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China sharpens hacking in disguise

Beijing targets computer networks of countries to attack economy, using Tibetans and Uyghurs to evade scrutiny

RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

China has undertaken a major exercise to use Tibetans and Uyghurs of mixed parentage for carrying out cyber-attacks worldwide, targeting computer networks of countries and acquiring their data in order to hit their economies.

The move, according to experts, comes as Chinese telecom companies, especially those related to 5G technology, are increasingly being under scrutiny of various Governments and Beijing's credibility taking a hit due to its suspected role in suppressing information on the origin and spread of Covid-19 in Wuhan, potentially hitting its business prospects.

Amid the expanding Chinese footprint through mega infrastructure projects under the Belt and Road Initiative, Beijing has already put in place an Internet led by the US dubbed as Digital Silk Road to exploit the same for advancing its strategic and economic agenda, the experts said.

China has been organising the China Skills Competition or the Tibet Autonomous Region Cyber Security Skills Competition in collaboration with the telecommunication firms and engineering/hardware companies and academic institutions to scout talent from the Tibetan and Uyghur communities with mixed parentage to evade scrutiny of

the law enforcement agencies in the targeted countries.

While such a Tibetan has been arrested in the US, the setting up of a Software Park in Gilgit-Baltistan region in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir has emerged as a major concern for India, they said.

Earlier this week, Pakistan Army Chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa visited Skardu to assess the latest situation and operational preparedness of Force Command Northern Areas (FCNA) troops deployed along the Line of Control (LoC) and later inaugurated a state-of-the-art Software Technology

Park in Gilgit. The Software Technology Park is an initiative of the Special Communication Organisation (SCO) backed by China to carry out cyber-attacks and compromise computer networks in the region. The Park will also seek to gather intelligence to secure the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor through data mining and modulating narratives based on such inputs.

India could also be vulnerable to such sophisticated attacks in the cyberspace as major technological upgrades in the telecommunication sector and Information technol-

ogy-related hardware were majorly sourced from China as late as a few months before the onset of the confrontation between the armies of India and China in eastern Ladakh.

Incidentally, this is the second time the two armies came out with a joint statement. In the first such communiqué after the sixth round of military level talks on September 21, both the countries agreed to refrain from sending more troops to the border and maintain peace.

Against this backdrop when the process of talks is on in the right earnest, Zhao Lijian, spokesman for China's Foreign Ministry, on Tuesday while blaming infrastructure projects for tension, said neither country should take action that might escalate tensions. This is the second time in the

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Don't recognise Ladakh, reiterates China

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A day after Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated 44 permanent bridges in border areas, China on Tuesday said "it does not recognise the Ladakh Union Territory illegally set up by India" and opposes infrastructure building in the region. It also claimed infrastructure development is the "root cause for tension" between the two countries.

The sharp reaction from Beijing came as eight of 44 bridges are in Ladakh where a stand-off is on between the armies of the two countries for the last five months. Successive rounds of military and diplomatic level talks between the

Reaction comes a day after opening of strategic bridges

two sides have so far failed to break the logjam.

The seventh round of Corps Commander level talks were held on Monday in which both the countries reiterated their resolve to continue the process of dialogue to disengage and de-escalation. The parleys lasted for more than 11 hours in Chushul on the Indian side of the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

Issuing a joint statement on the talks, the two countries said on Tuesday the "two sides had a sincere, in-depth and constructive exchange of views on disengagement along the LAC in the Western Sector of India-

China border areas."

They were of the view that these discussions were positive, constructive and had enhanced understanding of each other's positions. Both sides agreed to maintain dialogue and communication through military and diplomatic channels, and arrive at a mutually acceptable solution for disengagement as early as possible.

Both sides agreed to earnestly implement the important understandings reached by the leaders of the two countries, not to turn differences into disputes, and jointly safeguard peace and tranquility in the border areas.

past few weeks when China has raised questions about Ladakh.

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Harinder to be new IMA boss

New Delhi: Lt General Harinder Singh, chief of Leh based 14 Corps known as "Fire and Fury Corps", who led the Indian delegation during the seven rounds of Corps Commander-level talks in the last five months on Tuesday handed over charge to Lt General PGK Menon. Singh will take over as the Commandant of the Indian Military Academy (IMA).

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Uddhav, Guv slug it out in 'secular' duel

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

An ugly war of words broke out between Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari and Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray on Tuesday over the re-opening of places of worship which were closed down in the wake of Covid-19-triggered lockdown imposed in the State in March this year.

A day ahead of the BJP's proposed launch of a State-wide agitation for reopening of temples in the State, the Governor had on Monday written a letter — which smacked of political overtones — to the Chief Minister, questioning the latter's Hindutva credentials and wondering if Uddhav was receiving any "divine premonition" to keep postponing the re-opening of the places of worship time and again or whether he suddenly turned "secular".

Uddhav, who normally is not agitated over the criticism directed at him or his Government, hit back at Koshyari on Tuesday with vehemence, saying that he did not need any certificate for his being practitioner of Hindutva from the Governor and asking the latter if the latter meant "merely opening of temple means Hindutva and not opening means secular".

In a related development, an understandably upset NCP chief Sharad Pawar, whose party is one of the three con-

To Guv's taunt 'have you turned secular', CM retorts I don't need certificate on Hindutva from you



stituents in the MVA Government in the State, shot off a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, throwing his weight behind the Chief Minister, questioning the contents of the letter written by Koshyari to the Chief Minister and the "intemperate" language in it, saying that the Governor's letter to the Chief Minister "invokes the connotation as if it is written to the leader of a political party".

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3 Covid re-infection cases, ICMR studying

Patients showed more severe symptoms in second re-infection, say studies; 24 cases in world

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Government on Tuesday said there are three novel coronavirus re-infection cases — two in Mumbai and one in Ahmedabad — identified in the country which are being studied by the Indian Medical Research Council (ICMR), a research wing of the Union Health Ministry.

Re-infection cases are those cases where people contract the deadly virus for the second time after being cured. This means that even people who have had Covid-19 earlier need to take the same precautions as everyone else. Some studies said patients showed more severe symptoms in the second re-infection.

The premier health research agency ICMR DG Dr Balram Bhargava at a Press briefing here pointed out that such cases of re-infection of the virus were a few, one in Ahmedabad and two in

Mumbai. "As per World Health Organisation (WHO) data, there are about 24 re-infection cases in the world. The criteria to identify a re-infection case is somewhere between 90 and

100 days. The WHO has not yet decided the number of days. However, we're taking cut-off of about 100 days," said Dr Bhargava.

His comments came days after Union Health Minister Dr

Harsh Vardhan said, "Though there are sporadic reports of re-infection surfacing in various States, careful analysis of ICMR database reveals that many of these cases have actually been misclassified as re-infections."

Dr Vardhan said re-infection cases are under investigation. He said such cases in India were negligible at the moment and were being studied by an expert panel of ICMR.

The first instance of coronavirus infection was recorded in Hong Kong when a 33-year-old man, who was initially infected with the coronavirus in March and made a full recovery, was re-infected more than four months later after a trip abroad, researchers reported in August.

The Lancet Infectious Diseases on Tuesday reported another confirmed case of the Covid re-infection, but a first in the US wherein a resident of Washoe County in Nevada was tested positive on April 18. During follow-up, he tested negative twice in May, but tested positive on June 5.

The Lancet stated the patient showed more severe symptoms in the second re-infection.

STATES	TOTAL CASES	DEATHS	RECOVERED
Maharashtra	15,43,837	40,701	12,97,252
Andhra Pradesh	7,63,573	6,291	7,14,427
Karnataka	7,26,106	10,123	6,02,505
Tamil Nadu	6,65,930	10,371	6,12,320
Uttar Pradesh	4,42,118	6,466	3,97,570
Delhi	3,14,224	5,854	2,86,880
Kerala	3,03,897	1,047	2,07,357
West Bengal	3,02,020	5,744	2,65,288
Odisha	2,56,937	1,110	2,32,988
Telangana	2,14,792	1,233	1,89,351
Bihar	1,98,223	961	1,86,623
Assam	1,96,786	830	1,66,036
Rajasthan	1,63,219	1,679	1,39,616
Gujarat	1,53,923	3,587	1,35,227
Madhya Pradesh	1,49,761	2,671	1,32,429
Chhattisgarh	1,47,866	1,306	1,19,350



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Odisha's plan to fell 1 lakh trees for mining op faces FAC hurdle

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Odisha Government has proposed axing over one lakh trees on behalf of Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), a coal mining company jointly owned by the Government of Telangana and Government of India, for conducting mining operations in the Naini block in Angul district in the State.

However, the proposal has been put on hold by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) of the Union Environment Ministry after it found that there were discrepancies in the number of trees that will be felled in various reports submitted by the various agencies.

"As per DFO report, it is 1,06,536 trees, whereas RCCF reported 1,06,209, and the SIR (site inspection report) of Regional office reported

1,05,092 trees," said the panel headed by Dr Sanjay Kumar, Director General of Forests and Special Secretary in the Ministry in minutes of meeting held on September 21, 2020.

The FAC was studying the Odisha Government's proposal for diversion of 783.275 hectares of forest land consisting of 643.095 hectares of reserve forest in Chhendipada and Kankurupal Reserved Forest and 140.180 hectares of village forest land in Chhendipada Range of Angul Division for Naini Coal Block (Open Cast) in Angul district, Odisha for SCCL.

According to the SCCL, Naini would boost its output, which was aiming to produce one crore tonnes of coal every year and has targeted commencement of production by February 2021.

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Low wind, weather turn Delhi's air 'very poor'

Stubble burning in neighbouring States has added to woes, says pollution body

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi's air quality was recorded "very poor" on Tuesday morning. The dip in the air quality for the first time in the season was attributed to low wind speed and temperatures which allowed accumulation of pollutants, said a senior scientist at the Delhi Pollution Control Committee, adding that stubble burning cases have also increased in neighbouring States.

The national Capital recorded an air quality index (AQI) of 304 at 9:30 am, which



falls in the "very poor" category. The 24-hour average AQI was 261 on Monday, the worst since February. It was 216 on Sunday and 221 on Saturday. Wazirpur (AQI 380), Vivek Vihar (AQI 355) and Jahangirpuri (AQI 349) recorded the highest pollution levels.

According to the Ministry of Earth Sciences' Air Quality Early Warning System for Delhi, an increase in farm fires in Punjab, Haryana and neighbouring regions of Pakistan is

also going to impact the air quality in Delhi-NCR.

An AQI between 0 and 50 is considered "good", 51 and 100 "satisfactory", 101 and 200 "moderate", 201 and 300 "poor", 301 and 400 "very poor", and 401 and 500 "severe".

According to the System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research, farm fires contributed 3 per cent particulate matter to Delhi's PM2.5 concentration on Monday.

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Mehbooba released from PSA detention

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Former Chief Minister and Peoples' Democratic Party (PDP) Chief Mehbooba Mufti was set free by the Jammu & Kashmir administration which revoked her detention under the Public Safety Act (PSA) late on Tuesday.

Mehbooba was placed under preventive detention ahead of Abrogation of Article 370 on August 5, 2019. Later she was slapped with PSA in the month of February 2020. On April 7, 2020 she was shifted to her own house but was barred from speaking to media and meeting others, including her party leaders.

Spokesman of Jammu & Kashmir Government Rohit Kansal announced the decision. He wrote, "Mehbooba Mufti being released today." Mehbooba's daughter Iltija Mufti also tweeted instantly confirming the news.

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Farm experts praise Centre for laws to free farmers from clutches

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

At a time when Opposition A parties and a section of farmers have opposed the farm Bills, experts and academicians associated with farm sectors have praised the Modi Government for bringing the new legislations saying they will benefit the farmers as well as industries in future.

Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, along with Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, met policy experts, industry leaders and academicians associated with the agriculture sector and they were all praise for the new legislation. In a separate meeting, Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri also reached out to scientists, professors and senior professionals from the farm sector in Congress-ruled Punjab to clear misgivings about new

farm laws.

The Modi Government has assigned several Ministers to meet farmers' organisations and others associated with agriculture to dispel their apprehensions. In Punjab, the BJP's ally SAD, which left the Government in protest against the farm laws, has been agitating while farmers' organisations have blocked railway tracks since September 24.

After his interaction with Singh and Tomar, chairman of Global Food and Retail Council Rakesh Gambhir said it was a good discussion and praised the Government. "In a way these three farm Bills will usher a new era of reforms in the agriculture sector and will give farmers' independence from the clutches of the middle men and help in getting them better prices for their produce," Gambhir told reporters.

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CAPSULE

INDIA TO REGAIN FASTEST GROWING ECO TAG: IMF

Washington: India is likely to bounce back with an impressive 8.8 per cent growth rate in 2021, thus regaining the position of the fastest growing emerging economy, surpassing China's projected growth rate of 8.2 per cent, the International Monetary Fund said in its latest "World Economic Outlook" report. However, the Indian economy, severely hit by the coronavirus pandemic, is projected to contract by a massive 10.3 per cent this year, the IMF.

SNUBBED BY RJD-CONG, NCP TO GO SOLO IN BIHAR

Mumbai: The NCP will contest the Bihar Assembly polls independently after it was not allotted any seat by the RJD-Congress alliance with which it wanted to tie-up in the State.

POLLS TO 11 RS SEATS IN UP, U'KHAND ON NOV 9

New Delhi: Elections to 10 Rajya Sabha seats in UP and one in Uttarakhnad will be held on November 9.

Delhi's Akshardham Temple reopens

New Delhi: The famous Akshardham Temple in Delhi reopened to devotees on Tuesday after remaining closed for over 200 days due to the Covid-19 pandemic, with special precautionary measures against the virus in place. Over 700 devotees visited the temple on Tuesday as compared to an average daily foot-fall of thousands before the pandemic, said temple spokesperson Harish Patel.

Religious places in the city had started reopening in the second week of June under relaxations announced by the central government under Unlocked 2.0, but Akshardham Temple decided to wait further for the situation to improve. "We were concerned about health of the people as cases of coronavirus were being reported from all parts of the city. Now, the situation is improving

and quite under control," Patel said. Akshardham Temple was closed on March 22 to check the spread of the virus, he said. The devotees queued up from the evening as entry to the temple started at 5 PM. Wearing of face cover was mandatory for entry and those who did not have masks or anything else to cover their mouth and nose were provided face cover by the temple management.

Patel said extensive preparations were undertaken to ensure safety of people from COVID-19 infection. "Every square foot of the temple including places visited by devotees is being sanitised at an interval of half-an-hour. Also, the temple premises will be thoroughly sanitised before closure at 8.30 PM," he said. With people visiting many parts of the temple, sanitiser

dispensers were kept at close distances. Hand wash points were also readied so that people can clean hands. At entry point, people were allowed in after thermal screening, he said. For maintaining social distancing, floor markings have been done with a gap of six feet at the sanctum sanctorum and other popular spots in the temple complex, he added.

Uddhav...

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Koshiyari — whose conduct had come in for severe flak in November last year after the hasty manner in which he had sworn in the BJP's Devendra Fadnis as the Chief Minister of Maharashtra apparently at the behest of the ruling party at the Centre — appeared to exceeded his brief as the Governor, if one were to go by the contents of his letter to the Chief Minister.

Mehbooba...

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"As Mufti's illegal detention finally comes to an end, I'd like to thank everybody who supported me in these tough times. I owe a debt of gratitude to you all. This is Iltija signing off. May Allah protect you".
Former Chief Minister and National Conference Vice President Omar Abdullah also welcomed the release of Mufti and termed her detention "a travesty and against democracy". "I'm pleased to hear that Mehbooba Mufti Sahiba has been released after more than a year in detention. Her continued detention was a travesty and was against the basic tenets of democracy. Welcome out Mehbooba," Omar Abdullah tweeted.

Farm experts praise Centre for laws to free farmers from...

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Echoing similar sentiments, chairman of Punjab-based Green Valley Farms RPS Gandhi said there are enormous benefits of the new farm-related legislation but the farmers need to be made aware and educated about it. He said talking to the farmers in their own language is important so that there is no confusion about these three Bills.

"These Acts give freedom to farmers to sell their produce anywhere. They can sell it even at small mandis, set up by Farmer Producer Orgs (FPOs) and can get a good rate without paying mandi fee," Sanjeev Chadha, MD, National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd said.

National Seed Association of India (NSAI) president M Prabhakar Rao said the farm laws will boost the development of seed industry. It will benefit lakhs of farmers involved in the seed industry, they are happy with the decision.

Chairman of Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture M J Khan who was present in all the meetings held so far said in a way it is a dialogue process between farmers, key stakeholders in the agriculture sector and the Centre to clear any apprehensions and misgivings about the farm bills. The meetings with a number of stakeholders in the agriculture sector are being held at Singh's residence.

In his meeting with scientists, professors and senior professionals from the farm sector, Puri said the reforms will even benefit "arthiyas" (commission agents) and also asserted that the MSP regime will stay.

GK Reddy launches e-Cyber Lab

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Minister of State Home, G Kishan Reddy on Tuesday launched e-Cyber Lab set up by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) which enables usage of cyber labs virtually. Reddy said the month of October is observed as National Cyber Security Awareness Month and eCyber Lab will provide virtual experience in investigation of cyber crimes. Minister also inaugurated the 21st All India

Conference of Directors of Fingerprint Bureau. Reddy said that although law and order is a state subject, the Union Government has an important role in monitoring and tracking crime, in modernization of police forces, and in capacity building and in extending assistance to State governments in improving policing. He added that Union Home Minister, Amit Shah has emphasized on importance of modernization of police forces.

During the financial year 2019-20, the government of India released Rs. 780 crore for the modernization of police across India. Emphasizing on the importance of fingerprints, Reddy said that a fingerprint is an essential tool because of its uniqueness, permanency, individuality and ease in acquisition. He added that the digitization of records and fingerprint data is an important step forward in documenting and

tracking crimes and criminals and expressed his confidence that the fully computerized National Automated Fingerprint Identification System (NAFIS) would soon become functional and benefit police forces. Director NCRB, Ramphal Pawar said, NAFIS will be a game changer in investigation of crime. NAFIS will also provide aid to investigating officers in identifying criminals based on their fingerprints on real time basis.

Low wind...

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It is likely to be "negligible" for the next two days due to a change in the wind direction from northwesterly to southeasterly, it said. On Tuesday morning, the maximum wind speed was four kilometers per hour, according to the India Meteorological Department. Low temperatures and stagnant winds help in accumulation of pollutants near the ground, affecting air quality. With Delhi-NCR bracing for months of poor air quality, experts have warned that high levels of air pollution can

Harinder to ...

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Menon was also part of the last two rounds of talks with the Chinese to resolve the logjam at the Line of Actual Control (LAC). He has had a distinguished career in the Army holding important command and staff appointments. He is also the Colonel of the SIKH Regiment. The officer commanded a Rashtriya Rifles unit in Kashmir valley, an Infantry Brigade along the Line of Control (LOC) in Jammu & Kashmir and an Infantry Division in the Eastern Sector. Prior to assuming command of Fire & Fury Corps, he was Director General Recruiting at New Delhi. In his farewell message, Harinder Singh conveyed his gratitude and deep appreciation to all ranks of the 'Fire & Fury Corps' for their professionalism and steadfast dedication in the service of the nation, even in the most hostile terrain, weather and altitude challenges faced by any Army in the world.

Odisha's plan to...

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A total lease area (912.799 hectares) for mining was sought for 40 years. However, throwing the spanner on the SCCL plans, the FAC had various reasons to defer the proposal. The SIR report which pointed out that elephant movement was reported in the northern and southern part of lease area was yet another reason. "Also, if the area is mined out, the surrounding villages will be impacted more. So a detailed mitigation plan needs to be prepared for avoiding human-animal conflict in future and for providing safe passage to elephants," said the FAC quoting the SIR report prepared by RK Samal, DIG of Forest in the Central Ministry. It also suggested constructing an underpass on SH 63 to prevent jumbo getting killed in road mishaps. The Committee also took exception that while the State Government has recommended compensatory afforestation

Don't recognise...

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He made these remarks when asked to react to the series of bridges inaugurated in India, including eight in Ladakh and eight in Arunachal Pradesh. "First I want to make it clear that China does not recognise the Ladakh Union Territory illegally set up by the Indian side and Arunachal Pradesh. We stand against the development of infrastructure facilities aimed at military contention along the border area," said the Chinese spokesperson. "Based on consensus, neither should take actions along the border that might escalate the situation that is to avoid undermining the efforts by the two sides to ease the situation." He also said the Indian side "ramping up infrastructure development along the border and stepping up military deployment is the root cause for the tensions between the two sides". "We urge the Indian side to earnestly implement our consensus and refrain from actions that might escalate the situation and take concrete measures to safeguard

peace and tranquility along the border," said Zhao.

In fact, the stand-offs began in early May in the Galwan valley after a Chinese patrol obstructed an Indian patrol claiming that India was building the 270-km long road there in disputed area. India strongly rejected the Chinese allegation and said the bridge and roads were well within its own territory. China is rattled by rapid improvement in infrastructure projects in Ladakh and other regions near the LAC in eastern region. These projects including roads and bridges will facilitate faster movement of troops and weapons closer to the border, officials said. Dedicating the bridges to the nation, Rajnath had said after Pakistan, China is also creating a dispute at the border with India as if it was part of a "mission." You are well aware of the conditions created along our northern and eastern borders. First it was Pakistan, and now also by China, as if a border dispute is being created under a mission. We have a border of about 7,000 km with these countries where the tension continues," the Minister said.

CBI visits crime...

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The Uttar Pradesh Police had registered a case of attempt to murder on a statement by the victim's brother who, as per the FIR at Chandpa police station, had stated that the accused tried to strangle his sister in a millet field and escaped when she raised an alarm. A notification issued by the Centre at the behest of the State Government directed the CBI to probe, rape, murder and atrocity and "any attempt, abetment and/or conspiracy, in relation to or in connection with such offence(s) and/or for any other offence committed in the course of the same transaction or arising out of the same facts". "The complainant had alleged that on September 14, 2020 the accused tried to strangle his sister in the millet field. The case has been registered by CBI on the request of the Uttar Pradesh Government and further notification from Government of India," the CBI had said in a statement after registration of the FIR on Sunday.

Notice Inviting E-tenders

Gist of NIT NO. 46 OF 2020-21 Dated. 12.10.2020
For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor U.T. of Jammu & Kashmir, Executive Engineer, Mechanical, SKIMS, Soura, Srinagar invites online e-bids in two (02) cover system from OEM or his authorized Representative/Authorized Dealers or registered/Reputed / experienced firms having expertise as detailed in the tender documents for the following works:

Sr#	Name of the work	Estimated Cost (in lacs)
1.	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Hot water radiators, Hydronic units, Valves, Piping, Insulation and allied items in New 100 Bedded Maternity Hospital, SKIMS Soura.	124.14

The complete tender document is available at website <http://jktenders.gov.in>. Interested bidders/tenders may view, download the e-bid document, seek clarifications and submit their bids online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below. Tender Document contains qualifying criteria for bidders. Specifications, Bills of Quantities & Terms and conditions of the contract and other relevant details.

i.	Date and time of downloading/Sale of tender documents (Starting Date)	13.10.2020 from 11:00 Hours
ii.	Date and time of Bidding Queries/clarification/pre-bid meet	20.10.2020 at 11:00 Hours
iii.	Last Date & Time of Bid Uploading	02.11.2020 up to 16:00 Hours
iv.	Date of submission of hard copies. (Only Original EMD/DD for Document Fee)	03.11.2020 up to 14:00 Hours
v.	Date & Time of Commercial/Technical Bid (Cover-I) opening	04.11.2020 11:00 Hours (or next convenient day)
vi.	Date & Time of Financial Bid (Cover-II) Opening of the qualifying Bidders	Shall be intimated separately
vii.	Cost of e-bid Document	Rs. 5000/- (Rupees Five thousand only)
viii.	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit (CDR/FDR)	Rs. 277500/- (Rupees Two lacs Seventy Seven thousand & Five Hundred only)
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x.	Budget Head	Ongoing works for the year 2020-21

No: SIMS 139 EX/MECH/2020-21/524/20-2412-21-5453-56
Dated: 12.10.2020
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e-N.I.T. No.-PHE/QC&PD/17/e-Tender **TENDER DOCUMENT** Dated :- 10.10.2020

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir UT, e-Tenders are invited on item rate basis in two covers (details recorded in tender document) from Registered Original Manufacturers or their sole authorized distributor/dealer as per specifications / details annexed to the e-NIT.

Subject Of Supply: Supply Of Glassware Required For Various Water Testing Labs Of Kashmir PHE Jal Shakti Department Srinagar from Registered Original Manufacturers or their sole authorized distributor/dealer.

Schedule of Critical Dates/Information.

General

Client Name :- Chief Engineer, Kashmir PHE, Jal Shakti Deptt. Srinagar.

Circle :- Superintending Engineer, PHE Mechanical, Jal Shakti Department, Circle South, Srinagar.

Division :- Quality Control & Procurement Division PHE Jal Shakti Department, HMT Srinagar.

Bidding Type :- Open

Amount Details

Estimated Cost: Rs 11.57 Lakhs Approx. (Rupee Eleven Lakhs fifty-seven thousand only)

Bid Document Fee (Non Refundable) :- Rs 1500.00 in the shape of treasury Challan/ e-transfer to J&K Bank A/c No: 000501010005110 IFSC: JAKA0CHINAR

Bid document fee payable in the shape of treasury Challan/ e-transfer under major Head MH-0215-Rev-Misc to: Executive Engineer QC&PD PHE Jal Shakti HMT Srinagar. e-mail: xenmandp@gmail.com

Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) :- Rs.230000/- (Rupee twenty three thousand only) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG from nationalized banks only having a branch in Srinagar.

Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in favour of: Chief Accounts Officer, Jal Shakti Kashmir PHE Department, Srinagar.

Tender Dates

Bid Document Downloading Start Date :- 10-10-2020.....06.00 PM

Bid Document Downloading End Date :- 31-10-2020.....02.00 PM

Clarification Start Date :- 10-10-2020.....06.00 PM

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On Line Bid Submission Start Date :- 10-10-2020.....06.00 PM

Bid Submission End Date :- 31-10-2020.....04.00 PM

Date of opening of Cover 1st :- 02-11-2020.....02.00 PM

Bid Validity Period :- 180 days from opening of the Price Bid.

Officer Inviting Bid :- Executive Engineer QC&PD PHE Jal Shakti HMT Srinagar payable at Srinagar.

Bid opening Authority :- Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti Kashmir PHE Deptt. Srinagar.

Address :- Engineering Complex, Near Silk Factory, Raj Bagh Srinagar Kashmir -190001. (e-mail: kmrphed@gmail.com)

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No. DIPK-7223/20 Dated: 12.10.2020 **Sd/- Executive Engineer**

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Notice Inviting E-tenders
Gist of NIT NO. 46 OF 2020-21 Dated. 12.10.2020
For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor U.T. of Jammu & Kashmir, Executive Engineer, Mechanical, SKIMS, Soura, Srinagar invites online e-bids in two (02) cover system from OEM or his authorized Representative/Authorized Dealers or registered/Reputed / experienced firms having expertise as detailed in the tender documents for the following works:

Sr#	Name of the work	Estimated Cost (in lacs)
1.	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Hot water radiators, Hydronic units, Valves, Piping, Insulation and allied items in New 100 Bedded Maternity Hospital, SKIMS Soura.	124.14

The complete tender document is available at website <http://jktenders.gov.in>. Interested bidders/tenders may view, download the e-bid document, seek clarifications and submit their bids online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below. Tender Document contains qualifying criteria for bidders. Specifications, Bills of Quantities & Terms and conditions of the contract and other relevant details.

i.	Date and time of downloading/Sale of tender documents (Starting Date)	13.10.2020 from 11:00 Hours
ii.	Date and time of Bidding Queries/clarification/pre-bid meet	20.10.2020 at 11:00 Hours
iii.	Last Date & Time of Bid Uploading	02.11.2020 up to 16:00 Hours
iv.	Date of submission of hard copies. (Only Original EMD/DD for Document Fee)	03.11.2020 up to 14:00 Hours
v.	Date & Time of Commercial/Technical Bid (Cover-I) opening	04.11.2020 11:00 Hours (or next convenient day)
vi.	Date & Time of Financial Bid (Cover-II) Opening of the qualifying Bidders	Shall be intimated separately
vii.	Cost of e-bid Document	Rs. 5000/- (Rupees Five thousand only)
viii.	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit (CDR/FDR)	Rs. 277500/- (Rupees Two lacs Seventy Seven thousand & Five Hundred only)
ix.	Completion Time	Three (03) months from the date of issue of LOI or Allotment Order.
x.	Budget Head	Ongoing works for the year 2020-21

No: SIMS 139 EX/MECH/2020-21/524/20-2412-21-5453-56
Dated: 12.10.2020
Sd/- Executive Engineer Mechanical, SKIMS

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Northern Railway Central Hospital, New Delhi for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders through www.reps.gov.in for the following items. For detailed information please log on to website www.reps.gov.in

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CM launches bio-decomposer spray to obviate stubble fire

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday visited the Hiranke village in Narela district in Delhi to kickstart the process of the spraying of the newly-developed bio-decomposer solution on the 700-800 hectares of paddy fields in Delhi.

Kejriwal said the solution has been developed under the guidance of Pusa Institute and all the arrangements for the spraying of the solution have been made by the Delhi Government, the farmers will not have to bear the cost of using this technology.

The Chief Minister also said all the Governments have to work in tandem to address the issue of stubble burning in Northern India. Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai was also present at the launch of the process.

Addressing the media following the visit, Kejriwal said, "To get rid of the issue of stubble burning, the process of the production of this liquid solution was started in Delhi around 10 days back. Stubble is often found in the 700-800 hectares of

paddy (non-basmati) fields in Delhi, which has to be burned."

The Delhi government has created the solution which will be sprayed on the fields, which will convert stubble into manure, he said, adding that the tractors as well as all the arrangements for its spraying have been made by the government free of cost.

According to the government the solution will be sprayed on the entire 700-800 hectares of land in Delhi in the next few days.

"The stubble will convert into manure and the land will be ready for sowing in the next 20-25 days. The burning of the stubble also destroys the useful bacteria on the farmlands. Due to the spraying of the solution, the farmers would need fewer fertilizers and it will also increase the productivity of the land," he said.

"I am worried because stubble burning has started in the neighbouring states, and the smoke has started reaching Delhi. The pollution was in control in Delhi for the last 10 months. I am concerned about the people of Delhi, people of Punjab and people of Haryana,"



Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal launches the process of spraying newly-developed bio-decomposer solution on farm fields to prevent stubble burning in the national Capital, at village Hiranke, North Delhi district on Tuesday. Ranjan Dimri | Pioneer

he said.

In a village where the farmers are forced to burn their stubble, we cannot imagine the pollution that the stubble burning can cause in those areas, he said, adding that the farmers of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, and the citizens of Delhi are in trouble and no government is taking concrete steps to address the issue.

The chief minister hoped that the government will take measures to address the issue of stubble burning so that the country can be pollution-free.

Kejriwal further said that every government has to work together seriously to address the issue.

Gopal Rai said, "The CM has initiated the process of spraying of the solution in the farmlands in Delhi. It is not only about the Centre, all the governments need to come together to seriously address the issue. We want the support of every government in preventing stubble burning and pollution."



A worker of Indian Agricultural Research Institute sprays newly-developed bio-decomposer solution on a farm field to help prevent stubble (Paraali) burning in the national Capital, at village Hiranke, North Delhi district on Tuesday. Ranjan Dimri | Pioneer

Rai: NMC to be fined ₹20 L for violating dust control norms

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai on Tuesday issued directions for imposing a fine of Rs 20 lakh on North Delhi Municipal Corporation (NMC) for violating dust control guidelines at Bhalswa landfill.

The development came after the Minister conducted an inspection visit at Bhalswa dumping sites in an effort to overview the following of norms under the anti-dust campaign in Delhi.

Rai found a large scale violation of the guidelines issued by the Delhi government. Expressing anguish on the situation, he said that all the departments should remain vigilant in dealing with the growing pollution crisis within Delhi but it is the negligence of the MCD that is responsible for the flouting of norms on the sites.

The minister said, "We have directed the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) to take stringent action and NMC was directed to increase water tankers at sites. The MCD will also be fined for violation of government guidelines."

The Delhi government has issued detailed guidelines on construction work and all authorities will have to adhere to them." The North MCD has been levied a fine of Rs. 20 lakhs for negligence of duty.



The Environment Minister further said, "We have directed the departments to increase the count of tankers in the area and strict action will be taken along with imposing a penalty for the violation of rules."

"The spraying of water is not regularly done in the area, which is why strict action will be taken against the authorities responsible for ensuring this. We have directed proper sprinkling of water in all the four directions. Directions have been issued to various departments to address issues like these all over Delhi. Instructions have been issued within the entire Delhi that all the concerned departments

should take action immediately wherever there are such complaints," he said. The authorities responsible for the construction projects in Delhi will have to strictly adhere to the guidelines to ensure minimum pollution levels, or strict actions will be taken against them, he added.

Speaking to the media, Rai said that the government has launched an anti-dust campaign to check pollution caused by dust in the air in Delhi.

Under the campaign, the government has issued necessary guidelines and stringent action will be taken in case of violations, he said.

DMRC conducts survey of commuters' travel pattern

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Limited (DMRC) is conducting an online survey to study the possibility of commuters planning their travel in flexible timings in order to avoid overcrowding the metro.

The survey is aimed at collecting information from the Metro commuters on their ability to schedule their travel in off-peak hours so as to avoid the rush during morning and evening peak hours, a senior DMRC official said.

"The survey link will be available till 27th October, he said. "The questions of the survey are designed to cover basic aspects of metro travel, such as the timings of travel, line utilization, flexibility of planning the travel in non-peak hours, and whether the commuters have an option to work from home. The inputs provided in this survey would help the Delhi Metro to understand the commuters' requirements better and to further improve the services," he added.

Centre should play crucial role in curbing pollution, says Sisodia

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

With Delhi's air quality recorded "very poor" on Tuesday, Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia appealed to the Centre to play a "crucial role" in controlling pollution in north India and curb stubble burning.

The Deputy Chief Minister said stubble burning has started in neighbouring States and smoke has started reaching Delhi. "The Delhi Government has taken several measures to reduce pollution throughout the year but why is that suddenly when stubble burning begins everybody is concerned about pollution and nothing is done throughout the year," he said.

Sisodia said, "This year, due to the Corona crisis, stubble pollution is very deadly. The central government has completely failed to save North India from pollution."

The AAP leader demanded immediate concrete steps

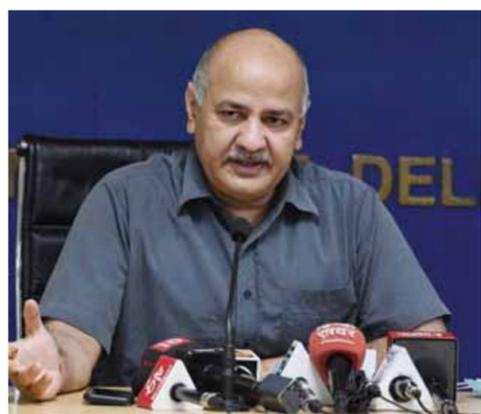
from the Central Government to stop pollution in North India. Furthermore, he said that the Delhi Government is continuously making efforts to stop pollution throughout the year while the Central Government keeps sitting by idle and engages in tokenism when pollution levels increase.

The Deputy Chief Minister pointed out that the smoke of crop burning from neighbouring states has started showing its effect this time also.

"The Government has consistently taken many concrete steps over the years to tackle pollution. We are also continuously seeing success in reducing Delhi's pollution. Delhi's green zone has had a record increase, and a large number of new trees have been planted. The new tree plantation policy has also been introduced so that the green zones continue to grow. Along with installing smog towers, and implementing e-vehicle policies, the number of buses have also been

increased to encourage public transport," said Sisodia at the conference, he said. Sisodia said that the Central Government's concern about pollution is seen only in these three months of pollution, while the Delhi government has been continuously working on it for years. Despite the Corona crisis, Delhi's Forest and Environment Minister Gopal Rai continues to work on the streets on multiple measures to prevent pollution, he added.

The minister said that stubble burning is not just a problem of Delhi neither is it a gift of Delhi. "The entire North India is affected and disturbed



by the problem of stubble burning, but the Central Government sits by idly. He described the Central Government as a complete failure when it comes to the matter of stopping pollution," he said.

The entire Northern part of India is suffering the adverse consequences of the Central Government's inaction, he said.

Sisodia emphasized that the Central Government will have to take the responsibility for preventing pollution throughout North India. "Due to the inactivity of the Centre in cases like stubble pollution, smoke from Punjab or Haryana reaches Delhi" he said.

Trade and Taxes dept intensifies drive against defaulters

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Department of Trade and Taxes of Delhi has intensified its effort for identification of taxpayers who are misusing the Goods and Services Tax (GST) system and defrauding the Government of its legitimate taxes.

The modus operandi of the fraudulent taxpayers includes bogus invoice creation without movement of goods, fraudulent interstate sale to avoid tax scrutiny by the department etc, the government said in a statement.

The Delhi government in this regard has started utilising the Business Intelligence and Fraud Analytics (BIFA) which has been prepared by Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) and utilizes data analytics and artificial intelligence to identify fraudulent transactions.

In this regard, the department has conducted a special anti evasion drive on October 12 wherein 29 premises belonging to 22 commercial enterprises were surveyed for suspected tax evasion, it said, adding that for this purpose, 22 departmental teams were deployed each of whom were led by an Assistant Commissioner.

The government said that an amount of Rs.50.34 lakhs has been realised as Tax from the raids conducted on Monday. "The premises of non-existent dealers have been sealed and some incriminating documents have also been seized by the department which are being scrutinized. The department will continue to carry on such anti evasion drives to nab fraudulent taxpayers."

₹350 cr scam per year in name of issuing health trade licence, says AAP

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Senior Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader and MCD in-charge Durgesh Pathak on Tuesday alleged that there is a scam of ₹350 crore per year in the name of issuing health trade licence that's why BJP-ruled MCD wants to keep the power to issue the licenses.

Pathak said the FSSAI issued a letter to all three MCDs on September 7, directing them to stop the process of granting health trade licence.

"The BJP-ruled MCD is a den of corruption and it has no respect for central government directions. Moreover, they are not even listening to PM Narendra Modi, he said.

"Days back Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal

directed that all the restaurants and hotels of Delhi will be permitted to work 24x7 to make Delhi a world-class city. The Delhi government also decided to withdraw some of the licensing systems which were for the hotels and restaurants because these were unnecessary. The BJP-ruled MCD issues health trade licence to all the restaurants and hotels but the Delhi government decided to withdraw the system," he added.

The AAP leader said, "This agency is under the central government and this agency has noted that there is no need for the BJP-ruled MCD to issue these licenses but the MCDs are so corrupt that they are not even ready to accept the directions of the BJP-ruled central government."

2 sisters aged 7 and 4 die after being hit by car in Model Town

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In the fourth accident in past five days in the national Capital, two sisters, aged seven and four, died, while their minor brother and a 55-year-old family friend sustained injuries after they were hit by an unidentified car while crossing a road in northwest Delhi's Model Town. The incident occurred on Monday night near Gurudwara Nanak Piao on GT Road.

Police said Jaspal Singh, his wife, three children and friend Milap Singh were going to visit an acquaintance in a car when the incident occurred.

According to Vijayanta Arya, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Northwest district, a police control room (PCR) call was received around 11.49 pm about an accident near Gurudwara Nanak Piao by some unknown

vehicle following which an Emergency Response Vehicle (ERV) was dispatched for the spot.

"Initially, two injured children were admitted to Pentamed hospital by their parents and subsequently referred to AIIMS Trauma Centre, while Milap Singh and a four-year-old girl child were hospitalized by the PCR vehicle in Trauma Centre, Civil Line, and referred to Safdarjung hospital," said the DCP.

"During treatment, the seven-year-old girl admitted to AIIMS Trauma Centre and her four-year-old sister admitted to Safdarjung hospital succumbed to injuries. Milap Singh and the six-year-old injured boy are still undergoing treatment," said the DCP.

"During initial investigation, it was found that on the way, they had stopped at a

CNG station opposite Gurudwara Nanak Piao. Milap Singh got out of the vehicle and proceeded to cross GT Road along with Jaspal Singh's three children when the accident took place," said the DCP.

"All four persons, including Milap Singh and three children, got injured in the accident. The offending vehicle and its driver are yet to be traced. Police teams are looking at CCTV footage from the adjoining areas to identify the vehicle and ascertain the sequence of the accident," said the DCP.

"A case under section 279 (rash driving or riding on a public way), 304A (causing death by negligence) and 337 (causing hurt by act endangering life or personal safety of others) of Indian Penal Code has been registered, and efforts are being made to locate the vehicle," she added.

Hindu Rao Hosp out from list of designated Covid facilities

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The North Corporation-run Hindu Rao Hospital was on Tuesday removed from the list of designated Covid-19 facilities in Delhi.

The Delhi Government's Health Department in an order issued on Tuesday said, Bara Hindu Rao Hospital was declared a designated hospital on June 14 in view of the surge in Covid-19 cases then. "A request has been received from the Commissioner, North Delhi Municipal Corporation for converting the Bara Hindu Rao Hospital to a non-COVID hospital," the order said. "The matter has been

examined and in view of the low average bed occupancy of the hospital and request received from the NDMC, the hospital is being removed from the list of designated COVID-19 hospitals with immediate effect," the order said.

The Delhi government on Saturday had ordered shifting of COVID-19 patients from the civic-run hospital to its own facilities.

The move to shift patients had come a day after the resident doctors of the hospital went on a "symbolic indefinite strike" over their salaries remaining unpaid for the past three months.

Seventeen patients were shifted to LNJP Hospital and

three to Aruna Asaf Ali Hospital, while there in ICU were retained.

On Sunday, the sanitisation of the hospital had started, and sources had said, the OPD of the 900-bed hospital was expected to be opened again to the regular patients in a few days.

A senior north Corporation official said that the Delhi Government is doing politics over the issue.

"DDMA has instructed the North Delhi Municipal Corporation via phone to transfer the patients to Delhi Government hospitals in view of the low number of patients at Hindurao Hospital and restore normal services at

Hindurao Hospital," he said.

The official said that ever since the Hindu Rao Hospital was converted into a Covid-19

hospital, till date the Delhi government has not given a single penny for the Hindu Rao Hospital.

Three arrested for thrashing youth

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police has arrested three men for allegedly attacking a 20-year-old man for troubling their friend's girlfriend. Police said that the man is undergoing treatment and his condition is said to be out of danger.

The victim has been identified as Rahul, a resident of

Taimoor Nagar while the accused have been identified as Ankush (19), Shahid (20) and Nikhil (19) have been arrested. Police said that efforts are being made to nab Alex Thomas who stabbed Rahul and fled from the spot.

According to R P Meena, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Southeast district, the incident took place on

October 9 in Klokari road in southeast Delhi.

"A police control room (PCR) was received regarding a quarrel colony 6.30 pm at Sunlight Colony police station following which a police team was dispatched for the spot. At the spot, Rahul was found stabbed with a knife and his intestines were spilling out. He was immediately rushed to a

nearby hospital for treatment," said the DCP.

"On inquiry, the victim's brother, Mandeep, who witnessed the incident, told police that he and Rahul were at Taimoor Nagar, when the accused came there. On seeing them, Rahul tried to flee towards Ring Road to save himself but they attacked him," said the DCP.

Cong, Left slam Govt financial package

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Congress and Left parties on Tuesday said the Government's latest financial package will not stimulate demand and termed it another "sly attempt" to dazzle people with exaggerated numbers and it was a move to hoodwink people.

Former finance minister P Chidambaram said Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's announcements on Monday were like "dig a mountain and find a mouse", and an attempt to lead people to believe that the Government is hands-on and responsive to the needs of people and the economy rav-

aged by the coronavirus pandemic.

The Rajya Saha member alleged that it is also an admission that the earlier "₹20 lakh crore package" was a failure and termed it a "hoax". He also said that by the latest announcements, the Government is trying to interfere in people's lives by telling them how to spend their own money.

"After carefully reading the statement of the finance minister on the so-called stimulus package, I am reminded of the Hindi proverb 'Khoda Pahad, Nikla Chuha' or loosely translated, it means 'dig a mountain and find a mouse'. The grand announcement yesterday was no stimulus package to push

economic growth, it was another sly attempt to dazzle the people with exaggerated numbers and lead them to believe that the government is hands-on and responsive to the needs of the people and the economy," Chidambaram said at AICC Press briefing.

The former finance minister said it is also a candid confession that the earlier so-called "₹20 lakh crore package was a massive failure." "It was a failure because it was a hoax," he said.

Chidambaram said the numbers claimed in the package are a "hoax" as the stimulus is not of a value of ₹73,000 crore, as claimed, but merely 0.1 per cent of GDP, as estimated by some economists.

Practise better hygiene during winter: Govt

Seasonal epidemic-prone diseases such as dengue, malaria, H1N1 occur during this period, says Health Ministry

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As it warned that Covid-19 is a respiratory virus and most such pathogens escalate during winter calling better hygiene practices, the Union Health Ministry on Tuesday issued guidelines for the management of co-infection of the coronavirus with other seasonal epidemic-prone diseases such as dengue, malaria, seasonal influenza (H1N1), etc.

"Given the seasonal pattern of epidemic-prone diseases observed every year in our country, diseases like dengue, malaria, seasonal influenza, leptospirosis, chikungunya, enteric fever, etc. can not only present a diagnostic dilemma but may co-exist in Covid-19 cases. This poses challenges in the clinical and laboratory diagnosis of Covid-19, and may have a bearing on clinical management and patient outcomes," said the statement.

"The scope of this document is to provide clear guidelines on prevention and treatment of co-infections..." the statement further read.

The document is based on the standards set up by inter-



national health agencies such as the World Health Organization (WHO), which say that apart from fever, patients could present other symptoms mimicking Covid-19 making the diagnosis difficult.

A high index of suspicion must be maintained for these epidemic-prone diseases prevalent in a particular geographic region during monsoon and post-monsoon seasons. Bacterial co-infections must also be suspected in moderate or severe cases of Covid-19 not responding to treatment, said the guidelines.

Despite the possibility of various co-infections, in present times of the pandemic, the approach to diagnosis for Covid-19 essentially remains the same. Testing protocol as per the ministry of health and family welfare and Indian Council of Medical Research guidelines will be followed. However, in addition, further tests for a likely co-

Males constitute 70% of overall Covid-19 deaths

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Gender-wise nearly 70 per cent of those who have died due to coronavirus so far are males while age-wise, about 53 per cent Covid-19 deaths are of patients aged 60 and above, about 35 per cent deaths are of patients in 45 to 60 years age group and 10 per cent in 26 to 44 years age group.

Sharing the details of the profile of the people who succumbed to the virus, Union

Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said, "gender wise, 30 per cent deaths are in female and 70 per cent in male."

He further added, India's case fatality rate is 1.53 per cent compared to 17.9 per cent with comorbid people and 1.2 per cent for people without comorbidities.

As per the existing mortality figures, nearly 17.9 per cent of people with co-morbidities have succumbed to the infection as compared to 1.2 per cent of those who are not

suffering from any pre-existing chronic disease conditions.

Among those above 60, the share goes up to 24.6 per cent as against 4.8 per cent in the same age group without any co-morbidities.

Rajesh Bhushan also warned that, "Young people in the country feel that they will not be affected by Covid-19 and even if they are infected they will recover fast. There is a need for the youth to get out of this misconception."

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Notice Inviting E-tenders
Gist of NIT NO. 43 OF 2020-21 Dated. 12.10.2020

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor U.T. of Jammu & Kashmir, Executive Engineer, Mechanical, SKIMS, Soura, Srinagar invites online e-bids in two (02) cover system from Original Equipment Manufacturers / Authorized Dealers/Authorized Representative/Registered Firms/ Reputed Firms having expertise as detailed in the tender documents for the following works:

Sr#	Name of the work	Estimated Cost (in lacs)
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Poll for 11 UP, U'khand RS seats on Nov 9

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Election Commission (EC) on Tuesday announced that elections for 11 Rajya Sabha seats - 10 from Uttar Pradesh and one from Uttarakhand - will be held on November 9. The counting will also be held on the same day.

In the last Parliament session, Rajya Sabha bid farewell to 11 of its members who are due to retire in November this year. They include Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, Samajwadi Party leader Ram Gopal Yadav, BSP's Veer Singh and Raj Babbar of Congress. Others who will retire are: Javed Ali Khan (SP), P L Punia (Congress), Rajaram (BSP), Neeraj Shekhar (BJP), Arun Singh (BJP), Ravi Prakash Verma (SP) and Chandrapal Singh Yadav (SP).

Masks, thermal scanning, and use of sanitisers will be ensured to check the spread of coronavirus, which has affected over 70 lakh people in India so far. The government-mandated rules on social distancing will also be strictly fol-



lowed, the EC said in a statement.

The EC The official statement further said that "chief electoral officers as observers in the two states" have been appointed, and the chief secretaries of the two states have been directed to "depute a senior officer to ensure the instructions regarding COVID-19 containment measures are compiled with while making arrangements for conducting the elections."

Now, cow dung-made diyas on Diwali to boost Modi's AtmaNirbhar Bharat abhiyan

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

After promoting use of cow Aurine and cow dung-based products such as hand sanitisers and face masks to check spread of Covid-19, Diwali this year may see lamps (diyas) candles, dhoop, agarbatti (incense stick), havan materials, shubh-labh, swastik, sam-rani, hardboard, wall-piece, paper-weight, havan materials, idols of Ganesha and Lakshmi made out of cow dung, a virtual end of Chinese products. The Rashtriya Kamdhenu Aayog (RKA) has planned to produce 33 crore eco-friendly earthen lamps (diyas) made from cow dung this festive season, in order to counter Chinese products. It is estimated that about 192 crore kg of cow dung per day is produced in India at present.

"The upcoming campaign to use 'diyas', made from cow dung, will will counter the Chinese made lamps and thus boost the 'make in India' concept of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's atma nirbhar bharat abhiyan. The Aayog is targeting production of 33 crore eco-friendly cow dung made diyas this diwali. There is huge untapped potential in cow dung-based products," RKA chairman Vallabh Bhai Kathiriya said.

"More than 15 States including Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, have agreed to be part of the campaign. About three lakh diyas will be lit in the holy city of Ayodhya, while one lakh diyas in Varanasi, Uttar

Pradesh, he said.

"The manufacturing has started. A group of students from the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi has come out with an online platform for marketing these cow dung made diyas and have already placed an order for nearly one crore diyas," Kathiriya said. Under the campaign, all gaushalas in the country are passing economic uncertainty because of Covid-19. Making diyas and other products like nameplates and idols using cow dung will help them to be self-reliant.

The Aayog said though it is not directly involved in production of cow dung-based products, it is facilitating and offering training to self help groups and entrepreneurs seeking to set up business. According to officials, the process of making these diyas is quite interesting. First, the Gobar is dried and powdered in a machine, following which compostable adhesives like tamarind seed paste is added for binding.

Then, dried herbs are added for fragrance and preservation, the dough is kneaded and placed into diya-shaped moulds. Once dried, the diyas are painted with all-natural colours and ornate motifs. Made out of cow dung, dried and powdered herbs and tamarind seed paste - the cow dung diyas are 100 per cent eco-friendly and can last a long time. Even if they are discarded after the festivities, they will decompose in a jiffy, leaving no residue. The cost of

RKA brings cow dung-made 'chip'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Rashtriya Kamdhenu Aayog (RKA) has come up with a 'chip' made of cow dung and claimed that it reduces radiation from mobile handsets and it will be a safeguard against diseases. The 'chip', named Gausatva Kavach, is manufactured by Rajkot-based Shrijee Gausghala. According to RKA chairman Dr Vallabh Bhai Kathiriya, Cow dung will protect everyone, it is anti-radiation... It is scientifically proven... This is a radiation chip that can be used in mobile phones to reduce radiation. It will be safeguarded against diseases."

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

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Snubbed by RJD-Cong, NCP to go it alone

Mumbai: The NCP will contest the Bihar Assembly polls independently after it was not allotted any seat by the RJD-Congress alliance with which it tied up in the state, senior party leader Praful Patel said on Tuesday.

Patel said the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) was ready to go with the 'Mahagathbandhan' (mega alliance) of the RJD-Congress in the eastern state, but it was not ceded a single seat by the opposition combine.

BIHAR POLLS

He said it is not possible for the NCP to join forces with its ally in Maharashtra, the Shiv Sena, for the October-November polls as its workers from Bihar are for contesting the election independently.

Besides the Shiv Sena, the Sharad Pawar-led party is also an ally of the Congress in Maharashtra.

"We had been with them (RJD-Congress) previously too. Yet, the RJD and the Congress

have not ceded a single seat to us this time despite talks. Hence, the NCP will contest the polls independently," the former Union Minister said.

Patel said he had discussed the tie-up issue with Congress leaders Ahmed Patel, Shaktisinh Gohil and RJDs Tejashwi Yadav, who is the face of the opposition alliance. Yet, the Congress did not find it right to leave some seats for the NCP, he said.

The former Union Minister said the NCP had demanded only five seats, out of the total

NCP leader said 'Mahagathbandhan' parties should not blame others if they suffer losses in the polls

243, as part of the possible understanding among the parties.

On one hand, they say all should come together to face the BJP-JD(U) (in Bihar). But on the other, they do not give importance to other parties. "This position of theirs is very unfortunate," Patel said, hitting out at the opposition alliance. The NCP leader said 'Mahagathbandhan' parties should not blame others if they suffer losses in the polls.

Agencies

Explosion in Kolkata club: BJP wants NIA probe

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

The BJP has demanded a National Investigation Agency probe into the massive blast that on Tuesday rocked a building housing a local club in north Kolkata's Beliaghata area ripping apart the walls and blowing off the roof of the room where the explosion occurred.

The explosion occurred early on Tuesday morning. No one, however, sustained injuries in the blast that occurred on the second floor of the club building on Beliaghata Main Road, police said adding they were "looking into the matter."

A team of forensic experts reached the explosion site to collect evidence, and sniffer dogs were also pressed into service to gather clues officials said.

"We heard a huge explosion, following which we rushed out of our houses and

found two persons fleeing. Their faces were covered... We do not know what exactly happened," a resident of the area said.

Even as opposition BJP upped the ante against the Mamata Banerjee Government, party MP Locket Chatterjee said, "this blast is another instance of criminalization of Bengal and its deteriorating law and order situation," blaming a Trinamool Congress hand behind the blast.

"Everyone knows that Beliaghata is one place in Kolkata where no elections take place... where no one is allowed to vote be it parliamentary or Assembly or municipal elections... this is one region where only goonda raj of TMC prevails. Hence we demand an NIA investigation into the facts that led to the blast," she said while police suspected local goons were behind the blast.

"It seems that there was a huge stockpile of explosives which were being used

to produce country-made bombs when things went wrong leading to the blast," a police officer said.

The impact of the explosion was such that two walls of the room where the materials were stored caved in and the asbestos roof flew off. Window panes of houses about 60 feet away got shattered under the impact of the blast, sources said.

Even as a BJP team led by Chatterjee was prevented from entering the Beliaghata area, Bengal Minister Firhad Hakim launched a counterattack on the saffron outfit saying "we are not Gujarat or UP or any other BJP ruled state that crimes and criminals will go unpunished. Any criminal from any party involved in the crime would be brought to book and there is no need for the BJP leaders to create a ruckus to win political brownie points because."

TN CM's mother passes away

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi Palaniswamy's mother Tavasaayi Ammal (94) passed away in the early hours of Tuesday in a Salem hospital. She was under treatment for age related issues.

Palaniswamy who was in Chennai in connection with Monday's signing of Memoranda of Understanding with 14 business conglomerates worth Rs 10,000 crore for setting up mega industrial units in the State and had disclosed that 7,000 new jobs would be created because of these projects rushed to Salem by road on being informed about the passing away of his mother.

At Salem, the Chief Minister was seen breaking down uncontrollably despite his elder brother Govindarajan's efforts to console him. Palaniswamy was attached to his mother and made it a point to call on her at least once in a fortnight to spend time with her.

The last rites were performed by Govindarajan in the presence of hundreds of people in the family village. Tavasaayi Ammal leaves behind sons Palaniswamy, Govindarajan and a daughter Vijayalakshmi.

Palaniswamy's father V Karuppa Goundar had passed away in 2004.

8,764 more afflicted in Kerala

PNS ■ KOCHI

There was no relief for Kerala despite the reduced number of tests to identify new cases of Covid-19 patients on Tuesday, according to Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan. Briefing the media at Thiruvananthapuram, the chief minister said 8,764 new persons were diagnosed on Tuesday across Kerala while 21 persons succumbed to the pandemic.

"There are 95, 407 active patients undergoing treatment across Kerala as on Tuesday. I am disappointed with the kind of behaviour shown by some sections of the Kerala society towards my request to observe the Covid-19 protocol," said Vijayan. He said there has been a reduction in the num-

ber of tests which should not have happened.

He said that though there has been a small decline in the number of patients in Thiruvananthapuram district, the number of children below the age group of 15 has increased and this is a cause for worry. "Parents are forcing their children to attend private tuition and entrance coaching classes. This is the reason for the children in large numbers getting afflicted with the pandemic," said Vijayan.

He said that as on Tuesday the Test Positivity Rate was 18.1 per cent.

The health department tested 48,000 samples during the last 24 hours. Vijayan said that 7,723 patients across the State were cured of the pandemic on Tuesday.

Covid volunteer falls prey to virus

KOCHI: 47-year-old M Padmanabha, a primary school teacher in Kerala's Kasaragod district, succumbed to Covid-19 on Sunday and his relations and colleagues blame the callousness of the State administration for what they claim as a mishap which could have been avoided.

The ground reality is the demise of Padmanabha due to Covid-19 is a blot on the face of Kerala Government which takes pride in claiming that it has become a role model to the world in managing the pandemic," said Sukumar Periyachoor, a retired Government Higher Secondary School principal.

Padmanabha was one of the 1,740 school teachers deployed in 777 local body wards in the district by the Kasaragod administration to go around market places, busi-

nesses, funerals and maidans where people gather to ensure that all adhered to Covid-19 protocol.

Most of these teachers are untrained to undertake such a massive operation which needs basic skills in management of crowd, inter personal communication. "The district has more than 15,000 Covid-19 patients but there are no sufficient medical staff like doctors, nurses and paramedical staff," said Sukumar. He pointed out that the Kerala Government which boasts itself as the State with India's best health care system was heard accusing the Karnataka Government when the latter shut down the road from Kerala fearing transmission of the disease. Though the Tata Group built a state-of-the-art exclusive Covid Hospital in Thekkil village in the district at a cost of Rs 70 crore

where 542 patients could be treated, the Government is yet to appoint a single doctor or other medical staff.

The Tata Group handed over the fully equipped hospital to the District Collector on September 9 and the matter ended there.

The last one week saw 30 persons in the district succumbing to the pandemic. "Most of the teachers who have been appointed as Covid volunteers are above the age of 50 and this is a matter of concern. The Government is understood to have sanctioned on September 30 the appointment of 191 medical staff.

But the discussion between the finance and health departments about the mode of appointment remains inconclusive," said Rajesh Puthiyakandam, leader of the action committee. PNS

NIA conduct searches in Purnea Arms Case

New Delhi: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday conducted searches in connection with the Purnea Arms Case.

The house of Chandra Vijay Pratap alias Sushil of Patna and premises of Sanmario Pharmaceuticals Private Limited, Patna were searched. Chandra Vijay Pratap is the Director of the accused firm Sanmario Pharmaceuticals.

The case pertains to interdiction of an SUV and seizure of highly sophisticated weapons and ammunition on February 7, 2019 by Purnea Police from three persons--Suraj Prasad, Varenegnon Kahornang and Clearson Kabo. The weapons included two Under Barrel Grenade Launchers (UBGL), one AK series rifle and 1,800 rounds of 5.56 mm ammunition which were kept concealed and were being transported by the above mentioned three persons in the SUV. The local police registered an FIR No. 35/19 dated February 7 last year at Police Station Baisi against the three accused persons.

The NIA re-registered the case as RC-05/2019/NIA-DLI dated February 28, 2019, under various Sections of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and various provisions of the IPC and Arms Act. During its investigation, the NIA arrested four more accused namely Tripari Singh, Mukesh Singh, Ningkhan Sangtam and Santosh Singh and filed chargesheet against the seven accused persons.

"The investigation revealed that a large number of illegal sophisticated prohibited weapons and ammunition were supplied by accused Ningkhan Sangtam, a self-styled Major of NSCN (IM) through an arms dealer of Bihar to the absconding accused Bhikhan Ganjhu, Zonal Commander of the Tritya Prastuti Committee (TPC), a Naxal terrorist gang. Suspect Chandra Vijay Pratap alias Sushil had transferred a huge amount of funds to the account of accused Ningkhan Sangtam," the NIA said in a statement. PNS

NCM letter to Bengal Govt on tossing of Sikh's turban

Kolkata: In a new twist to the Sikh man heckling case the National Commission for Minorities (NCM) has sought a report from the Bengal Government within the next 15 days asking why the turban of a Sikh person was allegedly pulled off by the state police during a political rally.

The protest rally was organized by the BJP on Thursday when the police pinned down a Sikh man Balwinder Singh carrying a gun. Singh claimed it was a licensed gun and presented himself as the body guard of a State BJP leader.

In the scuffle that took place in consequence to the

police bid to arrest the man the person's turban fell off, police administration subsequently said. The man has since been remanded to police custody.

Acting on a complaint from Tajinder Pal Singh Bagga, a senior leader of Delhi BJP unit the Commission wrote a letter to State Chief secretary Alapan Bandopadhyay and DGP where it said "The undersigned is directed to request you to send a report in this matter within 15 days so that the matter could be placed before the commission for its consideration." The letter bore the signature of NCM Joint Secretary, D E Richards. PNS

Kerala HC stays CBI probe in LIFE mission

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

As the Kerala High Court stayed the CBI probe into the role of bureaucrats in the scam associated with the LIFE Mission project for building houses for those without roofs over their head, the ruling CPI(M) claimed victory while the Opposition BJP and the Congress termed it as a setback for the Pinarayi Vijayan Government.

Justice V G Arun of the Kerala High Court stayed for two months the CBI probe into the role of U V Jose, the CEO of the project. But the judge refused to quash the FIR filed by the CBI in the case. The court also said the investigating agency is at liberty to probe the private contractor Unitac which was building the apartment complex in Thrissur district.

The probe against the Government official has been stayed taking into account the contention that the financial assistance received from Red Crescent for the project would not come under the Foreign Currency Regulation Act (FCRA).

The judge said that this has to be heard in detail. But the CBI has been allowed by the

court to pursue with its probe into the roles played by Swapna Suresh, the kingpin of the gold smuggling scam from whose bank locker the NIA seized crores of rupees alleged to be commission received in the Kerala Government-Red Crescent deal.

Meanwhile political Kerala is in turmoil as Janmabhumii, a Malayalam newspaper which is the mouthpiece of Sangh Parivar published excerpts of Swapna's statement to the NIA. She has reportedly told the NIA team that it was Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan who introduced her to M Sivasankar, his former principal secretary with a direction to the latter to offer all help to the controversial woman.

Swapna's statement is being seen as a setback to Vijayan, who had claimed that he does not know anything about the controversial woman.

The NIA, according to the leaked report, had confirmed that she had visited the office and official residence of Vijayan many times. The CPI(M) spokespersons remained incommunicado after the excerpts were published giving credence to the reports that chief minister was upset.

Physical fitness, mental tenacity, desi food helped me overcome Covid: Naidu

New Delhi: Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu on Tuesday said despite his age and certain medical problems, he could overcome the coronavirus infection because of physical fitness, mental tenacity and eating only "desi" food. He had tested positive for COVID-19 on September 29 and was found to have recovered from the infection on Monday.

Naidu, 71, was asymptomatic and was under home isolation. His wife Usha had tested negative for the infection. In a Facebook post, he said 13 employees of the Vice President's Secretariat, who had tested COVID-19 positive earlier, have now fully recovered.

"Similarly, I am pleased to know that 136 COVID-19-affected employees of the Rajya Sabha Secretariat have recovered. While 127 of the officials are attending office, the remaining are functioning from home," Naidu, who is also Rajya Sabha Chairman, said.

"I firmly believe that in spite of my age and certain medical problems like diabetes, I could overcome the COVID-19 infection because of my physical fitness, mental tenacity, regular physical exercise like walking

and yoga, apart from eating only desi (traditional) food," he wrote. Naidu said he has always preferred to eat desi food and continued the same during his self-isolation period. "Based on my own experience and firm conviction, I urge everyone to undertake some of physical exercise daily—be it walking, jogging or yoga. Also, it is important to eat protein-rich food and avoid junk food," he observed.

Equally crucial for the people is to not lower their guard and to strictly adhere to protocols such as wearing masks, washing hands frequently and maintaining personal hygiene at all times, the vice president pointed out. During home quarantine, Naidu said he was able to spend a good amount of time by reading newspapers, magazines and articles on various issues, including the pandemic.

While the government has been adopting a well-calibrated strategy to contain the spread of COVID-19, the need of the hour is for people to display a collective determination to defeat the virus by wearing masks, washing hands and following safe distancing norms, he said. PNS

Woman who stays with Hathras victim family is Bhim Army's associate

Hathras: Dr Rajkumari Bansal of Jabalpur, who lived two days in the house of the victim's family in the Hathras case, is associated with the Bhim Army. Officials of the Gwalior Bhim Army have admitted that she is associated with the organization. Bansal has posted many inflammatory messages on her Facebook.

Dr. Bansal original hails from Gwalior. In her post of 3rd October, she even wrote that it is a pity that the daughter of Hathras was a Hindu. The postmortem could have been possible if she had been buried. After getting into controversies in the Hathras case, her post has also come under discussion.

Action has been taken against her in Dindori for going from Jabalpur to Hathras without getting permission. Dr. Bansal was posted as a Medical Officer at Dindori District Hospital in 2013. PNS

Leh's 'Fire and Fury Corps' gets new head in Lt Gen PGK Menon

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Lt General Harinder Singh, Chief of Leh based 14 Corps known as 'Fire and Fury Corps', who led the Indian delegation during the seven rounds of Corps Commander level talks in the last five months on Tuesday handed over charge to Lt General PGK Menon. Singh will take over as the Commandant of the Indian Military Academy (IMA).

Menon was also part of the last two rounds of talks with the Chinese to resolve the logjam at the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

He has had a distinguished career in the Army holding important command and staff appointments. He is also the Colonel of the SIKH Regiment.

The officer commanded a Rashtriya Rifles unit in Kashmir valley, an Infantry Brigade along the Line of Control (LOC) in Jammu and Kashmir and an Infantry Division in the Eastern Sector. Prior to assuming command of Fire & Fury Corps, he was Director General Recruiting at New Delhi.

3 minor Dalit sisters injured in acid attack in UP's Gonda

Gonda (Uttar Pradesh): In a shocking incident, three minor Dalit sisters received burn injuries when an unidentified attacker threw acid on them in Paska village in Gonda district in the wee hours of Tuesday.

Two of the girls received minor burn injuries while the third was injured in the face.

Kajal, 17, Mahima, 12, and Sonam, 8, were sleeping on the roof of their house when they were attacked by an unidentified person. No arrest has been made so far.

The victims were admitted in a district hospital for treatment. The village came under the Paraspur police circle jurisdiction.

The girls' father Ram Avatar maintained that he had enmity with no one and was clueless about the motive behind the crime.

Gonda Superintendent of Police Shailesh Kumar Pandey said that police was questioning the girls and police teams set up to track down the culprit.

The crime comes in the wake of gang rape and murder of a 19-year-old Dalit woman in Hathras. IANS

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that a person (depicted in the photo), **Name:** Unknown S/o Unknown R/o Unknown **Age:** about 55 years, **Height:** 5'10", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Healthy, **Hair:** Black & White, **Mustaches & beard:** Wearing: Grey colour shirt and black colour pant & slipper in feet has been found in unconscious condition at under metro Pillar No. 11, Panchkuia Road, New Delhi. He was admitted to Lady Harding Medical College Hospital, Delhi, where doctor declared him brought dead on 10.10.2020. In this regard a case vide DD No : 26A, dated 10.10.2020 has been lodged at P.S. Mandir Marg, New Delhi. The dead body has been preserved for 72 hrs in Lady Harding Medical College Hospital Mortuary, Delhi. Any person having any information or clue about this dead person may kindly inform to the following:- **SHO P.S. Mandir Marg, New Delhi, New Delhi Distt., Delhi DP/133/NDD/2020 Ph. No. 011-23364100, 23366730**

The Executive Engineer, LTV Division, PWD(R&B), Manu, Dhalai Tripura invites e-tender against press NIT No. 03/EE/LTV/PWD/M/2020-21 Dated. 08/10/2020.

for "Imp. of road from Amtali to Chawmanu Block under Chawmanu PWD Sub-Division (L=2.00 km) during the year 2019-20/S/-: Metalling, BM, PMC, road side drains etc. DNIT No. 10/DNIT/SE-V/AMB/2020-21 With

- Estimated cost: ₹ 1,11,15,758/-
- Earnest Money: ₹ 1,11,158/-
- Time of Completion: 120 (one hundred twenty) days.
- Last Date of bidding for bids - 28/10/2020 *upto 15.00 Hrs.

For more details kindly visit: <https://tripuratenders.gov.in>

Sd- (Er. P. Debbarma) (Executive Engineer, LTV Division, PWD (R&B), Manu, Dhalai Tripura

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE (Through e-Tendering)

Name of work with its location	Signalling work in connection with sectional signal maintenance contract in section of ADSTE/PS of Delhi Division.
App. Cost of the work (₹)	₹85,10,676/- only
Earnest Money Deposit (₹)	₹1,70,200/- only
Address of the office	Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer-C, Northern Railway, 3 rd Floor, Annex-1, DRM Office, New Delhi-110055
Date & Time for upload the tender/closing of tender	Tender uploading/closing date & time 04.11.2020 upto 15:00 hrs.
Website particular & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.	See the Northern Railway website www.nreps.gov.in & Notice board at SAT branch, 3 rd Floor, DRM office, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055

Tender No. : 558-Sig-16-M-TENDER-1350 Dated: 13.10.2020 2206/20

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DELHI TRANSCO LIMITED NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

Delhi Transco Ltd, a Government of NCT of Delhi Undertaking, invites online tenders for Two Part Open Tender for following works on Turnkey basis: 1) Tender No.T20P090571: a) Design, Engineering, Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 01 no. 220 kV GIS transformer/reactor bay along with associated work and civil works at 220 kV GIS Sub-station Electric Lane and b) Design, Engineering, Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 220 kV and 33 kV GIS Bays for 100MVA Power Transformer along with associated civil works at 220 kV Sub-station Trauma Centre (AIIMS). 2) Tender No. T20P090561: Design, Engineering, Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 04 nos 220 kV GIS Feeder Bays and 01 no.220 kV GIS transformer/reactor bay with civil work at 220 kV GIS Sub-station Kashmir Gate, Delhi (India). Last date for bid submission: (09.11.2020 for S.I. No.1) & (06.11.2020 for S.I. No.2) at 1.30 p.m. For downloading of tender documents and further details please visit website Delhi Govt website <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in> Tender ID No.2020_DTL_195362_1 & 2020_DTL_195351_1 and DTL website www.dtl.gov.in Unique No. DTL-7891-131020 & DTL-7892-131020 PR/20-21/23

All Corrigendum/Addendum/Amendments/Date of Extension/Clarifications, if any, to the above tender/e-tenders would appear only on the above mentioned websites.

ED to interrogate CFI members

Hathras: The Enforcement Directorate has filed an application in the court for the interrogation of 4 members of the Campus Front of India who are in jail, on which the hearing of the court held today. The court has given the permission to interrogate the CFI members on the court's order.

On the night of 5 October, police caught 4 youths in a car from the Mount Toll Plaza of Yamuna Expressway. They told their names as Ateequr Rahman (Ratanpur, Rajasthan), Muzaffar Nagra, Siddiqui (Mallapuram, Kerala), Masood Ahmed (Jarwar Road, Bahrach) and Alam (Gher Fater, Rampur). They were all going to Bulgadi village of Hathras.

Police recovered a document of 17 pages containing the protest-related matters. On Monday, the team led by ED's deputy director Vinay Kumar reached the CJM court and an application was given for the interrogation in the jail. PNS

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

Name of work	Hiring of Multi Utility Vehicle for attending, breakdowns, inspections and collection/purchase of light/petty material for Electrical Coaching Depots of Delhi Division for three years.
Tender No.	30-Elect-5T-Chg-2020-21
Approx cost of the work in (Rs)	Rs. 20,30,400/-
Cost of tender form	Rs. 3,540/-
Address of the Office	Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/Chg/Northern Railway New Delhi
Earnest Money	Rs. 40,600/-
Period of completion of work	36 Months
Last date & time of submission of tender	10.11.2020 up to 15:00 hrs
And opening of tender	10.11.2020 at 15:01 hrs.
Website and notice board	www.reps.gov.in & Sr. DEE/Chg/DLI

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given on behalf of Shri Kafeel Saifi who is purchasing the Freehold Property Plot of Plot No.61, area measuring 50 Sq. Yards i.e. 41.80 Sq. Meters, out of 100 Sq. Yards i.e. 83.61 Sq. Meters, out of Kharsa No.550min. Situated at residential colony Ikram Park Near Khanna Nagar Phase-II, in the Village & Pargana Loni, Tehsil & Distt. Ghaziabad, U.P. from Mohd. Umar S/o Shri Abdul Rashid and further will be mortgage against the financial assistance from VASTU HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION LTD. To comply the requirements of bank/NBFC, we give this public notice that if any person(s) having any objection regarding ownership and/or creating mortgage of the said property is/are hereby requested to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 07 days from the date of this notice, at below address: **Lucem Legal LLP 269, Rama House, Ground Floor, Masjid Moh. Uday Park, South Ext.II, New Delhi-49, Contact #011-40046310**

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER Date: 14.10.2020

Sealed tenders under two Bid System (Unpriced & Priced) is invited for following jobs:

NIT No.	Brief Work Description	Estimated Cost (₹)	Cost of EMD (₹)	Due Date & Time of Submission	Date & Time of Opening
CMC/BY/20-21/RB/SV/21	RATE CONTRACT FOR SUPPLY OF 9 MTR 160 KG & 11 MTR 365 KG PCC POLES	₹ 0.57 Crore	₹ 1.14 Lakh	04.11.2020 15:00 Hrs	05.11.2020 15:00 Hrs
CMC/BY/20-21/RB/SV/22	RATE CONTRACT FOR SUPPLY OF INSULATED PIERCING CONNECTOR (IPC) OF VARIOUS SIZES	₹ 1.06 Crore	₹ 2.12 Lakh	04.11.2020 15:00 Hrs	05.11.2020 15:30 Hrs

Cost of Tender Document: ₹ 1180/-

For details in respect of qualifying requirements, Terms & Conditions, Purchase and Services/Submission of tender documents/Corrigendum (if any) etc. please visit our website www.bsesdelhi.com -> BSES YAMUNA POWER LTD-> Tenders-> open tenders.

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Safety first

J&J halts trials after a participant falls ill. This shows why developers must not cut corners under political pressure



Before there is a sense of desolation, let's go by certain facts. First, vaccine trials are a time-consuming process of trial and error, of meticulous checks and balances and a constant re-assessment of risks and formulae tweaks if any to ensure that the final product is safe and effective for the human body. Second, there are a lot of vaccine candidates being tested at various advanced stages of trials with encouraging outcomes so far and there is no reason to lose hope. Which is why Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan said that India would have a vaccine for the novel Coronavirus from maybe more than one source by early next year. Currently, two

indigenously-developed vaccine candidates, one by Bharat Biotech in collaboration with ICMR and the other by Zydus Cadila Ltd, are in phase II of the human clinical trials. The Pune-based Serum Institute of India, which has partnered with AstraZeneca for manufacturing the Oxford COVID-19 vaccine candidate, is conducting phase II and III human clinical trials. So though pharma major Johnson & Johnson (J&J) has halted clinical trials of its variant after a participant fell ill, probably slowing down US President Donald Trump's ambition of rolling out a vaccine commercially before the November polls, there is still hope. The company said that the participant's illness is being evaluated and that it would share more information after a further study into the cause for the adverse reaction to the trial vaccine. This comes on the back of British pharmaceutical firm AstraZeneca stopping its vaccine tests after a volunteer fell sick. Though the tests have resumed in a number of other nations like UK, Brazil and South Africa, they are still on hold in the US for further scrutiny. Why people are upset about J&J's sudden halt is because it is among a small group of vaccine makers which has progressed into final-stage human studies. The firm is dosing thousands of volunteers in the first big trial of a COVID-19 inoculation that may work after one shot. Others probably need more than one.

Though J&J is in a mad race to find the silver bullet along with rival drug firms from around the world, both scientists and the healthcare fraternity have time and time again cautioned that pharmaceutical companies must balance time pressures with safety considerations in the crucial last stage of testing. And the fact that two of the frontrunners for the vaccine have halted work on their samples is actually a good sign that developers are not throwing caution to the wind in order to claim the highest price that awaits the one who comes out with the vaccine first. Plus it is a sign that companies are not giving in to political pressure that they are under to deliver a cure fast as the contagion continues to spread and sicken people and economies. No compromises can be made to meet the improbable timelines that are being set by Governments keen to reassure their citizens. Developmental processes that usually take years have been compressed into months, raising genuine concerns over the safety and efficacy of the quick fix shot that will come out eventually. However, the people's faith in the vaccine that comes out eventually will be vital if health authorities hope to be able to convince millions globally that they must get a shot. That's why developers have publicly pledged not to compromise on any scientific requirements for the vaccine. Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates gave voice to people's concerns when he said that normalcy would return to the world "when we have not the first generation of vaccines, but one that is super-effective and widely available. Only then all the problems created by COVID-19 can be solved." Then there is the politics of distribution, what with rich nations having already booked the lion's share of an expected rollout and poorer nations having to wait in the queue. For a country like India, it needs to ready a cold chain infrastructure real soon to preserve the vaccines so that they don't lose their efficacy. In that case, normalcy will be a long time coming because we have not even got the first generation of vaccines yet. Till then prevention is the best cure.

They hate love stories

Jewellery brand caves in to vicious trolls, takes down ad celebrating inter-faith marriage. Why let bigotry win the day?



When a corporate giant with an indisputable standing takes down an ad of its jewellery company that celebrates inter-faith marriage and the birth of a baby resulting from that union — simply bowing to the majoritarian sentiment of the day — then we should worry about the India of tomorrow. For it means that the politics of polarisation has completely taken over the cultural domain and the nation's collective mindspace. The ad had a beautiful story of a Hindu-Muslim marriage, where the Muslim mother-in-law is seen to have arranged a *godh bhara* or baby shower ritual for her Hindu daughter-in-law, an example of the inclusivity and

love that the brand wanted to communicate. But Right-wing trolls ripped it to shreds, saying it promoted love *jihad*. This after our literature and films have forever celebrated the plurality of Indian life and the countless inter-faith marriages in reality. Besides, the ad showed that the woman was free to pursue her own religion and rituals in her marital home and was not co-opted. The love *jihad* messages flooded social media to such an extent that the company removed the video campaign rather than risk negative publicity. In other words, the boycott calls and the cancel culture are assuming such hydra-headed dimensions that they are potent enough to determine market economics now. The sad part is if bona fide corporations take a step back and let the dominant sentiment take over, it only lionises bigotry. The sadder part is that the same jewellery brand has used its festival campaigns to convey beautiful social messages before. The saddest part is that many controversial ads have been pulled out after a public outcry, mostly because they were of a sexual nature and not for conveying the story of a confluence of religion and culture in family life.

Many proponents of Hindutva claimed victory after the ad was withdrawn but can they ever stop the harmony and plurality embedded in our civilisational DNA? A similar reaction was seen when a detergent brand tried something similar with its Holi campaign last year. The one-minute long video featured a young Hindu girl, who chose to be drenched in colours to protect her young Muslim friend, who wanted to visit a nearby mosque. Some felt that Holi wasn't given due importance and others shuddered at the thought of a Muslim man needing protection from a woman, that too, a Hindu. Advertisers force disruptions in the clutter and make us sit up and think, setting up an alternative or reasoned conversation. Today even that space has shrunk. It isn't news that most Indian families still prefer weddings being arranged within their religion and caste. Those who break the rules and are not privileged with power or education have often witnessed violent consequences, including "honour killings." According to the India Human Development Survey, only about five per cent of all marriages are inter-caste and inter-faith relations are even fewer. A 2016 survey by Social Attitudes Research for India (SARI) found that the majority of respondents opposed inter-caste and inter-religious marriages. In Delhi, about 60 per cent of Hindus said they would oppose a child or relative marrying a Muslim and a similar fraction of Muslims opposed a child or relative marrying a Hindu. In Uttar Pradesh, the prejudice was even deeper — about 75 per cent of Hindus opposed marriages with Muslims, and only a slightly lower fraction of Muslims, about 70 per cent, opposed marriages with Hindus. Not to forget that in 2018, the Facebook page that called for violence against 102 Muslim men, who were allegedly in relationships with Hindu women, had to be taken down. Then there are legal challenges for couples trying to get a marriage registered under the Special Marriage Act, where courts insist on all sorts of conditions like ensuring the marriage notice is publicised in local media. And in all this, love is never under discussion. And after yesterday, it doesn't even make for a story.

Keep the momentum going

The methodology adopted in the next 18 months will be crucial for Rahul Gandhi and the Congress. It will determine their success in the 2024 general elections



AMITABH SHUKLA

Congress MP Rahul Gandhi, understood to be the de facto president of his party, made a hectic rendezvous in the heat and dust with the farmers of Punjab and to some extent with those in Haryana on the farm Acts. Some observers once again termed his latest avatar as "version 2.0 or 3.0", depending on how they saw the political graph and career of the Gandhi son.

The visits got good traction in both the States, particularly in Punjab, as the Congress is not only the ruling party there, it is in a position to organise the machinery for protest marches and public meetings. Plus there is resentment against the laws across the State and among all parties, except for the BJP, which initiated the Acts.

The two political protests in a row — first in Hathras, Uttar Pradesh, in support of the Dalit woman who was gang-raped by upper caste men, followed by the one in the food bowl of the country, Punjab and Haryana — catapulted him into the public eye. And he did seize the first mover advantage on both these issues. At least now he is being viewed as some sort of a "fighter" rather than a "shirker." Also, since these visits are not related to elections but concern specific issues, the images and footprints of both Hathras and Punjab would remain imprinted on the public consciousness for a while. The image of Rahul being roughed up by cops, consoling the victim's father in Hathras and riding a tractor in Punjab would help his cause immensely in the medium to long run.

But there is a rider. Rahul has shown consistently that he adopts a strategy and abandons it completely and goes for a long political vacation. Hathras and Punjab — the cause of a Dalit girl and farmers, besides other issues of the subaltern — need to be sustained and adopted in the long term political strategy of the Congress and should not remain a photo opportunity alone. Adopted for a while and then abandoned, something which had become Rahul's signature for long, the news-grabbing moments gave his opposition repeated opportunity to project him as a politician aloof from the grind, not suited for the heat and dust or the combative brand of grassroots politics. This image can be altered only when



there is consistency in his political approach followed by an action plan for each and every issue which concerns the people at large. You cannot be a part-time agitator and also a part-time tourist vacationing in a foreign country when face to face with an extremely combative adversary who is better planned and always a step ahead.

Remember the temple-hopping spree of Rahul and his attempt to sport a *Janeu* by proclaiming himself as a Dattatreya Brahmin in the run-up to the last Lok Sabha polls? No one, not even Rahul himself, knows what happened to those half-hearted attempts to play the majority religion card and the efficacy of the strategy itself. No one has even asked him if he had gone to a temple after those photo ops and does he wear a *Janeu* now. Perhaps after getting a thorough drubbing in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, the Congress strategists who advised him and he himself realised that this was not going to cut any ice with the voters and abandoned the discourse.

Long ago, when the UPA was in power and Rahul was calling the shots, he used to occasionally visit Dalit hamlets in parts of UP and used to spend the evenings and nights there, trying to understand what the downtrodden faced. Once, in 2009, he even took the visiting British Foreign Secretary David Miliband along with him to spend a night in such a household, which became a media sensation worldwide. But this practice, too, was abandoned summarily, suggesting a lack of consistency and strategy in the

political methodology adopted. No one has heard if he ever spent a night in a rural household after the Congress-led UPA was ousted from power in the 2014 general elections.

Remember, the Hathras visit came nine years after his much publicised visit to Bhatta Parsaul village in Greater Noida area during a farmers' agitation, when they were protesting against alleged forcible land acquisition. He was pillion riding a motorcycle then and had entered the village in solidarity with the agitating farmers and sat on a *dharna* with them. The Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) was ruling the State then with Mayawati as Chief Minister and the BJP was detained for a few hours. Of course, the Congress-led Government at the Centre subsequently passed the Land Acquisition Act, 2013, which raised the compensation given to farmers manifold.

Bhatta-Parsaul was a success story of sorts, which led to the passage of a Bill, considered extremely friendly to farmers if any Government/private agency wanted to acquire the land. But Rahul failed to publicise this success story. Perhaps not realising its significance, he and his party let go of an opportunity which could have helped both politically. On the contrary, the Congress became defensive when its political opponents targeted it over the Bill, saying it hampered easy land acquisition and prevented industrialists from setting up new units and giving employment.

Rahul has been put through tough scrutiny all these years, more so in the post-2014 era when the Congress lost to the

BJP lock, stock and barrel and the decline continued like a free fall. In 2017, as Congress president, Rahul did a magnificent job for his party by trying to halt the BJP juggernaut in its strongest base for decades — Gujarat. The party lost but did put up a spirited fight against the political giants — Prime Minister Narendra Modi and then BJP president Amit Shah — both from the same State. The performance of the underdog (Congress) was hailed and it was billed as a new beginning, a new dawn for Congress. This performance was followed by Karnataka where the incumbent Congress government did reasonably well and prevented the BJP from claiming power. Victories in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan added to Rahul's stature and the possibilities of a Congress revival became real. But come May 2019 and all advantage was lost. The party simply could not build the momentum or keep the pressure and lost out on issues to tackle its opponent, driven as it was by aggressive nationalism and Hindutva. It simply had no answer to the blitzkrieg launched by the BJP in 2019 and surrendered meekly without even putting up a semblance of a fight.

The question now is when the momentum seems to have slightly become favourable with Hathras and the farmers' issues, will the party, particularly Rahul, be able to sustain it in the medium to long term? That will be a challenge and also provide answers to the political discourse in the run-up to a series of Assembly elections in the next one-and-a-half years.

Many Congress leaders privately say that the practice of starting a campaign or a narrative and then abandoning it midway has to come to an end. A narrative, once adopted and made a part of political strategy, has to continue and given an incubation time. Only then can one build momentum and swing tides of opinion. Partymen need to be consistent and have to hit the streets every two to three weeks to get traction and occupy the opposition space, not wake up every three years.

The Uttar Pradesh Assembly polls, scheduled for February and March 2022, are less than one-and-a-half years away. A State where BJP is firmly entrenched under Yogi Adityanath as Chief Minister, the Congress is still considered to be a rank outsider at this juncture despite Hathras and despite the absence of Samajwadi Party (SP) and the BSP from the politics of agitation. Can Congress fill the vacuum here? Can it spring a surprise? Will the Rahul-Priyanka duo be able to project themselves as some sort of an alternative and replace the caste narrative of SP and BSP? Will they come out with a game-changer? Do they have it in them? This is what Congress leaders and workers alike are asking. For many within the party and outside, the revival of the organisation in UP is the key for success in the 2024 general elections. The road to Delhi goes through UP was an old saying but this holds true even at this juncture where a great churning of the political process is taking place.

(The writer is Senior Resident Editor, The Pioneer, Chandigarh)

SOUNDBITE

The Uttar Pradesh Government's politically motivated narrative of justifying and protecting perpetrators of crimes against women has only emboldened criminals across the State.



Congress leader
—Priyanka Gandhi Vadra

I have such respect for people in this country, the way they have handled it (COVID-19 pandemic). It's been an incredible love fest.



US President
—Donald Trump

It's been very important that leaders of poorest nations speak up and speak out about the need for a lighter debt burden from the creditor nations.



World Bank Group president
—David Malpass

We are proud to be a part of the (I-League) tournament that has brought football back, in fact, brought sports back in India.



AIFF referee
—Santhosh Kumar

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

India's digital ambition

Sir — The process of adopting virtual reality, augmented reality and Artificial Intelligence (AI) has been accelerated by the COVID-19 pandemic. This has boosted the chances of India's Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) sector. Companies have cut down work-related travel and are encouraging remote working. Consequently, India has registered a drastic increase in the usage of data and internet in the last few months. In an attempt to make India digitally-enabled post-COVID, the Government launched three schemes in April this year that are estimated to generate around five lakh direct and 15 lakh indirect jobs. However, the Government also needs to integrate the vibrant start-up ecosystem with the digital platform and develop the indigenous electronics manufacturing industry.

Khusboo Ved
Ujjain

Right to equality

Sir — In August this year, the Punjab and Haryana High Court said that a person with a physi-

Rhea deserves a public apology

Actor Rhea Chakraborty, who was taken into custody during the investigation into the drug angle in Sushant Singh Rajput's death, was finally granted bail on October 7, after she spent a month behind bars. However, there is no denying the fact that in addition to the investigations and interrogations, Chakraborty became the target of patriarchy, politics and media trials. She was subjected to a witch-hunt under the guise of justice for Rajput. Notwithstanding the absence of solid evidence to prove that she had a hand in his death, she was still labelled as his "murderer." Worse, she received rape and murder threats. Many news channels declared her guilty even before the law did. She was subjected to a terrible ordeal while she faced one of the worst media trials that not only infringed on her privacy but also stirred up mob fury.

Chakraborty admitted that the social criticism and media trials had adversely affected her and her family's mental health and that she even had suicidal thoughts. What kind of a democracy are we living in



where an accused person undergoes all kinds of mortification, trials and alienation before she is even proved guilty? Nobody can forget the day she was manhandled by the media. A woman's image was tarnished for the vested interests of others. She deserves a public apology from the perpetrators.

Venu GS
Kollam

cal disability has the right to continue his/her job and disability cannot be a reason to terminate employment or to reduce one's rank. Prior to that, on July 8, the Supreme Court confirmed that people suffering from disabilities are also socially backward and equally entitled to the same benefits of relaxation as Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe candidates in public employment

and education. While these are significant decisions, there is a need for a strict protocol for institutions to follow in terms of infrastructure for the physically challenged and academic courses crafted to specifically cater to the needs of the disabled people. Their needs in all sectors should be given equal weightage.

Yash Pal Ralhan
Jalandhar

Impact on farmers

Sir — The farm Acts are here to haunt the nation largely due to the growing mistrust in the Government as it hurriedly pushed through the laws without any conversation with farmers' unions. The first inkling of the Government's intent in the agriculture sector was evident in the report submitted by the Shanta

Kumar Committee, which was constituted in August 2014, within three months of the BJP coming to power. The Centre was averse to the Food Corporation of India (FCI) intermediating purchase and storage of agricultural produce. Its deep-seated intention was to dilute its institutional involvement in food procurement and allocation. Recommendations were made for substantial reduction of beneficiaries under the Food Security Act and bringing down the primacy of the Minimum Support Price (MSP) a couple of notches by scrapping bonuses.

The Government, through these Acts, has been quick to take away its protective umbrella and avoid dialogue, leaving farmers to inclement market weather.

In these Acts, there is neither mention of the MSP, nor a mechanism of price stability and guarantees to pre-empt farmers' exploitation by corporates. The Centre should ensure a level playing field for all with safeguards in place for small and medium farmers.

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FIRST COLUMN

Big shoes to fill in Bihar

If Chirag and Tejashwi are not able to benefit from the legacy of their fathers in the forthcoming Assembly elections, then who will?



KALYANI SHANKAR

Will the two young leaders of Bihar, Tejashwi Yadav of the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) and Chirag Paswan of the Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) be able to fill the big shoes of their fathers? Lalu Prasad and Ram Vilas Paswan had been players in Bihar politics for decades and held their own despite various ups and downs in their lives. They sensed a political opening in the late eighties to challenge the dominant Congress and succeeded to a certain extent. Now, years down the line, an ailing Lalu is in a jail in Ranchi, serving his sentence in the fodder scam while Paswan passed away recently.

Now, the two young leaders will be playing a much more pronounced role in Bihar politics. They are leading two important caste groups, the Yadavs and the Dalits in Bihar, estimated to be about 24-30 per cent of the electorate. To their advantage, their fathers declared both the young leaders as their political heirs long ago.

The 39-year-old Tejashwi Yadav is the leader of the Opposition alliance called the *Mahagathbandhan* (Grand Alliance). The Congress Party, the CPI, CPI-M and some smaller parties are part of the coalition. This *Mahagathbandhan* will be facing the ruling JD(U)-BJP alliance in the Assembly elections in the State.

Tejashwi is young, ambitious, articulate and has learnt some tricks of politics from his father. Once Lalu went to jail, he grabbed the opportunity and quickly moved to neutralise his opponents. However, Tejashwi has many challenges ahead. The first is to keep the flock together. Raghuvansh Prasad Singh, a close confidant of Lalu, resigned as the party's vice-president and left the RJD just before his death last month. Senior leaders like Shivanand Tiwari and some MLAs are leaving the RJD and joining Nitish Kumar's camp. Though Tejashwi has inherited Lalu's name, his identity and political legacy, we have to see whether he inherits his father's vote bank, too. Lalu had carefully built up the Yadav-Muslim (MY) electorate. With his one action of halting BJP leader LK Advani's famous Rath Yatra in 1990, he has claimed secular credentials for all time to come. In all probability this vote bank will remain with Tejashwi.

Then there is the youth vote. There are four crore young voters who should be targeted by the two young leaders. Tejashwi has built up his social media platforms, posters, slogans and election jingles. Though he has studied only up to Class IX, he is also proficient in English. However, Tejashwi has a long way to go as he lacks the political shrewdness of Lalu.

Second, he has nothing much to show for his achievements as he was the Deputy Chief Minister only for 20 months. Third, Lalu overlooked the claims of his elder son Tej Prasad Yadav and daughter Misa Bharti and declared Tejashwi as his political heir, which has created jealousy and trouble in the family. Tejashwi has to sort this out and ensure his family's support. Fourth, Tejashwi got his position on a silver platter. He became the Deputy Chief Minister at the young age of 26 and is now waiting to become the Chief Minister. When the *Mahagathbandhan* ended in 2017, he became the Leader of the Opposition and now the leader of the Grand Alliance. Now is the time for him to show his leadership skills.

Chirag's story is different. He wanted to become a film actor but after failing to make an impact in Bollywood, joined his father in politics and soon rose to become the party chief. He has been involved in many crucial decisions of the party, including the recent decision to go solo in Bihar Assembly polls, leaving the Nitish-led NDA in Bihar.

Ram Vilas Paswan was known as a weathercock and he had worked with eight Prime Ministers, serving in their Cabinets for decades. His recent death would help Chirag in boosting the party but we will have to see how he translates the sympathy factor into votes. Chirag is yet to emerge as a new Dalit icon like his father. He will also face the challenge of galvanising the party workers and consolidate his position. He should be able to make his voters believe that he is the right person to fill the space left by his father.

In Bihar, Dalits comprise over 17 per cent of the population and they are one of the game-changers. While Paswan could keep his Dalit constituency intact by going "solo", Chirag will be allowing the LJP's rank and file to contest the election on a much bigger scale and expand its organisational footprint. Rumours say that he has also sealed a deal with the BJP for the post-election scenario. The two leaders will be facing a formidable combination of the JD(U) and the BJP, who have established leadership, experience, money power, muscle power and the electoral machinery at their beck and call. However, if Chirag and Tejashwi are not able to benefit from the legacy of their fathers, then who will? Could it be the JD(U) or the BJP or the Congress? Probably both might succeed in keeping their flock together if they play their cards well. Or else their voters might move away and then the playing field will be open to all.

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CAN THE PUBLIC SUE BOLLYWOOD FOR DESTROYING MUSIC, LYRICS, LANGUAGE, ART, CREATIVITY, SOCIAL FABRIC AND CULTURE OF INDIA?

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SIR YOU AND I MADE HATE STORY TOGETHER. BAHUT TROLLING HOGI HAMARI SHANT HO JAAO (WE WILL BE TROLLED A LOT, CALM DOWN).

—ACTOR AND PRODUCER

NIKHIL DWIVEDI

Why Taiwan irks China

Xi is being labelled as a revisionist and expansionist and the world is getting united to counter China's designs under democratic forces by supporting the Taiwanese cause



ANIL GUPTA

In an unprecedented move recently, the Chinese embassy in New Delhi issued a series of "directives" to Indian journalists and media houses regarding the coverage of the National Day of Taiwan on October 10. The press release that was issued by the media section of the embassy appeared to be more of a diktat and declared, "We will like to remind our media friends that there is only one China in the world, and the Government of the People's Republic of China is the sole legitimate Government representing the whole of China. Taiwan is an inalienable part of China's territory." It further dictated to the journalists, "Taiwan shall not be referred to as a country or Republic of China or the leader of China's Taiwan region as 'President', so as not to send wrong signals to the general public."

Significantly, no such "advisory" was issued by the Chinese embassy in 2019 on the Taiwanese National Day. What is even more infuriating is that after the event, it issued a statement on "mis-reporting by the Indian media on Taiwan", seriously objecting to and expressing strong dissatisfaction at some of the journalists referring to Taiwan as a country. "Taiwan is an inalienable part of China's territory. It is an objective fact and a universally recognised norm governing international relations," emphasised the Chinese envoy.

What was so different this year that the embassy issued a virtual threat to the Indian media? China is preparing for the celebration of the 100th year of the formation of the Communist Party of China (CCP) under the watchful eye of its all-powerful President Xi Jinping. The current behaviour of the Chinese diplomatic staff is the manifestation of its "wolf warrior" diplomacy. Xi wants China not only to be powerful but assertive as well. He is aggressively pushing China's "3 W Strategy", which includes media warfare. Xi desires that the CCP should not only control select foreign media but also be able to manipulate it to further its ideology and portray its Comprehensive National Power (CNP).

But why is China so sensitive about Taiwan? It is said that Taiwan would be the main trigger of a Sino-American conflict if it ever manifests. Ironically, the US does not officially recognise the Republic of China or Taiwan. Even India doesn't. Only 17 countries in the world recognise Taiwan. Yet, the US is the biggest arms supplier to Taiwan, its 11th-largest trading partner and avowed guarantor of its sovereignty.

The self-ruled island's uncertain future, amid tensions between Washington and a newly-powerful Beijing, is the greatest unresolved legacy of the Chinese civil war. While China claims Taiwan to be one of its regions and refers to it as Taiwan region, the latter is in no mood to alter the status quo and lose its status as an independent democratic nation. Xi has offered to resolve the matter on the pattern of Hong Kong by advocating the "One Nation, Two Systems" model, which has been rejected by the island nation.

Dwelling into history, the dispute is a legacy of the Mao-led Chinese civil war. The island formally became a Chinese province only in 1887. But China's faltering Qing imperial government was forced to cede it to Japan in 1895 after a brief war. Japan ran Taiwan as a colony until 1945, when it was effectively handed over to Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist (KMT) Government in China. In 1949, Mao Zedong's forces won the Chinese civil war and the KMT fled to the island, ruling it under martial law until democratising it in the 1980s, while the Communists controlled

TAIWAN'S LOCATION AND ECONOMY ARE CRITICAL TO CHINA IN ITS PURSUANCE OF BECOMING THE NUMERO UNO WORLD POWER. IF TAIWAN BECOMES INTEGRAL TO CHINA AS DESIRED BY THE LATTER, IT WOULD BECOME A PACIFIC POWER, STRENGTHEN ITS POSITION IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA AND BE IN A POSITION TO THREATEN VITAL US INTERESTS IN THE PACIFIC REGION. IT WOULD ALSO HAVE THE LEVERAGE TO CUT OFF OIL SUPPLIES TO JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA, IMPORTANT US ALLIES IN THE REGION



China. It continues to remain a dispute till date since no peace treaty has ever been signed.

However, China's official position on Taiwan is unambiguous. It claims that the latter is, was and always has been an inseparable part of it, and that international law supports such a claim. This is drilled into every mainland Chinese child's mind as part of the CCP's ideology campaign with no second thought on the issue and no public discussion of alternate views being permitted.

The CCP wants outright reunification, the sooner the better, seeing the recovery of the island as the final chapter in the civil war and end of past humiliations when China was forced to cede territory to foreigners. Xi has succeeded in reasserting party control over society, which had loosened to an extent during the era of his immediate predecessors who believed in "collective leadership."

His clarion call to the nation after assuming its control was, "Don't forget the original intention. Stick to the mission." With multifarious threats challenging him, the slogan has become more relevant in the present days and is emerging as a battle cry for unity and perseverance. With increasing US interference in Taiwan and the non-reconciliatory approach of its newly-elected hardliner President, iron lady Tsai Ing-wen, China is becoming increasingly sensitive and restive about Taiwan. On the other hand, Taiwan is becoming more assertive and confident.

During the ongoing pandemic, the Taiwanese were denied entry into various countries which believed them to be Chinese since their passport is of the Republic of China. The Taiwanese Government has, therefore, decided to change the cover of its citizens' passports

to read "Taiwan Passport" while retaining the Republic of China in Mandarin.

It has its own currency, the New Taiwan dollar controlled by the central bank of the Republic of China. It is increasingly stamping Taiwanese made goods as "Made in Taiwan" and all this is not going down well with the CCP, which is increasingly threatening to punish the errant island nation. China is also worried and annoyed with the fact that more and more nations are speaking up for Taiwan and are reluctant to back down under Chinese pressure.

Xi is being labelled as a revisionist and expansionist and the world is getting united to counter his designs under the banner of democratic forces and supporting the Taiwanese cause. There are growing voices in India for recognition of Taiwan though that may not be easy due to the prevailing agreements and treaties with Beijing. However, a change in intent and desire to strengthen relations between the two countries has been signalled by the present regime by deputing two of its senior party leaders to attend the swearing-in ceremony of the new President.

The CCP is unwilling to settle for anything less than reunification. For Xi it has an additional emotional angle as well, related to his family history. China regards Taiwan as unfinished business as part of the civil war and Xi is a firm believer of this historic mission.

Apart from being an unfinished mission of the civil war, it is the geo strategic location and buzzing high-tech micro-chip industry of Taiwan that is the compelling reason for China to claim ownership of the island territory. Taiwan is also the world's 22nd largest economy and an important supply chain link of Silicon Valley. Many high-tech companies from the mainland have

changed base to the island territory with Taiwan emerging as a potential high-tech superpower. It is home to the world's biggest contract chipmaker, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Limited.

Taiwan's location and economy are critical to China in its pursuance of becoming the *numero uno* world power. If Taiwan becomes integral to China as desired by the latter, it would become a Pacific power, strengthen its position in the South China Sea and be in a position to threaten vital US interests in the Pacific region. It would also have the leverage to cut off oil supplies to Japan and South Korea, important US allies in the region. Economically, Beijing would have control over the world's major cutting-edge technologies. All this explains China's sensitivities about Taiwan and its allergy to other nations calling it a "country" rather than Taiwan, Region of the People's Republic of China. The US, on the other hand, does not want to take any chance in the security of the island-nation that may help China fulfil its mission. Stepped-up US support for Taiwan has angered China, which has often cautioned Washington DC that it amounts to US support for Taiwan's independence. If it feels threatened enough, Beijing may forcibly occupy the island by launching military operations across the strait.

With India and China on the verge of war in eastern Ladakh and the heightened anti-China sentiments across the country, the Chinese were apprehensive of the Indian media giving prominence to Taiwan on its National Day. It was to pre-empt the same and gauge India's concerns to its sensitivities that the advisory was issued by the Chinese embassy.

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Give MSMEs a competitive edge through IT infra

If we want to develop the 'Made in India' brand and compete globally, we have to upgrade all systems of manufacturing and services



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Knowledge is the key to success. This has been proved time and again by the achievements of start-ups. In almost all fields, new businesses have not only challenged market leaders but also undercut them. Unicorns like Paytm, PhonePe, Flipkart, Netmeds, MakeMyTrip, OYO did not create a new market but rearranged the existing one and became leaders. A similar approach is needed in the manufacturing sector if we are keen to take on the world and are dreaming of becoming a \$5 trillion economy.

The Micro, Small and Medium

Enterprises (MSME) sector is key to the Indian economy as it is one of the biggest job generators. It has also created resilience to withstand global economic shocks and turmoil. With around 63.4 million units throughout India, MSMEs contribute to around 6.11 per cent of the manufacturing Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and 24.63 per cent of the GDP from service activities, as well as 33.4 per cent of the manufacturing output. Their export share is 40 per cent. The MSME sector is the second-largest employer after agriculture, giving jobs to more than 120 million people in rural areas. MSMEs are now contributing close to 15 per cent to the overall GDP of India.

If the Government wants to support MSMEs and equip them to meet global standards — as in the current scenario we are not only working to "Make in India" but also trying to "Make for the World" — we need to upgrade them in all aspects: Infrastructure, technology, manpower and capital. Plus, in addition to finan-



cial and logistics support, MSMEs need information technology (IT) support to upgrade themselves. They can be carriers of knowledge and experience and create a repository for others.

To match international standards and compete globally, upgraded IT infrastructure is needed for MSMEs and if the same is provided by the Government free or at reduced costs, then it will take a huge financial and operational burden off small entities.

In the current scenario, skilled manpower will be a challenge for MSMEs and with shared IT support,

they can reduce their dependence on internal staff. Another big challenge in front of MSMEs will be limited budgets for upgradation of their existing IT infrastructure and affordability of operating costs. The requirement of research and development in MSMEs is different from that of big industries as they need cost and resource efficient solutions. MSMEs need continuous upgradation to compete globally and benchmarking is required so that they can produce world-class goods. Big industry players, who are cash-rich, always upgrade by deploying huge capital and beat small competitors like MSMEs.

By introducing shared IT infrastructure from the Government's side, MSMEs can save on capital expenditure and operating costs, giving them better profitability. Owing to the nature of their business and size, most MSMEs don't use a high level of IT support and lack badly in IT infrastructure. As these are promoter/owner-driven and focus more on their core job, their investment

in core job IT and research is always lacking.

For example, a small auto-component manufacturer requires designing software to improvise designs or to reduce cost. New software could cost the business ₹5-8 lakh, which is unaffordable for most. By using shared IT services, the manufacturer can improve the design, control quality and deliver a better product under stringent cost control. Such a requirement can be very diverse, starting from basic software, communication or meeting tools to highly-advanced Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) solutions. It can be designed or categorised based on the requirement level or reach and can be priced accordingly. The biggest strength of MSMEs is their agility and ease of response to change as per the client's requirement. If the same is supported by IT and other high technology, they can be a double engine of growth for India.

This can be designed on a PPP model and create employment for ser-

vice providers too. Post the pandemic, the Government is budgeting huge growth in the MSME sector and planning multiple packages for them. IT is a consistent requirement and always looking for upgradation. Hence if the Government can provide IT infrastructure resources at a nominal fee or free of cost, then it will be a huge saving for MSMEs. On the other hand, due to the bulk purchase of such services, their total outgo will be considerably lower as compared to individual purchase.

If we want to develop the "Made in India" brand as a global signature and beat competition around the world, we have to upgrade all systems of manufacturing and service. This can only be done after improving the IT infrastructure. This one-point cost will save and support millions who are looking to grow and make India a manufacturing and services hub.

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FOREIGN EYE



MINISTERS FAIL THE TEST

Labour MPs should add their voices to those calling for education reforms. But any upheaval must be resisted. The priority now is helping schools and students recover lost ground and raise their level of preparedness, with a focus on the vulnerable. Ministers must lead these efforts and not distract from them.

(The Guardian editorial)

'WH moves forward on arms sale to Taiwan'

Washington: The White House is moving forward with three sales of advanced weaponry to Taiwan, sending in recent days a notification of the deals to Congress for approval, five sources said on Monday, while China threatened retaliation.

The move in the run-up to the Nov. 3 U.S. election, first reported by Reuters, is likely to anger China, which considers Taiwan a wayward province that it has vowed to reunite with the mainland, by force if necessary.



The informal notifications were for a truck-based rocket launcher made by Lockheed Martin Corp called a High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS), long-range air-to-ground missiles made by Boeing Co called SLAM-ER, and external sensor pods for F-16 jets that allow the real-time transmission of imagery and data from the aircraft back to ground stations.

Notifications for the sale of other weapons systems, including large, sophisticated aerial drones, land-based Harpoon anti-ship missiles and under-

water mines, to deter amphibious landings, have yet to reach Capitol Hill, but these were expected soon, the sources said.

A State Department spokesman said: "As a matter of policy, the United States does not confirm or comment on proposed defense sales or transfers until they are formally notified to Congress."

Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian said U.S. arms sales to Taiwan severely damaged China's sovereignty and security interests, urging Washington to clearly recognize the harm they caused and immediately cancel them.

"China will make a legitimate and necessary response according to how the situation develops," Zhao told reporters in Beijing, without elaborating. AP

Taiwan denies China spying accusations

Taipei: Taiwan on Tuesday dismissed new spying allegations by China as a further attempt to smear the government of the self-governing island democracy that Beijing claims as its own territory.

The remarks follow a report on Monday night by Chinese broadcaster CCTV featuring a taped confession from a man identified as Cheng Yu-chin, the second such report in as many days.

On Sunday, CCTV broadcast a confession by a man identified as Li Mengju, whose name is also spelled Lee Meng-chu, who like Cheng said he had been working to destabilise China and harm the ruling Communist Party's reputation.

In the same report, CCTV said security personnel had solved more than 100 spying cases as part of an initiative dubbed Operation Thunder 2020.

Taiwanese Premier Su Tseng-chang called the accusations an attempt by Beijing to "defame and create fear," while the foreign ministry's head of European affairs, Johnson Chiang, called the allegations "pure defamation and calumny." CCTV's airing of videoed confessions has prompted lawsuits abroad amid accusations that the accounts were coerced and that the broadcaster is merely a propaganda arm of the Communist Party. AP

Germany: Solidarity with Greece, Cyprus in Turkey dispute

Berlin: Germany's foreign minister headed Tuesday to Greece and Cyprus, pledging "full solidarity" with them in their dispute with Turkey over sea boundaries and drilling rights in the eastern Mediterranean.

Germany holds the rotating European Union presidency and before departing Berlin, Foreign Minister Heiko Maas said Greece and Cyprus had both German and EU backing but urged an "honest effort on all sides" to find a solution.

Greece on Monday accused neighbour Turkey of undermining efforts to ease a crisis over eastern Mediterranean drilling rights, after Ankara redeployed a survey vessel for new energy exploration in disputed waters — including an area very close to a secluded Greek island.

The move reignited tensions over sea boundaries between Greek islands, Cyprus and Turkey's southern coast, which had flared up over the

summer, prompting a military build-up, bellicose rhetoric and fears of a confrontation between the two NATO members and historic regional rivals.

The Turkish search vessel, Oruc Reis, left the port of Antalya on Monday for a mission expected to end October 22. Maas stressed that talks between the nations can only work in a "constructive atmosphere" and appealed to Turkey not to close the window for dia-

logue that has just opened with Greece through unilateral measures.

"Ankara must stop alternating between relaxation and provocation if the government is interested in talks, as it has repeatedly said," he said.

Renewed Turkish gas exploration in the disputed areas would be "a major setback to efforts to de-escalate and thus also for the further development of EU-Turkey relations," Maas said. AP

Japan protests to China for entering Japanese waters

Tokyo: Tokyo has lodged protests to Beijing over the entry of Chinese coast guard ships into Japan's territorial waters off disputed East China Sea islands and their refusal to move out for a third day on Tuesday, Japanese officials said.

The two Chinese ships entered the Japanese-claimed waters Sunday morning, appearing to approach a Japanese fishing boat carrying three crew members. They have remained there, while ignoring repeated warnings and exit demands by the Japanese side, Japanese coast guard officials said.

Chinese coast guard vessels routinely violate territorial waters around the Japanese-controlled southern islands of Senkaku, which China calls Diaoyu and also claims.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Katsunobu Kato said Tuesday that it was "extremely regrettable" that the two Chinese coast guard ships were still in Japanese waters. AP

Japan "strictly protested" to the Chinese side and demanded that the Chinese ships immediately move out of Japanese waters, Kato said.

He said Japan would firmly defend its territorial waters, land and airspace "with a sense of urgency." Japanese coast guard officials said the fishing boat with the three crew members was safely protected, but declined to give any other details.

The Japanese government says Japan has had ownership of the islands since the late 1890s under international law. Tokyo also says Beijing started claiming its ownership around 1970 when possible undersea oil deposits near the islands were reported.

Japan sees China's military development and increasingly assertive stance in the East and South China seas as a major security threat.

Japan's military invasion of China in the 1930s and 1940s remains a sore spot between the two sides. AP

Malaysia's Anwar meets king in bid to form new Govt

Kuala Lumpur: Malaysian opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim said he presented the nation's king on Tuesday with evidence that he has enough support among lawmakers to topple the prime minister and form a new government, an assertion the palace denied.

Anwar said he presented the monarch with evidence of the support he has from over 120 lawmakers, which would allow him to unseat Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin.

Anwar said the monarch pledged to abide by the constitution, and would consult leaders from other parties before making a decision. He declined to give details, urging Malaysians to be patient and give the king space to review the evidence.

"These documents made it abundantly clear that we have registered a formidable and convincing majority among parliamentarians," Anwar told a news conference after the royal meeting. AP

"Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin has lost his majority and therefore, it would be appropriate for him to resign."

After that news conference, however, the palace released a statement denying that Anwar provided evidence of support. It said Anwar only told Sultan Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah how many lawmakers supported him but didn't reveal their identities.

It said the king advised Anwar "to abide by and respect the legal process" based on the constitution.

Muhyiddin, who took power in March after securing enough support in Parliament to unseat Anwar's reformist alliance, has previously dismissed Anwar's claim to a majority.

Muhyiddin currently boasts a slim two-seat majority in the 222-seat Parliament and has been grappling to maintain support amid infighting in his coalition. AP

Philippine military says no risk from China-backed towers

Manila: The Philippine military chief said Tuesday there is virtually no risk that towers and communications equipment to be put up in military camps by a China-backed telecom firm can be used for espionage.

Gen. Gilbert Gapay said installing the towers and equipment of Dito Telecommunity Corp., a Philippine firm in which Beijing's China Telecom has a 40% financial stake, in camps would allow the military to better monitor its operations.

"We don't see any security risk, it's very low and we find it better that they are inside because we could have unannounced inspections. We could inspect them at midnight," Gapay told reporters in a video news conference.

Dito was accepted by the Philippine government as the third major player in the local

telecom industry. The company is controlled by Filipino businessman Dennis Uy, a supporter of President Rodrigo Duterte, who has long complained about poor internet connections and cellphone services in the country.

Critics and some lawmakers have raised concerns that China may be able to spy on the Philippines through Dito's communications equipment to be installed in military camps given the long-raging territorial disputes of the Asian neighbors in the South China Sea.

The Philippines is a treaty ally of the United States. The Trump administration has wanted its allies to exclude Chinese companies like telecommunications giant Huawei Technologies Ltd., which Washington regards as a security risk, as they upgrade to fifth-generation, or 5G, technology. AP

China FM calls US Indo-Pacific strategy a huge security risk

AP ■ KUALA LUMPUR

The United States poses a "huge security risk" to Asia by pushing to boost engagement with the region, China's foreign minister said Tuesday during a tour of Southeast Asia, where Beijing and Washington are locked in a battle for influence.

Speaking in Malaysia, Wang Yi said the US's real aim is "to build an Indo-Pacific NATO," in a strategy he said harkened back to the Cold War.

Washington is trying to "stir up confrontation among different groups and blocs, and stir up geopolitical competition while maintaining the pre-dominance and hegemony system of the US," Wang said at a joint news conference with his Malaysian counterpart, Hishammuddin Hussein.

"In this sense, this strategy itself is a huge security risk," Wang said.

Wang also urged Southeast Asian nations, which are aiming to draw up a code of conduct with China in the South

China Sea, to remove "external disruption" in the disputed waters, but did not elaborate.

Wang's tone is typical of China's increasingly hard-line approach to disputes with Washington as it seeks to capitalize on political divisions within the US and a perceived decline in America's global influence to advance its own foreign policy aims.

China's aggressive moves to assert its territorial claims in the South China Sea, through which a third of global shipping passes, have drawn rebuke from the United States and become a flashpoint for a region in which Southeast Asian nations Vietnam, the Philippines, Malaysia and Brunei all have rival claims.

Hishammuddin said the disputes over the South China Sea must be resolved peacefully through regional dialogue.

The US says its Indo-Pacific engagement framework supports sovereignty, transparency, good governance and a rules-based order, among other things.

Race hate crimes spike in England, religious crimes down

London: Racially aggravated attacks registered a spike in hate crimes recorded in England and Wales in 2019-2020 even as religious hate crimes showed a downward trend, according to official UK Home Office statistics released on Tuesday.

There were 105,090 hate crimes recorded in the past year, which marks an increase of 8 per cent on the previous year, with race hate crimes rising by around 4,000.

"As in previous years, the majority of hate crimes were race hate crimes, accounting for around three-quarters of offences (72 per cent or 76,070 offences). These increased by 6 per cent between 2018/19 and 2019/20," notes the Home Office report. "Religious hate crimes fell by five per cent (to 6,822 offences), down from a peak of 7,203 in 2019. This was the first fall in religious hate crimes since 2012-13," it said. PTI

Reported death toll in Armenia, Azerbaijan clashes about 600

Yerevan (Armenia): The reported death toll in clashes between Armenian and Azerbaijani forces over the separatist territory of Nagorno-Karabakh has reached about 600, with officials reporting more military and civilian deaths as the fighting continues despite a cease-fire announced over the weekend.

Nagorno-Karabakh military officials said Tuesday that 16 more of their servicemen have been killed in fighting, bringing the total number of dead among military members to 532 since Sept. 27, when the fighting

started. Azerbaijan hasn't disclosed its military losses, and the overall toll is likely to be much higher with both sides regularly claiming to have inflicted significant military casualties on one another.

Azerbaijani authorities said 42 civilians have been killed on their side in over two weeks.

Nagorno-Karabakh human rights ombudsman Artak Beglaryan late Monday reported at least 31 civilian deaths in the breakaway region. Hundreds more have been wounded. AP

The recent fighting between Armenian and Azerbaijani forces broke out on Sept. 27. More than two weeks of deadly clashes marked the biggest escalation of a decades-old conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh, which lies in Azerbaijan but has been under control of ethnic Armenian forces backed by Armenia since the end of a separatist war in 1994.

Both sides have repeatedly accused each other of attacks amid appeals from the around the globe to end the hostilities and start peace talks. AP

Palestinian premier: God help us if Trump wins re-election

Ramallah: The Palestinian prime minister has said it will be disastrous for his people and

the world at large if President Donald Trump wins re-election next month.

Speaking remotely to European lawmakers, Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayeh said the last four years of the Trump administration have greatly harmed the Palestinians.

"If we are going to live another four years with President Trump" he said, God help us and the whole world, Shtayeh said on Monday. The comments were posted on his Facebook page.

The Palestinians have traditionally refrained from taking an explicit public position in American presidential elections. Shtayeh's comments reflected the sense of desperation on the Palestinian side after a series of US moves that have left them weakened and isolated.

The Palestinians severed ties with Trump after he recognised contested Jerusalem as Israel's capital in late 2017 and subsequently moved the American Embassy to the holy city.

Trump has also cut off hundreds of millions of dollars of American aid to the Palestinians, shut the Palestinian diplomatic offices in Washington and issued a Mideast plan this year that largely favoured Israel. The Palestinians have rejected the plan out of hand.

The Trump administration also has persuaded two Arab countries, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain, to establish full diplomatic relations with Israel and promised that other Arab nations will follow suit. AP

PMC BANK PUNJAB & MAHARASHTRA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED
 Contact person: Ms. Rameet Kaur Sethi - Mob: 9711535509, Email: rameetsethi@pmcbank.com
FOR SALE OF OFFICE FURNITURES OF DELHI BRANCHES ON "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"
 Tenders are invited for sale of Bank's owned assets situated in our Branches. The assets will be sold on "As is where is" basis. Please note that Tender should be submitted in prescribed format available on Bank's website. Interested buyers may send their tenders in a sealed envelope to the Chief Manager of Delhi Region situated at 1247-53, 4-Naiwala, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005 on or before 17th October 2020, 3.00pm.
 Details of branches and assets are available on our website www.pmcbank.com.
 By order ADMINISTRATOR

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE
 The Deputy Chief Engineer /Const.-I Northern Railway, State Entry road, New Delhi, for and on behalf of the President of India invites open e-tender (Single packet) for the following work:
 1 Name of work & location: Construction of Multi purpose hall above soil mechanics lab, improvement of canteen kitchen and repair to chhajja, mummy etc. at CAO/C office complex at Kashmir Gate, Delhi
 2 Approx. Cost of work: Rs. 99.72 lakh (Rs. Ninety nine lakh seventy two thousand only).
 3 Earnest Money Amount to be deposited Online: Rs. 1,99,500/- (Rs. One lakh ninety nine thousand five hundred only)
 4 Completion period of work: 12 (Twelve) Month
 5 Sale/availability of tender document on Railway website: Tender documents will be available on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 15.10.2020 to 05.11.2020 upto 11:30 hrs.
 6 Last date and time for uploading of tenders: 05.11.2020 up to 11:30 hours. Tender documents can be uploaded by the tenderer on IREPS website w.e.f. 22.10.2020 to 05.11.2020
 7 Date and time of opening of tender: 05.11.2020 at 11:30 hours (Immediately after close of uploading of tender (D2)).
 No. 53-G-C-K.GATE-DLI Dated : 09.10.2020 2199/2020
 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

INDIAN RAILWAYS GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR) MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRALAYA) (RAILWAY BOARD) CORRIGENDUM NO. 1
 Sub: Tender No. WTA-515 due on 17.11.2020 for Design, Development, Manufacture, Supply, Integration, Testing and Commissioning of IGBT based 3-phase propulsion, control and other equipment for train sets suitable for operation on 25 KV AC OHE system conforming to RDSO specification no. RDSO/PE/SPEC/ EMU/0196-2019 (Rev.0) along with addendum/corrigendum including CAMC.
 Some corrections/modifications have been made against subject tender WTA-515. Reply of queries raised by contractors in pre-bid meeting held on 29.09.2020 has also been uploaded on IREPS website. For details refer www.ireps.gov.in
 (SUNIL KUMAR VERMA) JOINT DIRECTOR, RAILWAY STORES (M), MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAILWAY BOARD) RAIL BHAWAN, RAISINA ROAD, NEW DELHI-110001
 NO. 2020/RS(WTA)-149/TENDER/515 DATED : 12.10.2020 2202/20
 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION
 General public is hereby informed that a person, Namely : Kalu Ram S/o: Man Singh, R/o: Vill. Bhotji, P.S. Rajim, Distt., Raipur, M.P. R/o Haj Manjil Rain Basera, Turkman Gate, Delhi Age: about 80-82 years, Height : 5'5", Complexion : Wheatish, Face : Oval, Built : Thin, Wearing : White colour kurta and White colour pajama and bare footed has been died at RML Hospital, Delhi on 28.09.2020. In this regard a case vide DD No. 27A Dated 28.09.2020 has been lodged at P.S. Chandni Mahal, Delhi.
 Any person having any information or clue about this dead person may kindly inform to the following:-
 SHO : P.S. Chandni Mahal, Delhi Central Distt., Delhi
 DP/423/CD/2020 Tel. No. 011-23279338, 23271751, 23263967

Appeal for Identification
 General public is hereby informed that one person Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: 40 Years, Height: 5'5", Sex: Male, Complexion: Wheatish, Built: Weak, Face: Long, Hair: Black and Beard, ID Marks: A Trishool & M and Snake Tattoo in his Right Hand & Small ear ring on his left ear, Wearing: Half Black Colour Pant & Shirtless and Bare Feet, Place of Recovery: Found dead on 03.10.2020 at Footpath of Metro Gate No. 03, Angooni Bagh, Delhi.
 In this regard DD No. 23A, U/s-174 CrPc, Dated 03.10.2020 has been lodged at Police Station, Kotwali, Delhi. Any clue come to notice please inform undersign.
 SHO P.S. Kotwali, Delhi Ph.: 011-23977100, 23953442 & 8750870121
 DP/642/N/2020

UJVN LIMITED
 H.O.: "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006, Telephone: 0135-2763808 & Fax: 0135-2763508 CIN No. U40101UR200159G025866, Website: www.ujvn.com
 Ref. No.: 644 Tender Notice Dated : 13.10.2020
 Office of Executive Engineer (M&G), Dhalipur Power House invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:
 Tender No. : 12, 13, 14 & 15/EE/M&G/DLR/2020-21
 Name of the Work : (i) Annual Maintenance of Hydro-Mechanical parts of Unit A (ii) Repair/Maintenance work (Electrical) of U # A of hydro generators (iii) Repairing and Over hauling of Various size Gate valves of Unit "A&C". (iv) Back fill Pressure Grouting and Epoxy Painting of underwater parts of Unit "C".
 Estimated Cost : (Rs) 18,00,000/-, 5,93,500/-, 8,00,000/-, 9,00,000/- (GST Extra) respectively
 Date of availability of bid document : 14-10-2020 from 17:00 Hrs
 Last Date for submission of tender : 04-11-2020 up to 16:00 Hrs
 For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website www.ujvn.com.
 Executive Engineer
 "Avoid Wasteful use of Electricity"

SEARCH OF MISSING
 General public is hereby informed that one man (depicted in the photo), Namely: Manoj, S/o: Satya Prakash, R/o: E-977, E-Block, Jahangir Puri, Delhi, Aged: 28 years, has been missing since 29.09.2020 from his house. In this regard a case vide DD No. 99A, Dated 05.10.2020, has been lodged at P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi. His physical description is as under:
 Manoj
 Complexion: Fair, Height: 5'10" Feet, Face: Round, Built: Thin, Clothing: Black Colour Shirt and Black Colour Half Pant.
 Any person is having any information/clue about this missing man, may inform SHO, Jahangir Puri, Delhi at E-mail: cbc@cbi.gov.in or website : http://cbi.nic.in Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641
 S.H.O P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi Ph.: 011-27631600
 DP/434/NW/2020.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
 Tender No. MD/CH/Hiring of Ambulance due on 22.10.2020
 The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India invites e-tenders for the following work:

Name of Work	Approx. Value
Hiring of ambulance with cardiac life support (AC) van similar to tempo traveller with driver, fuel etc., with one driver round the clock for the use of Central Hospital, Hubballi for the period of 1095 days.	Rs. 30,77,990/-

 Last Date of submission of bids: Up to 14:00 hrs of 02.11.2020
 For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
 Senior Materials Manager, Central Hospital Puri/158AAAL/PFB/SWR/2020-21 Hubballi

PUBLIC NOTICE
 To be known to all that I Tanmaya Deva S/o Dipalim Deva R/o 1141 Sector-A, Pocket B, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070 allottee/purchaser of 1141 Sector-A, Pocket B, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070 has applied for conversion of the above said flat from lease hold to Freehold. The original documents i.e. Allocation Letter Allotment Letter, Demand Letter of DDA, Possession Letter of DDA, NOC of water & electricity, Site Possession, SL IP and bank challans of the above Flat have been lost. An FIR to this effect has been lodged in Police Station. Any persons claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents, may write contact with above named person at above Address/ Phone no. 9810621372 with in 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right interest, objections with respect to this property can personally inform or write to Dy. Director (LAB) Residential, C-2, Block 3rd Floor, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi-110023 or Director (RL), A-Block, 1st Floor Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi-110023

SBFC SBFC FINANCE PVT.LTD.
 (erstwhile Small Business Finance India Pvt. Ltd.) Unit No. 103, First Floor C & B Square, Sangam Complex, 127, Andheri-Kurla Road, Village Chakala, Andheri (East), Mumbai-400059 | Telephone: +91 22-67875300 | Fax: +91 22-67875334 | www.sbfc.com | Corporate Identity Number: U67190MH2003PTC178270
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 This is to inform & notify the Public about the relocation of the Delhi Branch of SBFC Finance Pvt. Ltd., effective from 11.01.2021
 From: SBFC Finance Pvt Ltd, D-15/215, 1st Floor, Sec-3, Ayodhya Chowk, Opp. Aggarwal Sweets, Near Naharpur, Rohini, New Delhi-85
 To: SBFC Finance Pvt Ltd, D-14/148, FF, Sec 3, Rohini, New Delhi 110085
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Indian economy to contract by 10.3% in 2020: IMF

To bounce back with 8.8% growth in 2021 to regain fastest growing eco tag

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

The Indian economy, severely hit by the coronavirus pandemic, is projected to contract by a massive 10.3 per cent this year, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said on Tuesday.

However, India is likely to bounce back with an impressive 8.8 per cent growth rate in 2021, thus regaining the position of the fastest growing emerging economy, surpassing China's projected growth rate of 8.2 per cent, the IMF said in its latest 'World Economic Outlook' report.

Released ahead of the annual meetings of the IMF

and the World Bank, the report said global growth would contract by 4.4 per cent this year and bounce back to 5.2 per cent in 2021. The IMF in its report said that revisions to the forecast are particularly large for India, where Gross Domestic Product (GDP) contracted much more severely than expected in the second quarter.

"As a result, the economy is projected to contract by 10.3 per cent in 2020, before rebounding by 8.8 per cent in 2021," it said.

In 2019, India's growth rate was 4.2 per cent.

According to the IMF, India is among those likely to suffer the greatest damage from

global warming, reflecting its initially high temperatures. For India, the net gains from climate change mitigation relative to inaction would be up to 60-80 per cent of GDP by 2100.

While estimates of losses from climate change are somewhat smaller for colder regions (for example, Europe, North America, and East Asia), these are likely underestimations as they do not include a number of damages (for example, rise in sea levels, natural disasters, damage to infrastructure from thawing of permafrost in Russia) and negative global spillovers from large economic disruptions in other parts of the world.

World economy in deep recession in 2020, growth to be -4.4%: IMF

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

The IMF on Tuesday predicted a deep global recession this year and the world growth to be -4.4 per cent, asserting that the global economic crisis is far from over mainly due to the impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

In its latest World Economic Outlook report, the International Monetary Fund also said the swift recovery in China has surprised on the upside while the global economy's long ascent back to pre-pandemic levels of activity remains prone to setbacks.

This crisis is however far from over. In our latest World Economic Outlook, we con-

tinued to project a deep recession in 2020. Global growth is projected to be -4.4 per cent, an upward revision of 0.8 percentage points compared to our June update, Gita Gopinath, the Chief Economist of the IMF, said.

This upgrade owes to somewhat less dire outcomes in the second quarter, as well as signs of a stronger recovery in the third quarter, offset partly by downgrades in some emerging and developing economies.

According to the report, in 2021, growth is projected to rebound to 5.2 per cent, -0.2 percentage points below its June projection.

Noting that the COVID-19

pandemic continues to spread with over one million lives tragically lost so far, the Indian-American economist said living with the novel coronavirus has been a challenge like no other.

However, she said the world is adapting as a result of eased lockdowns and the rapid deployment of policy support at an unprecedented scale by central banks and governments around the world.

The global economy is coming back from the depths of its collapse in the first half of this year, she said.

Employment has partially rebounded after having plummeted during the peak of the crisis. This crisis is however far

from over. Employment remains well below pre-pandemic levels and the labour market has become more polarised with low-income workers, youth, and women being harder hit, she added.

She added the poor are getting poorer with close to 90 million people expected to fall into extreme deprivation this year. The ascent out of this calamity is likely to be long, uneven, and highly uncertain. It is essential that fiscal and monetary policy support are not prematurely withdrawn, as best possible, Gopinath said.

Gopinath said that except for China, where output is expected to exceed 2019 levels this year, output in both

advanced economies and emerging market and developing economies is projected to remain below 2019 levels even next year.

Countries that rely more on contact intensive services and oil exporters face weaker recoveries compared to manufacturing-led economies.

The divergence in income prospects between advanced economies and emerging and developing economies, excluding China, triggered by this pandemic is projected to worsen, she said.

The IMF has upgraded its forecast for advanced economies for 2020 to -5.8 per cent, followed by a rebound in growth to 3.9 per cent in 2021.

MSP will stay; 'arthiyas' in Punjab too will benefit from new farm laws: Puri

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Tuesday reached out to scientists, professors and senior professionals from farm sector in Congress-ruled Punjab to clear misgivings about new farm laws, saying that the reforms will even benefit 'arthiyas' (commission agents).

The Minister also asserted that the MSP regime will stay. Farmers in Punjab and Haryana and other states are protesting against new farm laws which they feel will lead to procurement in the hands of corporates and the end of minimum support price (MSP) regime.

"In Punjab, some people have been spreading lies, fake propaganda and inciting the farmers against the government by calling the new agriculture laws anti-farmers despite knowing the benefits of these laws for farmers to increase their income," Puri said in a virtual meeting.

Explaining the benefits of the reforms to arthiyas, Puri said the laws will also create new opportunities for them.

Arthiyas can provide better seeds, inputs, knowledge, supply chain assistance apart from their existing roles in mandis, he said in a statement.

"Investments will drive change across the supply chain

benefiting all stakeholders to reduce the agriculture wastage which is currently at 30 per cent," he added.

The Minister was interacting with scientists, professors and other senior professionals from the agriculture sector from Taran Taran and Amritsar in Punjab.

During his interaction, Puri also noted that there has been an increase in procurement of grains at minimum support price in Punjab.

Punjab registered an unprecedented increase in kharif paddy procurement that has increased to 26.1 lakh tonne till October 11 of the ongoing kharif marketing season from 7.4 lakh tonne in the year-ago period, he said.

Across India, total kharif paddy procurement rose 35 per cent to 42.5 lakh tonne from 31.7 lakh tonne in the said period, he said, adding that the government has increased by nearly 30 per cent the number of procurement centers from 30,549 in 2019-20 to 39,130 this year.

Paddy procurement commenced in Punjab and Haryana from September 26 due to early arrival of the crop, while in other states it began from October 1.

The minister also outlined important steps, including the launch of PM-KISAN scheme, taken by the NDA Government in the last six years for the benefit of farmers.

Markets eke out gains, close higher for 9th day; IT stocks shine

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Equity benchmarks Sensex and Nifty ended marginally higher after choppy trade on Tuesday, propped up by RIL and IT stocks amid lacklustre cues from the global markets.

Rising for the ninth session in a row, the 30-share BSE Sensex ended 31.71 points or 0.08 per cent higher at 40,625.51.

Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty inched up 3.55 points or 0.03 per cent to 11,934.50.

HCL Tech was the top

gainer in the Sensex pack, climbing 3.94 per cent, followed by Kotak Bank, Infosys, Reliance Industries, UltraTech Cement and Tech Mahindra.

On the other hand, Titan, Sun Pharma, ICICI Bank, Bajaj Finance, SBI and Maruti were among the main laggards, shedding up to 2.18 per cent.

According to analysts, the recent recovery in market was led by expectations of fresh fiscal stimulus from the government, but the sops announced have failed to cheer investor sentiment. IT stocks continued

to gain momentum ahead of crucial Q2 results and better earnings visibility, they added.

"Market may consolidate due to below than anticipated stimulus package and the large part of the positive Q2 results announced till date is well factored in the prices.

"The momentum may reverse into a narrow-range, in the near-term, while the undercurrent of the rally is still positive and a break-up is likely based on the continuity of positive results, more fiscal measures in the future and

developments in the global market. Today, the banking sector lost some grounds due to adjournment of moratorium hearing to next day," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

BSE energy, IT, teck, power, metal and basic materials indices rose as much as 1.54 per cent, while healthcare, consumer durables, finance and bankex ended in the red.

Broader BSE midcap and smallcap indices slipped up to 0.29 per cent.

Global equities stumbled

following reports that Johnson & Johnson was pausing its COVID-19 vaccine trials because of an unexplained illness in a study participant.

Bourses in Shanghai and Tokyo ended on a positive note, while Seoul was in the red. Hong Kong was closed for a holiday.

Stock markets in Europe were trading in the negative territory in early deals.

Wipro quarterly profit falls 3.4% to ₹2,465 cr; announces ₹9,500 crore-buyback plan

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

IT services major Wipro on Tuesday posted a 3.4 per cent decline in consolidated net profit to ₹2,465.7 crore in the three months ended September and projected revenue growth in the December quarter even as it announced a plan to buyback shares worth up to ₹9,500 crore.

The Bengaluru-based company, which had registered a net profit (attributable to equity holders of the company) at ₹2,552.7 crore in the year-ago period, registered an almost flat year-on-year revenue growth at ₹15,114.5 crore in the latest September quarter.

On a quarter-on-quarter basis, the company's net profit climbed over 3 per cent while revenue was up by little over 1 per cent.

Wipro CEO and Managing Director Thierry Delaporte said the demand environment has improved from the first quarter even though the pace of decision making remains a bit slower on the larger deals.

Under the buyback proposal, which is subject to shareholders' approval, will involve purchase of up to 23.75 crore equity shares, representing 4.16 per cent of the company's total paid up equity capital, at ₹400 per share. The buyback size will be up to ₹9,500 crore and the price of ₹400 per scrip is more than 6 per cent higher than the company's closing price of ₹375.5 apiece on BSE on Tuesday.

Wipro's announcement comes just a week after bigger rival Tata Consultancy Services' unveiled a ₹16,000 crore-share buyback offer.

Centre allows 20 States to borrow additional ₹68,825 cr to meet revenue shortfall

New Delhi: The Centre on Tuesday permitted 20 States to raise additional Rs 68,825 crore through open market borrowings to bridge the revenue shortfall caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

The decision comes a day after the GST Council meeting failed to reach a consensus on the stalemate over the Centre's proposal of states borrowing against future GST collections to make up for the shortfall. The projected total GST compensation shortfall in the current fiscal stands at Rs 2.35 lakh crore.

The Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, has granted permission to 20 states to raise an additional amount of Rs 68,825 crore through open market borrowings, an official statement said. "Additional borrowing permission has been

granted at the rate of 0.50 per cent of the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) to those States who have opted for Option-1 out of the two options suggested by the Ministry of Finance to meet the shortfall arising out of GST implementation," it said.

In the meeting held on August 27, it said, these two options were put forward and were subsequently communicated to the states on August 29. "Twenty States have given their preferences for Option-1. These States are — Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha, Sikkim, Tripura, UP and Uttarakhand. Eight States are yet to exercise an option," it said.

PTI

Jio fastest mobile network with 19.3 mbps download speed; Vodafone tops in upload: Trai

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Reliance Jio continues to remain the fastest mobile network with an average download speed of 19.3 megabit per second (mbps), while Vodafone recorded the highest speed in terms of upload in September, according to the latest data from telecom regulator Trai.

Idea Cellular network (now Vodafone Idea) followed Jio with a download speed of 8.6 mbps, Vodafone 7.9 mbps and Bharti Airtel 7.5 mbps, according to the Trai data updated on October 10.

Though Vodafone and Idea have merged their mobile businesses, Trai measured their performance separately as the integration of networks of both the companies is currently on.

The report comes following a study, across 49 cities, released by private firm OpenSignal in September

declaring Bharti Airtel to have the fastest download speed in India.

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) computed average network speed from data collected at pan-India level with the help of its MySpeed application on a real-time basis.

The average speed of all private telecom operators increased in September compared to the data recorded in August, according to the Trai chart. Download speed on the Reliance Jio network increased by 21 per cent in September to 19.3 mbps from 15.9 mbps in August, 7 per cent on Airtel network to 7.5 mbps from 7 mbps, and 1-3 per cent on the network of Vodafone and Idea.

The download speed helps in accessing content from various applications, while upload speed helps in sharing of content like photos and videos by subscribers.

₹ drops for 2nd day, skids 7 paise to 73.35 per USD

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee depreciated 7 paise to close at 73.35 against the US dollar on Tuesday, tracking muted domestic equities and a strengthening greenback overseas.

At the interbank forex market, the rupee opened on a weak note at 73.41, and shuttled between a high of 73.32 and a low of 73.41 against the American currency.

It finally finished at 73.35, down 7 paise over its previous close of 73.28.

The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose 0.18 per cent to 93.23. Forex traders said the rupee dropped for the second straight session as investors remained cautious following the muted domestic macroeconomic data.

Rising food prices pushed retail inflation to an eight-month high of 7.34 per cent in September, above the RBI's comfort level, while industrial output contracted 8 per cent in August, official data showed on Monday.

CLW PRODUCES 150TH ELECTRIC LOCOMOTIVE

Chittaranjan: The 150th loco no WAG9HC(32922) was flagged off by Shri Praveen Kumar Mishra, GM, today in presence of sr officers and staff from CLW siding. Despite Lockdown & Unlockdown from April to August and

COVID related instructions later on. First 100 locos were produced in 102 working days and the next 50 locos have been produced in only 27 working days. As such 150 locomotives have been produced in 129 working days this year in FY

2020-21, as against 150 locomotives produced in 128 working days in FY 2019-20, attaining the same trend in loco production despite of COVID-19 restrictions. This has been possible with the active support of motivated workforce of CLW

and monitoring of supply chain & production by the General Manager at apex level. It is expected that CLW will be able to achieve another milestone in this current financial year 2020-21 by surpassing the target again.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Dhuner Investments Ltd.
4A, Woodburn Park, Kolkata-700020
Notice is hereby given that the Share Certificate No. 12341 with Distinctive Nos. 6073694-6073755 in respect of Folio No. S00808 Registered in the name of Seema Narang are reported to be lost and the company has received application for issue of duplicate share certificate. If no objection from any interested person is received by the company's registrars Maheshwari Datamatics P. Ltd., 23, R.N. Mukherjee Road, Kolkata 700001, within 15 days from the publication hereof the company will proceed to issue duplicate share Certificate to the applicant.

DELHI JAL BOARD
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER WEST - III
NANGLOI PH-III NEAR BARAT GHAR: NEW DELHI-110041

"STOP CORONA - Wear Mask, Follow Physical Distancing, Maintain Hand Hygiene"
N.I.T. No. 11 WEST-III/(2020-21)

S. No.	Description	Amount Put to tender	Tender Fee	Earnest Money	Date of release of tender in e-procurement Solution	Last date/time for tender download through e-procurement Solution
1.	Re-grading/replacement of old damaged sewer lines in C block JJ colony Hastal in Vikaspuri AC-31 under EE(West) III	Rs. 30,85,025/-	Rs. 500/-	Rs. 62,000/-	12.10.2020 I.D No 2020_DJB_195476_1	27.10.2020 at 3:00 PM

Further details in this regard can be seen at (<https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>)

ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER)
Advt No. J.S.V. 181/2020-21

Sd/-
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER WEST-III

SEARCH FOR MISSING MALE

General Public is hereby informed that one male (depicted in the photo) namely Neeraj S/o Umesh R/o H.No.274, Village Tughlaqabad, Bazaar Mohalla, Delhi Aged-22 Years has been reported missing since 04.09.2020 from Safdarjung Hospital vide DD No.50A Dated 05.09.2020 registered at Police Station Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi. His physical description is as under:-

Complexion: Fair, **Height:** 5'6", **Face:** Long, **Built:** Thin, **ID:** Mentally ill, **Clothing:** Green coloured T-shirt and Blue coloured Jeans.

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

Sd/-
Tel. No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641 SHO, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi
FAX No. : 011-24368639 Tel.: 011-26165080, 24106345
DP/336/SW/2020 Mob.: 7065036231

AURANGABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
AURANGABAD - 431001 (MS)

E-Tender Notice No:- AMC/Dy.Eng/Zone-07/2020/339
Date:- 07/10/2020

E-Tender in B-2 form for the following work invited by the Municipal Administrator Municipal Corporation Aurangabad (MS)

1. CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT OF GARDEN ALONG WITH ERECTION OF STATUE OF HON BALASAHEB THACKERAY AS HIS MEORIAL IN AURANGABAD CITY Valued Rs. 21,47,00,102/-

Please visit <https://mahatenders.gov.in> for detailed information from Date:- 13/10/2020

Sd/-	Sd/-	Sd/-
Chief Account Officer Municipal Corporation Aurangabad	City Engineer Municipal Corporation Aurangabad	Administrator Municipal Corporation Aurangabad

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General Public is hereby informed that one girl namely Naina, D/o. Daulat, R/o B-42, Papsi Factory, Lawrance Road, Ganga Mill, Delhi has been kidnapped from the area of P. S. Keshav Puram, Delhi since 25.09.2020 at 1:30 pm. In this regard a case vide FIR No. 557/20 U/s 363 IPC, dated 28.09.2020 has been lodged in P.S. Keshav Puram, Delhi. The description of kidnaped girl is as under:-**Age:** 16 years, **Height:** 4'5", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Sky blue colour suit-salwar and red colour slipper in her feet. If anyone having any clue/ information about this girl, kindly inform the undersigned.

Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
E-Mail ID - cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax No. 011-24368639 SHO
Ph. Nos.: 011-24368638, 24368641 P.S. Keshav Puram, Delhi
DP/441/NW/2020 Ph.: 011-27181325, 8750870223

SEARCH FOR MISSING BOY

General public is hereby informed that one boy namely Rajesh Gupta, R/o House No. G-255 JJ Colony Wazirpur, New Delhi. Age 23 year, height 5', shallow complexion, face long, medium built wearing pink colour shirt blue colour jeans and white colour shoes in feet has been missing since 20.04.2015 from the area of PS Bharat Nagar, Delhi.

In this regard a FIR No. 212/15 Dt. 20.04.2015 U/s 365 IPC has been registered at PS Bharat Nagar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing boy but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this missing boy may kindly inform to the following.

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
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DP/437/NW/2020

S.H.O.,
PS Bharat Nagar, Delhi.
Ph.: 011-27301200, 27303222

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that a girl namely Priya D/o Narender R/o Jhuggi No. 633, G-Block, Jahangir Puri, Delhi, Age: 16 years 9 Months, Height: 4'8", **Face:** Oval, **Complexion:** Fair, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Pink suit, black salwar and Hawai chappal in feet has been missing since 06.10.2020 at 10:00 AM from her home. In this regard a case FIR No. 505/20 dated 07.10.2020 U/s 363 IPC has been registered at P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi.

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

E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 SHO
Fax : 011-24368639
DP/443/NW/2020

P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27631600, 8750870228

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General Public is hereby informed that one girl Namely: Reeta Devi, D/o: Shyam Babu, R/o: A-16, Tek Chand Colony, Nilothi, Nihal Vihar, Delhi has been missing/kidnaped since 30.09.2020 from the area of P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. In this regard a case vide FIR No. 957/20 U/s 363 IPC dated 01.10.2020 has been registered at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. The description of the missing girl are as under: **Age:** 15 years, **Height:** 5', **Face:** Round, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Wearing:** Pink colour kurti-salwar and white colour slipper in her feet. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this girl kindly inform to the following.

Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
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Care for your future

The healthcare industry is one of the most lucrative industries to explore a career today and its growth is expected to increase manifold in the coming years. DR MINTU PAL tells you how one can make a career in the sector

The pandemic unleashed challenges for the healthcare sectors like we had never imagined. As the situation went out of control owing to the growing number of cases across the world, the sector revamped steadily to combat the challenges while opening up a plethora of opportunities for Gen Z. As health is prime importance than anything else including wealth, so health care professional has the responsibility to sustain the world healthy to enjoy the charm of god gifted life; whereas, Pharmacy is the basis of healthcare professionalism. There is no denying the fact that the healthcare industry is one of the most lucrative industries to explore a career today and its growth is expected to increase manifold in the coming years. While more than a hundred companies across the world are working tirelessly to develop a vaccine for COVID, the healthcare institutions and medical colleges are working in tandem with the new researches that are coming along the way.

Pharmacy is one field that has witnessed a lot of interest by the organisations, Governments in the past couple of the months. As a discipline being versatile and dynamic, the Pharma Industry is certainly a 'sunrise sector' that is constantly growing and evolving.

Therefore if you are looking for a career in the field of pharma, the time is right now. Pharmacy offers lifelong learning and the discipline of pharmacy has a good future, offering wide range of employment opportunities with an excellent salary.

Why Pharmacy as a Career?
Some of the reasons why pharmacy has become the go to career for most of the youngsters today include:

Unique approach to healthcare: Pharmacists play a vital role in connecting patients and medical professionals. The pharmacist often interacts with patients more often than the prescribing medical professional. They help patients understand their medication regimens



and improve their health outcomes. This further strengthens pharmacist-patient relationship and helps reinforce the role of the pharmacist as a trusted health advisor.

Diverse career options: Youngsters are always on a look out for careers wherein there is a lot of options to choose from. Pharmacy is one such field that has a pool of career opportunities to explore. From research, to clinical and retail to becoming pharmacists, the aspirants have the flexibility to train for and pursue the career that most closely matches with their area of interest. This also provides them with an upper hand since they can easily switch jobs within their profession.

Flexibility: Everyone strives to get into a job which along with offer-

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ing them a decent salary rewards them with a life where there is a balance between professional as well as personal life. In this case, the pharmacists have quite flexible working hours. Since they are in demand around the clock, it is possible for them to find work for any shift of the day.

Ability to help people: Pharmacists are among the most trusted and accessible health care professionals. This accessibility allows them to perform more patient care activities, including counseling, medication management, and preventive care screenings. Like physicians, pharmacists have an advanced degree and are experts at helping people stay healthy.

The right path to build a career in pharma:

Aspirants can enroll themselves in some of the popular courses such as B Pharmacy, D Pharmacy. There is a lot of scope in specialisations too where the aspirants can opt for short term courses and invest their time in full-time research.

Scope and importance Research & Development: Pharmacologist, Chemist, Drug discovery/ Process Development, Toxicology Studies, Bioequivalence Study and many others.

Eligibility: For D.Pharma & B.Pharma: Phy, Chem & Eng as Major Subject. Most of the institutions demand minimum 50 per cent Marks at Higher & Senior Secondary level (Class X & XII) while filing for the applications.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

Imagination is the source of every form of human achievement. And it's the one thing that I believe we are systematically jeopardizing in the way we educate our children and ourselves.

— Sir Ken Robinson

UG PROGRAMMES

The IIIT Naya Raipur has announced admissions open for the application of B.Tech programs for the year 2020. The institute currently offers three undergraduate programmes: B.Tech in Electronics & Communication Engineering (ECE), B.Tech in Computer Science & Engineering (CSE) and B.Tech in Data Science & Artificial Intelligence (DSAI).

These credit-based programmes are designed to foster core skills with innovation and entrepreneurship skills among students.

Eligibility: Admission to B.Tech. programmes is based on JEE (Main) rank. There are three different categories through which students are admitted:

- All India Quota (35 per cent seats amounting to 63 seats: 21 in CSE, 21 in ECE and 21 in DSAI): Candidates who completed their school education from any part of India belong to this category. Their eligibility will be as per the business rules of JoSAA 2020. Admissions will be based on JEE (Main) 2020 rank. Candidates seeking admission under this Quota must apply through JoSAA (<http://josaa.nic.in>).
- NTPC Quota (15 per cent Seats amounting to 27 seats: 9 in CSE, 9 in ECE and 9 in DSAI): Candidates employed with NTPC or their wards who completed their school education from any part of India belong to this category. Please visit <https://josaa.nic.in> for eligibility criteria. Admissions will be based on JEE (Main) 2020 rank. All reservations will be as per Government of India norms.

Candidates seeking admission under this quota must apply through the institute online portal (<https://www.iiit-nr.ac.in/content/btech-admission-2020>).

■ Chhattisgarh State Quota (50 per cent Seats amounting to 90 seats: 30 in CSE, 30 in ECE and 30 in DSAI): Candidates who passed both Class X and XII examinations from schools situated in the State of Chhattisgarh belong to this category. The candidates must have scored 50% aggregate marks in Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics (45% for SC/ST/OBC/PWD candidates) in their 12th standard examination. Admissions will be based on JEE (Main) 2020 rank.

The reservation for candidates belonging to SC, ST and OBC categories shall be as per Chhattisgarh Government norms.

Candidates seeking admission under this quota must apply through the institute online portal (<https://www.iiit-nr.ac.in/content/btech-admission-2020>).

Last date to apply: October 15, 2020.

How to apply: Log on to <https://www.iiitnr.ac.in/>.



Efficiency is key

An important component for building an education system that creates employable candidates is to first define the parameters of employability, which need to be valid in entry level jobs, says DR AKHIL SHAHANI

According to studies conducted across various sectors in India, a majority of recruiters do not deem most graduates as employable. As the nation grapples with an economic slowdown and employment crunch in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is incumbent upon us to introspect on the reasons.

Upon further questioning, it was found that recruiters had contrasting definitions of an employable candidate. While some preferred a self-sufficient employee requiring minimal supervision, others looked for tenacity and ambition. Still others search for multitaskers or polyglots. However, while these definitions indicate certain attributes of a candidate's personality, they fail to identify and actually define what recruiters need. This lack of a common framework for defining employability creates a conundrum not only for students searching for these jobs, but also for educational institutions around the world that are expected to create employable graduates.

Another gaping issue is the flawed system used in the hiring of candidates. More often than not, companies delegate the responsibilities of a recruitment firm to junior level employees, who are left with a large number of resumes to sift through as well as interview potential candidates. These interviews



mostly comprise of some standard questions, with the candidate doing out pre-rehearsed answers. Since most colleges prepare their students to clear such interviews, the true employability of a candidate may not be determined until after they are hired. It is no wonder that almost 60 per cent of new entry-level hires do not work out as expected once they join the company.

A key component for building an education system that creates employable candidates is to first define the parameters of employability, which need to be valid in entry level jobs across most industries.

Research across a large number of surveys of employers has determined that the most commonly cited

- employability traits include:
- **Strong communication skills:** to understand others and convey a point of view effectively
 - **Good teamworking ability:** to collaborate with peers to achieve company goals
 - **An aptitude for solving problems:** to face new challenges and overcome them
 - **Proactivity:** to work without needing constant supervision
 - **Professional work ethic:** to deliver what was promised on time

Interestingly, most employers do not want a creative, highly intelligent candidate. Instead they look for employees who can understand the needs of the organisation and their superiors, and deliver efficiently. This

is a relatively simple ask and it would be easy for universities to develop an education model that hones these traits.

Faculty, thus, need to make a shift from giving lectures, a one-way communication method, to becoming facilitators for self-discovery, which involves two-way communication and engages students in the quest for new knowledge and skills. Pedagogical innovations already exist, that can aid in this, such as problem-based learning where students work individually or in teams to solve challenges set by their teacher; flipped classrooms where students study the course material before coming to class; case studies or simulations which involve the application of the knowledge learned; and work-study assignments where students intern at a real company and implement a project.

Peter Drucker said: "What gets measured, gets managed". If recruiters and universities could find common ground for defining what makes an employable candidate, they will be able to devise a robust framework to enable the development of a skilled workforce that can match the requirements of the industry and help them achieve organisational goals successfully.

The writer is Managing Director, Shahani Group

The OSHWC Code, on a cursory reading, appears to be gender-neutral. The definition of "workers" mentions "persons", sans gender. However, even though the language doesn't show a gender bias, the lack of special consideration for women workers, especially migrant women workers shows that the Code lacks gender inclusivity and equity.

While the Ministry of Labour and Employment told the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour that they would "protect the interests of women workers in every industry/establishment and provide safety for them", the OSHWC Code in its current form fails to do so. Systemic sexual violence and exploitation of women — especially in the informal sector (such as brick kilns, construction, factories) — is rampant and under-reported. But the Code does not recognise this backdrop of a strong, existing work-place culture of misogyny and sexism. In fact, it leaves out a large number of women migrant workers who are engaged in the informal sector — e.g. domestic workers, daily wage labourers, etc.

"It's also important to note that while laws exist to protect women from sexual harassment at the workplace, no laws make the process of migration to the workplace safer for women. Women, who migrate for work by themselves or with families, have often reported facing physical and sexual violence during migration. This absence, in a legislation claiming to affirm migrant workers' rights, is glaring," Mishty Varma, a Communications, Policy and Public Affairs Professional, a creative writer, and an ex-journalist, tells you.

A great gap is that women's protections against criminal activities and intent at the work-site are neither stated explicitly nor guaranteed.

Code of change



The Code also needs to be amended to link with existing provisions and laws in our Constitution and the Indian Penal Code which ensure affirmative action for women workers. This can guarantee protections for them against discrimination on the basis of gender, class, and caste. Additionally, agents, employers, contractors and Government authorities must ensure zero tolerance for such instances at the worksite and during migration for women workers, and should be held accountable.

While there is a chapter on women workers' rights, it falls woefully short in addressing the systemic issues women face at the workplace. In fact, the Code prohibits women from working a job if the appropriate Government considers that work "too dangerous", but does not define "too dangerous".

This is extremely discriminatory and prejudicial, and equivalent to prohibiting mobility and migration of women due to their vulnerability to physical and sexual violence, instead of addressing the factors that make them vulnerable. It also raises the question — why, if a work is "too dangerous", are men expected to per-

form it, while women are asked to stay away from it? It would be far more inclusive and effective for the Code to direct appropriate authorities to provide resources and equipment to make workplaces less dangerous, instead of keeping women workers away from work.

"Further, special provisions prescribed for women in the Code are valid only for workplaces that employ at least 10 workers. In effect, a workplace with nine employees would be exempt from giving these special provisions to women workers. Therefore, the Code needs to lower this threshold for all provisions that offer protection to the most vulnerable workers. The Code must also ensure protective measures are applicable to all workplaces, including the period of migration for workers to reach the work-site," Pompi Banerjee, a psychologist, researcher and human rights activist, and a member of Sanjog, says.

The Code also makes the right of women to work night-shifts (in mines, factories, plantations and beedi/cigar units) subject to conditions prescribed by the appropriate Government, including for safety measures, holidays, and working hours. This makes the right of women to work night-shifts extremely vague and altogether dependent on the whim of the authorities.

Sections that make women's work conditional need to be done away with in the Code. State Governments also need to draft rules that actively encourage women to work across shifts and industries, while guaranteeing their person adequate protections.

ICSL launches Friday@5

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The ICSL (International Council for School Leadership) — India's fastest growing community of school leaders has launched Friday@5 — a weekly webinar dialogue series between the educators and experts. This one-hour session is focused on inspiring, enriching, and empowering school leaders to rebuild India as a global superpower in education.

Friday@5 series are being held with a special focus on

challenges and problems engulfing school education so that school leaders, teachers and educators understand and try to convert problems into opportunities. A successful deployment of these education convos in the initial phase has already begun and has seen close to 1000+ educators registering every week for it across India.

Each conversation of Friday@5 is for 60 minutes duration and has two parts: One, The Experts Panel of 40 minutes where 3-4 experts

will provide their insights on a specific topic and the challenges and opportunities and concern thereof. The experts will include practitioners, policymakers, researchers & eminent speakers. Two, The Open Mic of 20 minutes where 10-15 participants share their thoughts on the issue with the audience.

At the core of Friday@5 is the belief that real conversation happens only when diverse thoughts and divergent views are shared amongst all stakeholders.

L2H lab introduces IPA services

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The isolation from the COVID-19 lockdown has manifested a facelift to the mundane performance in businesses through the introduction of RPA-induced roles in acquiring optimum results. L2H Lab, a Chicago based start-up is the latest entrant into the AI (artificial intelligence) sector with its hyper-automated IPA (Intelligent Process Automation) technology that befits and benefits operations for organisations across the globe.

The start-up offers a multitude of AI-enabled RPA services that facilitates three integral industries — Healthcare, Human Resources, and Shared Services (Contact Center, Finance & Accounts, Ticket Management and Customer Query Resolution). Our AI bots automate regular and repetitive tasks using Machine Learning, NLP, Computer Vision and OCR engine to save several hundreds of business hours, drastically slash costs and accelerate productivity and efficiency across business verticals to function

error-free, 24*7.

Along with AI and IPA, the company also offers Big Data Analytics Solutions — L2H Lab enables Predictive and Preventive Modelling, through various Data Visualisation tool as well as Machine Learning Algorithms, to enhance decision making capabilities as well as reduce revenue leakage up to 50 per cent.

The services have enabled a 30 per cent boost in Net Promoter Scores, by enabling up to 60 per cent automation of tasks across business functions.

Business markfest at IMS

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The Institute of Management Studies (IMS) Noida organised Business Mark fest 2020 online programme for their students. The competition was organised under the aegis of IMS Marketing Club.

The mark fest consists of various competitions like product development, logo making, brochure making and meme making.

In competition, two rounds were kept for the contestants. In whose first round the creations of the students were voted

through social media. During the competition, the creations with the most likes, shares and positive comments were selected for the second round. In the second round, 10 selected participants presented their ideas in front of the jury.

Inaugurating the programme, Dean Prof (Dr) Manju Gupta said that nowadays is the time for digital marketing. There is also a lot of potential in this area for students, in the coming time, companies will conduct its business through e-commerce and online.



‘Future of IoT is virtually unlimited’

The global Internet of Things market was valued at \$190 billion in 2018 and is projected to reach \$1,102.6 billion by 2026. Therefore, a career in this sector is lucrative, says MUBEEN JUKAKU

The Internet of things (IoT) is an ecosystem of connected physical devices/objects that are accessible through the Internet. IoT is a system of interrelated devices, digital products, objects, people or animals that are provided with unique identifiers (UIDs) and the ability to transfer data over a network without requiring any human interaction. The idea of this article is to provide an overview about IoT building blocks and call out how electronics HW and embedded software play an integral role in IoT.



Mubeen Jukaku
Technology Head, Emeritex Information Technologies

The IoT architecture is a structure of numerous elements. In simple words, IoT architecture has five major components.

IoT device: It can be wireless sensors, software, actuators and computer devices. They are fixed to a specific object that runs through internet.

IoT Gateway: It is a device or a software program that serves as a connection point between cloud and multiple IoT devices.

Network: This is the bridging element that connects an array of IoT gateways to the Cloud platform by traditional TCP/IP network.

Cloud: It is a platform which takes massive volumes of data generated. They receive them via IoT gateways which in turn has tons of devices behind them.

Applications: The synthesised data for the end user to derive meaningful insights. The application typically provides a User Interface (UI) to the end user.

Knowing the growing need of IoT based skills in the market, the Electronics Sector Skills Council of India and Entrepreneurship, skill the youth of the country specifically in the electronics domain. If you are looking forward to making your career in this domain, you can simply take training from the registered training partners of ESSCI that are available pan India.

The council has prepared two job-oriented courses (QPs) in which the candidates can take training and get the job easily in the IoT domain. They are:

IoT Hardware Analyst: This QP primarily takes a complete hardware

perspective. For engineers coming from Electronics/Electrical background, this is an ideal QP if you want to have your career in the hardware aspect of IoT. The QP is designed as a pack of skills that includes circuit design, hardware realisation in terms of PCB, optimisation, verification and validation, and system thinking aspects.

Embedded Full-Stack IoT Analyst: This QP primarily takes the software perspective. With a primary focus on embedded software design, this QP focuses on skill-building. This QP also gives very good focus to inculcate engineering best practices.

According to Fortune Business Insights, the global IoT market was valued at \$190 billion in 2018 and is projected to reach \$1,102.6 billion by 2026, growing at a CAGR of 24.7 per cent in the forecast period.

The future of IoT is virtually unlimited due to advances in technology and consumers desire to integrate devices such as smartphones with household machines. Also, there is so much data travelling from device to device. Security is another key concern will need to be addressed to keep up with demands.

The writer is Ashish Gaikwad, Managing Director, Honeywell Automation India Limited

BE WELL-EQUIPPED

Getting a desired job may not be difficult but it has become more competitive. For young people today, it is more important than ever that they have the necessary skills before they enter the workforce, says PC CHHABRA

India since 2014, said the Economic Survey 2019-20.

If you have the will to take responsibility to generate ideas, self-driven work attitude, getting motivated to work, taking risk, responsibilities and ownership of work, having broader perspective and generating ideas that could help in growing individually and company. These skills can possibly make youth more independent and ready to face any job related challenges.

ANALYSING SKILLS

It is the ability to think clearly and rationally, understanding the logical connection between ideas and its practical working. It includes rigorously questioning ideas and assumptions rather than accepting the false information. Always having a systematic and consistent approach towards work.

CURIOSITY IN LEARNING

The most important skills

Today education is not limited to what is taught in schools and colleges, the scope of learning has become wider employers are looking for well-balanced people with transferable skills with ability to learn and develop

needed for future jobs is curiosity to learn, explore. Our future is unrestricted, so there is no limit to what workers in the future may need to learn. Today education is not limited to what is taught in schools, colleges, the scope of learning has become wider employers are looking for well-balanced people with transferable skills with ability to learn and develop.

Take advantage of training, mentoring opportunities and work on your continuous professional development as you will likely become better at what you do and more requisite to your current or future employer.

SELF-EDUCATION

It is the ability to know yourself, to think objectively and understand everything around you rationally while emotional intelligence refers to the human psyche can develop and improve by learning and practising new

skills. Before seeking a job you need to know yourself well enough to know your strengths and weaknesses. When a worker understands him, he can make adjustments where needed and perform at his or her best. Young people who know themselves not only know how to approach and solve problems, but are also better able to work effectively and efficiently.

TIME MANAGEMENT

Time management refers to utilising your time productively and efficiently, for efficient working it is important to prioritize work, knowing relevance of work, understanding urgency and importance of work with respect to time. Management of time is an essential key to enhance productivity as employers seek for people who work systematically, effectively and efficiently.

The writer is Executive Director, Sanskriti University

Due to the pandemic, our dependence on technology has increased manifold. The Prime Minister exhorted citizens to go vocal for local; to turn India into a manufacturing and a technology hub for the world. This shows the relentless drive by the Indian Government to help local industries, small or large, to flourish and fuel economic growth. However, to achieve this efficiently in the new-normal, one of the critical aspects of the strategy is to leverage technology and digital solutions.

One aspect of such a strategy is to think of 'remote-everything' in the manufacturing sector. Remote collaboration, remote engineering, remote manufacturing/testing, remote monitoring and maintenance and

remote expert assistance, to name a few. This essential shift in thinking remote-everything will help our industries operate safely, efficiently, and sustainably. In recent singular times, a few other technological advancements like AI, Machine Learning (ML), Robotics and Industrial Internet of Things have improved operational safety and increased business productivity. The 'remote-everything' capability will further enhance their application to help the Indian industry.

While the concept of remote operations is not new, the pandemic has accelerated its adoption and the related innovation. The demand for remote access and remote work will continue to grow as industries adopt and

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enforce social distancing norms to bolster employee safety related processes. It is estimated that around a million employees from the Indian technology industry will continue to work from home even after the lockdown is lifted completely.

Needless to mention, manufacturing industries are now focusing on strengthening their remote working capabilities, building an effective IT infrastructure, and deploying remote technologies and applications to promote business continuity. Remote solutions are

making remote industrial operations easier, safer, and more productive by providing advanced instructions on upcoming tasks, providing expert assistance, and enabling collaboration between various stakeholders who may be geographically separated. All this can now be done through a secured IT infrastructure that assists in maintaining a digital logbook and an audit trail, enable a video chat, sharing critical documents, and closing the loop faster between identification of a critical task and taking an action to close the loop. A manufacturing company

can now control and limit the number of people on-site while the experts continue to work remotely and assist multiple sites/people at the same time. This helps adherence to social distancing and leverages the technology to deploy fewer people.

The acceleration of digital remote technologies and their adoption in the industries is encouraging. However, these technological advancements and remote connectivity often put security of critical infrastructures at risk if ignored.

Organisations leading digital transformation are deploying cybersecurity solutions that drive greater consistency and protection across operational technology (OT) environments. Cybersecurity solutions

coupled with other industrial digital/remotely help identify insights regarding the vulnerabilities and threats, and avoid expensive downtime due to possible attacks.

Manufacturing operations will rapidly continue to be different from what we have been used to. Manufacturing industries need to invest in the right technologies to adapt and evolve to stay relevant. It is vital to unlock new opportunities that these new technologies offer, to make their future safer, smarter and more sustainable. The future of manufacturing belongs to India and a rapid technologies adoption will help the nation to take its manufacturing to a thriving future.

The writer is Ashish Gaikwad, Managing Director, Honeywell Automation India Limited



The University of Bath in the UK invites applications for its international awards. The 30 studentships are open to the UK/EU and international aspirants to study the postgraduate degree course-work for the academic year 2021-2022.

Award: £5,000
Eligibility: To be considered for this education award, the applicant must be received an offer to study the master's degree program at the university for the academic year 2021-2022. Must attach the copies of your passport, transcripts and exam certificates, especially in subjects related to your chosen degree and CV.

Admission requirements: For taking entrance in the master's degree at the university, seekers are demanded to hold their bachelor's degree certificates with good academic grades in the relevant subject area.

Language requirements: If English is not your first language then you may be required to produce evidence of your English language proficiency.

How to apply: Eligible aspirants are requested to register their interest in this studentship by taking affirmation in the postgraduate degree coursework at the University of Bath. After being a university, claimants will be automatically

considered for this education award.
Application deadline: Apply by January 18, 2021 for a decision by 12 February 2021. Apply by 26 April 2021 for a decision by 21 May 2021.

The Australian National University is offering the Peter & Lena Karmel Honors international bursary for the 2021/2022 session.

Award: \$5,000 per annum
Eligibility: All nationalities. Acceptable Course or Subjects: Bachelor of Arts (Visual) with Honours, or the Bachelor of Visual Arts (with Honours), or Bachelor of Design Arts with Honours.

Has an outstanding academic record in Art and has demonstrated a high capacity for achievement in his or her chosen field of Arts practice. Must provide degree certificates, academic transcripts, and CV with your application.

Admission requirements: Selection based on the merit of Honours application, a recommendation of the relevant head of workshop, academic record, and presentation at the end of semester six exhibition, or equivalent folio documentation.

Language requirement: Students from outside the home country will often need to meet specific English language requirements in order to be able to study at the university.

Application deadline: The last date to apply is March 31, 2021.

HUMAN RESOURCES (HR) AT TOPHIRE

Location: Work From Home
Stipend: ₹15,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/5563554
Deadline: October 22, 2020

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT (SALES) AT COINSWITCH

Location: Work From Home
Stipend: ₹15,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/5563555
Deadline: October 22, 2020

MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTION AT ZYLA HEALTH

Location: Work From Home
Stipend: ₹15,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/5563557
Deadline: October 21, 2020

WEB DEVELOPMENT AT SWITCHME TECHNOLOGIES AND SERVICES

Location: Work From Home
Stipend: ₹25,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/5563559
Deadline: October 21, 2020

MIS REPORTING AT EXCITEL BROADBAND

Location: Delhi
Stipend: ₹10,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/5563560
Application deadline: October 21, 2020

HR AT CLOVEN MEDIA

Location: Lucknow
Stipend: ₹8,000-₹12,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/5563562
Application deadline: October 21, 2020

GSM/LTE HACKING AT RADIOJITTER

Location: Bhubaneswar
Stipend: ₹5,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/5563565
Application deadline: October 20, 2020

STUDY ABROAD

‘Student safety and support is our priority’

It is important that students continue to benefit from interactive teaching and yet be safe, says RICHARD DAVIES

In the last few months all our lives have been turned upside down due to the pandemic that struck the world. While individuals and business are reacting fast to protect self and societal interest, educational institutions are no different.

At the heart of all educational institutions are its students, a vital global population who are in the process of becoming leaders of tomorrow. How universities react to the pandemic is an important lesson to the students in both empathy and crisis management.

When the pandemic hit, many students left for home and many students choose to stay at the university for personal and logistical reasons. This meant that universities had to take immediate measures to keep staff and students safe while ensuring all the students continued to benefit from an enriched and interactive teaching and learning experience.

To protect our international students, we immediately put together a package of virtual

support and then with a team of staff, willing volunteers and Students' Union (NUSU) reached out to the 181 international students who had stayed back.

This enabled us to then lend practical, academic, and emotional support. For students whose studies were impacted by the pandemic for various reasons, we provided different support options to allow tailored responses to students' circumstances and to assist students with their finances, we waived all third term rent payments for students who left their university-owned accommodation. We have also been working closely with the large private student accommodation providers and the City Council to agree support.

Challenges are an opportunity to learn and grow towards a better world and u, we are proud that the university that puts its students first. We look forward to welcoming the bright minds to our ecosystem of learning and growing in the year, and years, to come.

The writer is Pro-vice-Chancellor, Global, Newcastle University

IN BRIEF

FREE MOCK TEST WITH VIDEO EXPLANATIONS

The Triumphant Institute of Management Education (TIME) is conducting the Free All India Mock Tests, with video explanations, every week for the students aspiring for Bank PO/clerk and other related exams.

The schedule of the free all India mock tests will be uploaded on aspirants home page. These tests will help to assess the strengths and weaknesses along with an opportunity to compete with a huge student base.

The mock results will be announced by 4 pm on the next day after the exam window is over.

IIT MADRAS DEVELOPS ANTI-BACTERIAL FOOD WRAPPER

The Indian Institute of Technology Madras has developed a sustainable antimicrobial wrapping material that can tackle two major problems — prevent packaged food contamination by bacteria as well as reduce the plastic waste generated in the environment when disposing the wrappers. This biodegradable food

wrapper has an in-built anti-bacterial compound and is safe for consumption.

Professor Mukesh Doble, Department of Biotechnology, IIT Madras, said: "Our idea is to design a food wrap that will address two major issues, namely Solid Waste and Food Contamination during

storage due to bacterial growth. We have developed a biodegradable wrapping material with in-built antibacterial activity to prevent bacterial growth in stored food. The antibacterial compound should be safe for consumption as it is approved by the authorities and does not cause any toxicity."

ONLINE PROGRAMMES FOR NEWAGE WORKFORCE

The upGrad, online higher education company, is ready to offer 15 million youngsters with its diverse portfolio of online programmes that provides relevant skillsets and prepares a future-ready workforce.

These online programmes are offered in partnership with renowned national and international universities, which are now looking at online education as a viable option for delivering pedagogy.

The India Skills Report 2020 has

pointed out that the country is experiencing a massive skill gap where 65-75 per cent of the 15 million youngsters entering the workforce every year, lack requisite skills and are not ready for new-age jobs.

The company has also announced affordable online higher education for individuals across India, wherein any learner would be able to start university-certified degrees, certificates and diplomas, at an initial payment of ₹10,000 per month.

TODAY
DELHI CAPITALS VS RAJASTHAN ROYALS
Live from 7:30pm
STAR SPORTS 1



KL Rahul | 387 runs
Kagiso Rabada | 17 wickets

I just want to keep things simple and hit the hard length over and again. That's something which has been working for me in this particular season

This pitch (Sharjah) was drier. And the day was pleasant so we thought there would be no dew. Barring one superhuman, every batsman struggled on the pitch

AB showed why he is a very good player. To come out there and score 80 runs of the (last) five overs is not an easy one, but I think he made it look much easier than what it was

I'm very happy that I contributed. I surprised myself to be honest. We were headed towards 140-150, and I thought I might try for 160-165, but I was surprised we reached 194

Royals eye revenge against Capitals

PTI ■ DUBAI
Bolstered by the arrival of Ben Stokes, Rajasthan Royals will hope for a stronger show from its slightly off-colour top order when the side tries to settle scores against second-placed Delhi Capitals in their return leg IPL match here on Wednesday.

The Capitals had beaten RR by 46 runs last week and Steve Smith's men will look to return the compliment when they meet for the second time in the tournament.

The last time the two teams clashed, RR didn't have Stokes in the ranks and even though the England all-rounder didn't set the stage on fire in his first game but his presence inspired the former champions to snap a four-match losing streak with a five-wicket win over Sunrisers Hyderabad.

While Stokes will be an important cog in the RR wheel, the team will also have to fix its top order which has been short of runs in the last five games, leaving too much for the lower-order to get.

Skipper Smith and Sanju Samson have failed to make any significant contribution with the bat since setting the Sharjah ground on fire in their first two matches.

Jos Buttler produced a superb 44-ball 70 against Mumbai Indians but didn't capitalise on the starts in the last two matches.

In fact, it wasn't for Rahul Tewatia, the Royals would still be in the dumps.

The all-rounder, who had blasted five sixes against Kings XI Punjab, once again rescued RR with a 28-ball 45 in their last game against Sunrisers.

CSK CHOKE SUNRISERS



Chennai Super Kings players' celebrate the dismissal of Sunrisers Hyderabad batsman Manish Pandey

PTI ■ DUBAI

A desperate Chennai Super Kings dished out an all-round performance to earn a much-needed win as they stay afloat in the race for the IPL Play-offs with a 20-run victory over Sunrisers Hyderabad, here on Tuesday.

Shane Watson and Ambati Rayudu shared a 81-run stand to power Chennai Super Kings to 167 for six after electing to bat.

CSK skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni then used seven bowlers, who executed their plans to perfection, to restrict SRH to 147 for eight.

With 57 off 39 balls, Kane Williamson was the top scorer for Sunrisers. He hit seven fours to keep his side in hunt but the steep required run-rate made it tough for SRH after the fall of the Kiwi batsman.

For CSK, the win, their third of the tournament, comes after two back-to-back losses. They now have six points and are placed sixth in the points table.

Sunrisers' problems amplified when Ravindra Jadeja removed the dangerous Bairstow with the team struggling at 60 for three at the halfway stage.

SRH bowlers did a commendable job, claiming four wickets for 47 runs in the last six overs. Sandeep Sharma (2/19), Khaleel Ahmed (2/45) and T Natarajan (2/41) picked two wickets apiece.

Desperate to snap their two-match losing streak, CSK elected to bat. The three-time champions sent young England all-rounder Sam Curran instead of Watson to open the innings with Faf du Plessis.

Sharma drew first blood for the Sunrisers, removing du Plessis in the beginning of the third over. The South African sneaked one to Jonny Bairstow off the very first ball he faced for a golden duck.

Curran was off to a bright start, smashing Ahmed for the first boundary of the match in the second over. He continued his onslaught on the pacer by hitting him two fours and as many sixes in the fourth over, quickly racing to 31 off 21-balls.

But Curran's time in the middle was brought to an end by Sharma, who went around the wicket to bowl a good length delivery angled into the leg stump. CSK ended the powerplay at 44/2 with both openers back in the dugout.

With pacer Sandeep Sharma accounting for both openers in the Powerplay, Watson and Rayudu stitched a valuable 81-run partnership. The duo initially kept the score board ticking with occasional boundaries on a dry but weary surface but upped the ante in the 15th over, hitting Rashid Khan for a six each.

Ahmed broke the stand by getting rid of Rayudu, who was caught at long-off by skipper David Warner. Watson soon followed with Natarajan dismissing the Australian. The pacer then went on to claim the wicket of Dhoni as well.

Earlier, Watson's 42 off 38 balls was studded with one four and three maximums, while Rayudu's hit three boundaries and two sixes in his 34-ball 41-run knock.

DUGOUT



CSK 'Super Fan' Gopi Krishnan and his family in Arangur, Tamil Nadu call their residence Home of Dhoni Fan



BCCI President Sourav Ganguly and Secretary Jay Shah watch IPL game between Chennai Super Kings & Sunrisers Hyderabad from the Royal box on Tuesday



A young fan poses with the ball that was hit out of the Sharjah Cricket Ground for a big six by Royal Challengers Bangalore batsman AB de Villiers in an IPL game on Monday

Ravi Shastri @RaviShastriOfc

Now, that the penny has dropped. What one saw last night was unreal. And the feeling is the same waking up. @ABdeVilliers17, the game in these trying times or otherwise needs you back in the international arena and out of retirement. The game will be better off #RCBvKKR #IPL2020

India head coach Ravi Shastri has urged former South Africa captain AB de Villiers to come out of retirement and again play international cricket

MI, DC & KKR TO QUALIFY FOR PLAYOFFS

Mumbai Indians, Delhi Capitals and Kolkata Knight Riders are three out of the four teams which will qualify for the playoffs in the ongoing IPL edition, feels former Indian pacer Ajit Agarkar. While Mumbai and Delhi currently occupy the top two spots in the points table, KKR are placed at the fourth position. "It's such a close tournament, so many ups and downs, but clearly Mumbai Indians and Delhi Capitals look like the two best teams — form wise and personnel wise. KKR, in my opinion, got a real bonus win against CSK. They are my third team," said Agarkar while speaking on Star Sports show *Cricknet Connected*. According to Agarkar, the fourth team to enter the final four will be either Rajasthan Royals or SunRisers Hyderabad.

POINTS TABLE

	P	W	L	NRR	PTS	
1	MI	7	5	2	+1.327	10
2	DC	7	5	2	+1.038	10
3	RCB	7	5	2	-0.116	10
4	KKR	7	4	3	-0.577	8
5	SRH	8	3	5	+0.009	6
6	CSK	8	3	5	-0.390	6
7	RR	7	3	4	-0.872	6
8	KXIP	7	1	6	-0.381	2

When playing for Aus my role is clear, it changes frequently in IPL: Maxwell

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
Australian big-hitter Glenn Maxwell has attributed his inconsistent run in the IPL over eight seasons to frequent changes in his role, something that is very clear to him when playing for his country.

Speaking to PTI, the Victorian explained why he has realised his potential while playing for Australia and the reason for his inconsistent run in the IPL.

"I probably would not (compare IPL and Australia career). The way I have played international cricket, it has been more of a clearer role. I know exactly how the guys will bat around me," he said.

Having overcome mental health issues last year, it seems Maxwell is back to his best in international cricket. However, the same can't be said about his IPL performances — he has scored 58 runs at 14.50 in seven games so far.

Due to his exploits for Australia, Maxwell has always been sought after in the IPL and most recently KXIP bought him back by paying a whopping ₹10.75 crore at the auction.

"My role in IPL changes probably for most games. In IPL, a lot of teams change their sides a lot. In the Australian set-up we have the same eleven for most of the games, we all know our roles really well," said Maxwell.



have the balance you think as you progress.

"We feel we are getting closer to that (team balance). I have had different experiences (in the IPL) where I have not quite performed to the level people expect but there has been no lack of trying, (or) putting the effort in training."

With the top-four facing most

of the balls, Maxwell feels he has not got enough time in the middle to make an impact. On the bowling front, he has got the opportunity to roll his arm over only thrice in seven games.

"This year has been a different role (batting at five) and I am trying to get used to it. I would like to think that I have tried to do my role as well as I can.

"We have got Nicky (Nicholas Pooran) batting unbelievably well at four. With his power-hitting, my job has been to get him on strike and be there to help finish off games.

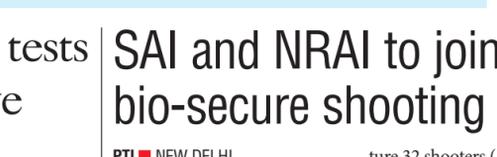
"I have been not out four times (three actually) in seven games which is probably never happened to me in the history of my career. So, it has been a strange transition for me batting at five and one that I feel, I have started to become more accustomed to."

Gayle hints at playing vs RCB

Dubai: Senior Kings XI Punjab batsman Chris Gayle has hinted that he may get his first IPL game of the season against Royals Challengers Bangalore on Thursday, having recovered from a bout of food poisoning.

After posting a photo on social media from his hospital bed, KXIP posted a video of the 'Universe Boss' on its Twitter handle on Tuesday, where the West Indian displayed optimism despite his team lying at the bottom of the points table with just one win from seven games.

"To all the fans out there, the wait is over. The Universe Boss is back. I know you all have been waiting for such a long time, the wait is over unless something dramatic happens to the Universe Boss again, which I hope not,"



KXIP batsman Chris Gayle attends treatment for food poisoning

Gayle said in the short video. "You know it is still possible. I know we are at the bottom of the table but it is still possible. Seven games to go and we believe we can win all seven, it is still possible," he added.

PTI

Kohli describes AB's knock as 'superhuman' effort

PTI ■ SHARJAH
Royal Challengers Bangalore captain Virat Kohli said AB de Villiers' match-winning 73 against Kolkata Knight Riders was a "superhuman" effort as "every other batsman" struggled on the dry Sharjah pitch.

RCB registered a massive 82-run win on the back of AB's unbeaten 33 ball blitzkrieg on Monday.

"This pitch was drier. And the day was pleasant so we thought there would be no dew. Barring one superhuman, every batsman struggled on the pitch. The talk was around getting 165, but we got 194 you know exactly why. It was unbelievable," Kohli said at the post-match presentation.

"I thought I had a few balls under my belt, and I might start striking. He (de Villiers) just came in and struck the third ball, and said he felt good. You might see a lot of people do what is done in other games, but only AB can do what he did. It was a fabulous knock."

Nadal's Paris record will never be beaten: Murray



PARIS: Andy Murray predicts Rafael Nadal's record of 13 French Open titles will never be beaten as the British former world number one looks to bounce back in Cologne this week from his own Roland Garros disappointment.

Murray, 33, the reigning Olympic champion, crashed out of last month's French Open in straight sets with a lop-sided first round defeat to Stan Wawrinka

Cristiano tests Covid +ve

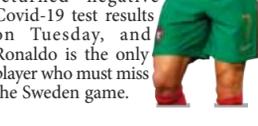
AFF ■ LISBON

Cristiano Ronaldo has been released from the Portuguese national team camp after testing positive for Covid-19.

A statement released by the Portuguese football federation on Tuesday confirmed the 35-year-old is asymptomatic and feeling fine, but he must now undergo a period of self-isolation.

This means he will miss Portugal's Uefa Nations League clash with Sweden on Wednesday and is also a doubt for Juventus' upcoming fixtures against Crotone and Dynamo Kyiv.

The Serie A club are yet to make a statement but the Portuguese federation confirmed the rest of the Portuguese squad all returned negative Covid-19 test results on Tuesday, and Ronaldo is the only player who must miss the Sweden game.



SAI and NRAI to jointly bio-secure shooting camp

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Karni Singh Range will be divided into four "risk" zones to ensure that Olympic-bound shooters can safely resume training at a two-month long national camp which will be conducted from Thursday in a bio-bubble to ward off the Covid-19 threat.

The Sports Authority of India (SAI) and the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) will take joint responsibility of conducting the camp in a secure environment.

"In order to maintain a secure bio-bubble whereby the athletes can train safely and to prevent a coronavirus outbreak, the responsibility of maintaining the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) will be shared by the Sports Authority of India and the NRAI," read a statement from SAI on Tuesday.

The camp had earlier been postponed twice because of the pandemic and is expected to feature 32 shooters (18 men and 14 women), eight coaches, three foreign coaches and two support staff. All 15 Olympic quota winners will be a part of it.

Lakshya starts with win in Denmark

PTI ■ ODENSE

Fast-rising Indian shuttler Lakshya Sen made a successful return to competitive badminton, beating Christo Popov in straight games in the opening round of the \$750,000 Denmark Open, which marked the resumption of the international calendar after a coronavirus-forced break of seven months.

The 19-year-old Indian, who claimed five titles including two Super 100 tournaments last year, produced a clinical performance to outwit Popov 21-9, 21-15 to reach the second round.

He will take on the winner of the match between Denmark's Hans-Kristian Solberg Vittinghus and Belgium's Maxime Moreels.

"I moved quite well, that was the key. In the second game he had a lead but I had made a few mistakes. I was able to cut down on them and find my rhythm," Lakshya, who is currently ranked world No 27, was quoted as saying by Badminton World Federation (BWF).