few of his baffling decisions apart from his own poor run with the bat — 37 runs from four matches — has put the Indian wicketkeeper-batsman in the line of fire.
Promoting himself ahead of the star duo of Morgan and Andre



Dinesh Karthik @KKRiders/Twitter

Russell and preferring Sunil Narine in the opening slot over Big Bash sensation Tom Banton — who has been compared with Kevin Pietersen — has put 35-year-old Karthik in the dock.
Narine has looked woefully out of sorts, managing only 27 runs from four matches at 87.09 strike rate and it's high time that the team brings in the big-hitting English youngster.
KKR have plenty of resources in bowling but Karthik, it seems, has not been able to manage them well and their match against Delhi Capitals could be a case in point.
Pat Cummins' not-so-impressive performance has

utilised and bowled just nine overs after being dropped from the Delhi game.
Chennai, on the other hand, rediscovered some of the form that made them three-time champions. After three losses on the trot, the Mahendra Singh Dhoni-led side would look to make its ascent to top-four from being at the bottom.
Not known to tweak his side much, Dhoni persisted with Shane Watson and the Aussie veteran finally came to form with an unbeaten 83.
Chasing 179 against Kings XI Punjab, Watson and Faf du Plessis made light work of their bowlers in a record 181-run unbeaten stand to seal the chase.
The pair of Morgan and Rahul Tripathi looked to seal it but Delhi's bowlers strangled KKR's batting at the death.
Karthik will need to back his bowlers, especially Indian lead spinner Kuldeep Yadav who seems to have been under-

Delhi is executing plans perfectly: Shaw

PTI ■ DUBAI
In-form opener Prithvi Shaw feels Delhi Capitals are doing everything "perfect" in all departments of the game after they climbed to the top of the points table with four wins out of five games in the ongoing IPL.
Shaw provided DC yet another blazing start against RCB on Monday, smashing a quickfire 42 off 23 balls.
The Delhi outfit went on to win the match comfortably by 59 runs.
"It is a very good start to this tournament and we have to carry this momentum. Whatever we do in practice sessions, we just have to exe-



cute ourselves in the match and rightly, we are doing perfectly," the 20-year-old said.
"Everything is going perfect, you know, the batting, bowling — skills-wise we are going in the right direction, so really happy for the team."
Shaw on Monday missed out what could have been his third fifty of the season. He is the second-highest scorer for DC so far with 179 runs, behind his captain Shreyas Iyer (181).
"I would have carried on after the powerplay, but unfortunately I lofted it. However, it's just a game and I think this has become history now, so I'll leave this over here itself and concentrate on the next game," said Shaw.

Saina, Kashyap pull out of Denmark Open

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
Saina Nehwal and Parupalli Kashyap on Tuesday pulled out of the Denmark Open Super 750 tournament, which will restart the international calendar at Odense from October 13.
"I withdrew from Denmark Open. I decided that I will start the season from January only with the Asian tour," Saina, the London Olympics Bronze-medallist, told PTI.
The husband-wife duo had earlier sent their entries for the \$750,000 tournament and also submitted their consent letter to the Badminton Association of India (BAI) last month for the same.
The Badminton World Federation (BWF) postponed the Thomas and Uber Cup Finals (Oct 3-11), three events in Asia (in November) to 2021 and also cancelled the Denmark Masters (Oct 20-25).
The Denmark Open is thus the only World Tour event scheduled to be held in the remainder of the season.
Asked if she has any fitness concerns, Saina, a two-time Commonwealth Games Gold medallist, said: "There is no injury issue but if three tournaments were there it would have made sense... I thought directly from January, I can go for the Asian tour."
The withdrawal of former world No 1 Saina, one of the Olympic hopefuls for next year's Tokyo Games, means there will be no Indian participation in the women's singles event at Odense as world champion P V Sindhu has already pulled out.
Kashyap, currently ranked world No 24, also decided to skip the event for similar reasons.
"I too feel it is not worth the risk to go all the way for one tournament. It is better to start the season afresh participating in the Asia leg from January," the London Games quarterfinalist said.
Former world No 1 Kidambi Srikanth, young Lakshya Sen, Ajay Jayaram and Subhankar Dey are the only Indians who will compete in the Denmark Open.

Arsenal sign Partey, Man Utd bring in Cavani, Telles

AFF ■ LONDON
Manchester United swooped for Edinson Cavani among four signings on Monday, but Arsenal completed the biggest deal of transfer deadline day with the arrival of midfielder Thomas Partey from Atletico Madrid.
United were under the spotlight to respond to a humiliating 6-1 home defeat to Tottenham in the Premier League on Sunday. Dutch international midfielder Donny van de Beek had been the only addition to Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's squad prior to Monday's arrival of Cavani, Alex Telles, Amad Diallo and Facundo Pellistri.
Cavani, 33, has been a free agent since leaving Paris Saint-Germain in June and signed a one-year deal with the option for a second season.
The Uruguayan scored 200 goals in seven seasons in the French capital to become the club's all-time top goalscorer.
The arrival of left-back Telles from Porto for £13.5 million (\$19 million) is arguably even more important to aid a United defence that has conceded 11 goals in three Premier

League games to start the season.
After a forlorn chase of Borussia Dortmund's Jadon Sancho, United also secured two promising 18-year-old wingers in Uruguayan Pellistri from Penarol and Atalanta's Diallo, who will join in January in a deal that could reportedly reach up to 41 million euros.
LONG-TERM TARGET
Partey has been a long-term target for the Gunners, who have matched his 50 million euro (£45 million, \$59 million) buyout clause to bolster their threadbare midfield options.
The Ghanaians has made 188 appearances for the Spanish giants and was part of the Atletico sides that reached the 2016 Champions League final and beat Arsenal on the way to



Podoroska stuns Svitolina

AFF ■ PARIS
Argentina's Nadia Podoroska became the first qualifier in the Open era on Tuesday to reach the women's semi-finals at Roland Garros after stunning third seed Elna Svitolina 6-2, 6-4.
World number 131 Podoroska had never won a Grand Slam main draw match before the tournament and is the only third female qualifier to make the last four of a major.
Podoroska, 23, will play Polish teenager Iga Swiatek on Italy's Martina Trevisan as she attempts to become the first



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women's qualifier in history to advance to the final of any of the four Majors.
Alexandra Stevenson reached the semi-finals at Wimbledon in 1999 while Christine Dorey achieved a similar run at the 1978 US Open.
"It's a little bit difficult for me to speak now after the match," said Podoroska, whose only other Grand Slam appearance came at the 2016 US Open.
"We did a very good job with my coaches during the (coronavirus) quarantine. I've been training a lot with all of my team I think that's why I'm here today."
Podoroska is also the first Argentine woman to reach the last four of a Slam since Paola Suarez in Paris in 2004. Gabriela Sabatini, the 1990 US Open winner, is the country's only women's Grand Slam singles champion.
For Svitolina, it marked a third quarter-final defeat in as many attempts at Roland Garros, having also lost at this stage in 2015 and 2017.

DUGOUT



Jofra Archer parents Patrick & Joelle Archer attend IPL match at Sheikh Zayed stadium on Tuesday @rajasthanroyals/Twitter



Mumbai Indians celebrate 7th anniversary of its 2nd Champions League win on Tuesday @mipaltan/Twitter

Ashwin @ashwinrav99
Let's make it clear!! First and final warning for 2020. I am making it official and don't blame me later on.
@RickyPonting #runout #nonstriker @AaronFinch5 and I are good buddies btw. 🤔 #IPL2020 🏆

Delhi Capitals off-spinner R Ashwin says sparing Aaron Finch in the clash against RCB was his first and last warning to batsmen backing up too far at the non-striker's end and he should not be blamed if he runs them out in future games

PRITHVI RAJ YARRA REPLACES BHUVI
Unheralded left-arm pacer Prithvi Raj Yarra was on Tuesday named as replacement for Sunrisers Hyderabad's senior pacer Bhuvneshwar Kumar, who has been ruled out of the ongoing IPL due to a thigh muscle injury. SRH confirmed on Tuesday that the India pacer will not take further part in the tournament and he will be replaced by the 22-year-old Prithvi Raj. The Andhra Pradesh bowler, played for Kolkata Knight Riders last year has taken 39 wickets in 11 first-class matches, is expected to join the Sunrisers squad soon in the UAE.

RR TO LAUNCH ACADEMY IN UAE

In a bid to discover budding talents, Rajasthan Royals is set to launch its first academy in the UAE — second globally — on October 12. This is also the first academy of the franchise in the Middle East. RR is the first IPL franchise to start operation of an academy in the UAE. The academy is being operated in partnership with UAE-based sports consulting firm RedBear Sports. Girls and boys aged between 6 to 19 will be able to access world-class coaching, with participants having the option of choosing between one-to-one sessions, team sessions, or group sessions. All the sessions will take place under the guidance of Academy Director and former Zimbabwe captain Graeme Gremer. The academy will be based in The Stevens Stadium facility, popular for hosting the Emirates Airline Rugby 7s.

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| 3 | RCB | 5 | 3 | 2 | -1.355 | 6 |
| 4 | KKR | 4 | 2 | 2 | -0.121 | 4 |
| 5 | CSK | 5 | 2 | 3 | -0.342 | 4 |
| 6 | SRH | 5 | 2 | 3 | -0.417 | 4 |
| 7 | RR | 5 | 2 | 3 | -0.826 | 4 |
| 8 | KXIP | 5 | 1 | 4 | +0.178 | 2 |