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FRONTIER GANDHI

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No more lantern in progressive Bihar: PM 10 cr Covid

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

DEEPAK K UPRETI ■ NEW DELHI

rick-starting his poll camrick-starting his poll campaign by raising the developmental pitch in three backto-back rallies in Bihar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday contrasted it with the "jungle raj" under Lalu Prasad, though without naming him or his party, and said the lantern (RID's election symbol) has given way to electricity under Chief Minister Nitish Kumarled NDA regime in the State. He hit out at the

Opposition on issues of nationalism, security and Ram Mandir and accused it of misleading the farmers on the farm laws brought in by his Government. Extending his congratula-

tions in advance to the people, he said the voters have taken a

Assembly polls, in Gaya, on Friday

PNS NEW DELHI

travel risks

ed" against it.

-commerce giant Amazon

Ioint Committee of

Ehas refused to appear before

Parliament looking into the

Personal Data Protection Bill,

2019 on the grounds that its

"subject matter experts are

overseas" and that there are

Committee has warned that if

Amazon does not appear

before the panel on October 28.

"coercive action will be initiat-

in its opinion that coercive

action can be suggested to the

Government against the e-

commerce company," said

panel head Meenakshi Lekhi,

reacting to Amazon's non-

cooperative stand.
"Amazon has refused to

appear before the panel on

October 28 and if no one on

behalf of the e-commerce com-

pany appears before the panel it amounts to breach of privi-

Taking it very seriously, the

The panel is unanimous

resolve that they would not vote for those "who have a history of making the State Bimaru" and "did not allow" Nitish to work for 10 years.

Modi said all surveys predict that the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) would return to power in the State. "I want to congratulate the people of Bihar, as they have announced their decision well in advance. Some people try to spread rumours at times and suggest that some "new power" is emerging, but people of Bihar are not going to be befooled by such acts," said the Prime Minister.

He said the NDA rule has ended lawlessness in Bihar, which is far developed now with electricity doing away the need for lanterns for lighting

"People who are voting for the first time, they don't know how far Bihar has come. But, there was a time when people wouldn't go to their homes after deboarding trains in the night. There was a time when electricity was only available to rich people. Poor people in Bihar were dependent on diyas. But now, there is no need for lanterns in Bihar," Modi said in his second rally at Gandhi Maidan , Gaya, com-plimenting BJP-JDU

Government in the State.
The Prime Minister kicked off his election campaign from his first rally at Sasaram and later addressed rallies in Gaya and Bhagalpur for the first phase of poll, next week. Kumar and top BJP and JD (U) leaders were in attendance.

House panel warns | Govt sets stock limit

penalty if Amazon for onion traders

disobeys summons to check its prices

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Rahul raps Modi on migrant tests in India crisis, Chinese aggression

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Hitting the ground in Bihar to campaign for the Mahagathbandhan in the upcoming Assembly polls, former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi on Friday targeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi over issues ranging from the migrant crisis to the Chinese aggression to farm Bills, and the BJP over its election promises like of providing 19 lakh jobs which, he said, was similar to that of depositing ₹15 lakh in the bank accounts

of the people. Rahul and RJD's Tejashwi Yadav, who is the leader of the Opposition alliance, addressed a joint rally at Nawada, coinciding with Modi's first day of rallies in Bihar with Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.

With the PM citing the bravery of the jawans from Bihar in their clash with Chinese soldiers at the Galwan valley, Rahul accused Modi of having "insulted" the soldiers with his comment that nobody had intruded into Indian territory in Ladakh, and demanded that he tell the country when will the Chinese "be thrown out".

Addressing his first rally during the Bihar Assembly elections, Rahul claimed the Chinese army had indeed intruded into Indian territory. He said, "They have seized

Thiruvananthapuram, Jammu,

Srinagar, Ludhiana, onions are at ₹90 per kg. Besides, the

prices of potato touched ₹50 a kg while tomato is selling at

Nandan on Friday said that

retailers can stock onion only

up to 2 tonne, whereas whole

sale traders are allowed to keep

up to 25 tonne till December

31. She said the Governmen

had to invoke the Essential

Commodities (Amendment)

law — which was passed last

month in Parliament — that

allows it to regulate perishable

commodities in the extraordi-

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nary price rise situation.

₹70-80 a kg across metros.

Consumer Department Secretary Leena



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

1,200 km of our land. But gered by the pandemic-when the Chinese army intrudinduced lockdown, alleging ed, why did our Prime Minister insult our soldiers by saying that nobody entered into the Indian side?

"The question is, Modi, when will you throw out the Chinese soldiers sitting in our territory," the Rahul said.
"Don't lie to the people of

Bihar, Modi. Did you give jobs to people of Bihar? Last elections, PM promised 2 crore jobs, no one got them. In public, he says I bow my head to Army, farmers, labourers and traders. But once he reaches home, he only works for Ambani and Adani," the Congress leader said.

He also attacked the Centre over the migrant crisis trig-

Covid-19 IN INDIA

CASES: 78,10,585

DEATHS: 1,17,910

ACTIVE: 6,81,575

RECOVERED:

70,09,800

TOTAL

when workers from Bihar were being "chased away" from other States the Prime Minister did nothing to help them. He demanded that the Prime Minister tell people of Bihar how many jobs he gave them and when

A huge gathering was seen at the Hisua rally venue, with people also crowding the roof a college building where it was held.

RJD's Yadav, the chief ministerial candidate of the Mahagathbandhan, said the elections that were under way will not be fought on the issue of caste or religion but unemployment and poverty.

Andhra Pradesh

Karnataka

Tamil Nadu

Kerala

Delhi

Odisha

Assam

Rajasthan

Chhattisgarh

Telangana

Uttar Pradesh

West Bengal

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TOTAL CASES

8,00,684

7,93,907

7,03,250

4,66,060

3,77,835

3,48,404

3,41,426

2.77.887

2,29,001

2,10,389

2,03,709

1,82,570

1,70,130

PNS NEW DELHI

India on Friday crossed the 10-crore Covid-19 tests mark after testing a record nearly 14.50 lakh samples, the highest in a single day. The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) said 5 crore samples were tested in the last 45 days with an average testing of more than 10 lakh samples per day in the last 17 days.

Terming the record testing as "a positive indication that we are moving in the right direction", Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan, however, warned that the next three months are going to be decisive in determining the coronavirus situation in the country and urged people to follow Covidappropriate behaviour in the coming festival season and winter months.

The Minister said that high level of comprehensive testing on a sustained basis has also resulted in bringing down the national positivity rate. In the last 24 hours, 14, 42,722 sample were tested taking the total tally to 10,01,13,085.

Vardhan, who reviewed the Covid-19 preparedness with the Health and Medical Education Ministers and other senior officials of Uttar Pradesh, also highlighted that the number of active coronavirus cases in the country are less than 7 lakh and the doubling rate has increased to 97.2 days

He said in the last three

10,821

10,858

6,830

1,282

6,368

1,267

1,298

1,034

1,814

1,680

RECOVERED

14,45,103

7,62,419

6,93,584

6,59,432

4,30,962

2,80,793

3,16,214

2,98,587

2,59,418

2,07,326

1,98,437

1,79,843

1,62,981

1,43,212

Record 14.5 lakh people tested in a day; recovery rate now touches 90%



months, the country has seen significant improvement in the Covid parameters but next three months are crucial.

From recording over 95,000 Covid-19 cases in a day, they have been substantially reduced to less than 55,000 per day. The recovery rate of India is nearing 90 per cent. The Case Fatality Rate (CFR) is also declining. CFR stands at 1.51 per cent and is moving towards the target of being less than 1 per

cent," he said. "For a big State like Uttar Pradesh, it becomes important that maximum thrust is given to simple precautionary measures which are effective in preventing the spread of the disease to a large extent like wearing masks/face cover, especially in public spaces, and following hand and respiratory

etiquettes," he added.

As many as 15 States and Union Territories, including Maharashtra, Chandigarh, Goa, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal and Delhi, are exhibiting higher Covid-19 positivity rate compared to the national figure, indicating the need for higher levels of comprehensive testing in these

Higher testing across wide regions has resulted in early identification of positive cases. prompt tracking through effiand timely and effective treatment in homes/facilities and in

hospitals for the severe cases. These measures in tandem eventually lead to lower mortality rate, said a senior

official from the Ministry.

Madhya Pradesh 1,62,178 2,855 1,50,678 1,65,233 1,47,672 Kapil Dev suffers heart **Pak remains in terror** attack, on the mend

STAFF REPORTER/PTI

India's first World Cup-win-ning cricket captain Kapil Dev underwent an angioplasty after suffering a heart attack here on Friday but is "well on the road to recovery" and likely to be discharged in the next couple of days.

The 61-year-old, who is based in Delhi's Sundar Nagar area, complained of chest pain on Thursday following which he was taken to Fortis Escorts Heart Institute emergency department in Okhla. "Kapil Dev suffered a heart

attack. He was evaluated and an



emergency coronary angio-

plasty was performed in the middle of night...Currently, he is admitted in ICU and under close supervision of Dr Atul Mathur. Kapil Dev is stable now and he is expected to get discharged in a couple of days," the hospital said after only mentioning chest pain in its initial

watchdog's grey list

Dakistan's hopes of satisfying the global watchdog on terror financing and money laundering, the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), were dashed on Friday as it ruled against taking Pakistan off the 'grey list" and gave February 2021 deadline to comply with its 27-point action plan.

The decision was taken on Friday during the virtual ple-nary meeting of the FATF. "Since June 2018, Pakistan

made a high-level political commitment to work with the FATF and the APG to strengthen its AML/CFT regime and to address its strategic counter-Continued on Page 2 | terrorist financing-related defi-

It is impossible to celebrate

Dussehra with burning of

Ravana effigy on October 25

this year as there was

no time for preparation due to

Covid-19," said Ravi Jain of Shri Dharmik Ramlila

ciencies. Pakistan's continued political commitment had led to progress in a number of areas in its action plan.

"Taking action to identify and sanction illegal MVTS, implementing cross-border currency and BNI controls, improving international cooperation in terrorist financing cases, passing amendments to the ATA to increase the sanctioning authority, financial institutions implementing targeted financial sanctions and applying sanctions for AML/CFT violations, and controlling facilities and services owned or controlled by designated persons and entities, read the FATF decision.

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Maha announces ₹10k crore flood relief for farmers TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

The Maharashtra Government on Friday announced a ₹10,000 crore relief package for the farmers who suffered huge crop losses during the heavy rain and the consequent floods witnessed in various parts of the State

between June and October.

Talking to media persons after reviewing the situation arising out of heavy unseasonal rain and consequent floods in various parts of the State, Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray unveiled a relief package for the affected farmers in western Maharashtra, Marathwada and Konkan regions in the State. He said that the relief package would be disbursed to the farmers before the Diwali festival

Detailed report on P5

Capital gasps for clean air

With onions now more expensive than some exotic vegetables and fruits,

including apple, grapes, goose-berry and orange (imported) across India, the Ministry of

Consumer Affairs on Friday

imposed a stock limit of two

tonnes for retailers and 25

tonnes for wholesalers till

December 31 to improve the

domestic availability of the

commodity and provide relief

to consumers. The Ministry has

also supplied 35,000 metric

tonnes of onion to State and

Union Territories to maintain

onion prices have seen a sharp

rise over the last few days with

staple vegetable now retailing for ₹100-110 per kg in

Hyderabad, Mumbai, Nashik,

Pune, Adilabad, Bengaluru,

Suryapet, Thrissur, Panaji,

Kota, Chennai, Cuddalore,

Puducherry,

Pallakad.

Continued on Page 2 | Dharwad and Kozhikode. In

Despite a ban on export,

certain stability in prices.

'Severe' level in many areas, may get worse in 2 days

lege," she added.

and privacy.

The Committee is looking

into the Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019, following

concerns expressed by the Congress. It has called all stake-

holders, including Facebook

and Twitter, to get an overview.

The Committee is trying to seek "oral evidence" on the

issues of data protection

their presentation before the

panel on Friday while Google,

Twitter and Paytm have to do

so on October 29. Facebook's

public policy head Ankhi Das

appeared before the Committee

and was asked some tough and

searching questions by the

panel, sources said.

Facebook officials gave

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

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

in Delhi entered the "severe" zone, according to the AQI monitoring mobile application SAMEER, developed by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)

These include Alipur with AQI of 447, Shadipur with 441, Mundka with AQI of 419, Wazirpur with 432, Anand Vihar with 405, Bawana with



413, Vivek Vihar with 422, Rohini 401, Jahangirpuri with AQI of 418 and Patparganj with 405 According to the Ministry

of Earth Sciences' air quality monitor System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research (SAFAR), a significant increase in stubble fire count was observed around Haryana, Punjab, and neighbouring regions which stood at 1,213 on Thursday.

favourable for pollutant transstubble burning share in PM 2.5 is 17 per cent for today," it said.

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No Ravana's effigies, ate "Ravana Dahan" this light & sound effect

for Ravana Dahan PTI NEW DELHI iting lack of time for prepa-Crations and pending permissions amid Covid-19 pan-Dussehra.

demic, major Ramleela coming the venue at Ramleela mittees in the city have shelved Maidan about three months burning of Ravana effigies, back, but the permission has not yet been granted by the Archaeological Survey of India. while others plan to employ light and sound effects to recre-

Also the Ramleela Ground

at Red Fort, the hub of Dussehra festivities attracting commoners as well as dignitaries, including the Prime Ministers and Presidents every year, will be deserted this 'We had applied for book-

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

Committee.

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CAPSULE FEMA CASE: PUNJAB CM'S SON SUMMONED

New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has summoned Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh's son for questioning in an alleged foreign exchange violations case, official sources said on Friday.

DELHI COP ABDUCTED BY BUS DRIVER FROM ISBT New Delhi: A Delhi Police constable was allegedly abducted by the driver and attendants of a private bus from Kashmere Gate area here and released more than 250 km away in Uttar Pradesh's Firozabad, officials said

Covid takes shine off Delhi's famed Ramleela celebrations "However, as the boundary

layer wind direction is not fully port towards the Delhi region, the SAFAR model estimate of

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

Delhi Metro

top-up card

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) in association with the SBI Card,

India's largest pure play credit card issuer on Friday launched

the 'DELHI METRO - SBI

Card', a multipurpose credit

card to enable its users to use

it as a smart card with auto-top

up facility whenever the bal-

SBI auto

launched

HC stays Delhi Govt decision

Students' fund can't be used to pay salaries of college staff: Court

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court Friday stayed the decision of the AAP government asking 12 Delhi University colleges, fully funded by it, to pay outstanding salaries to staffers from the Students Society

Justice Navin Chawla passed the order on a plea by Delhi University Students Union (DUSU) which said the students fund cannot be used for any other activity other than for students welfare.

DUSU's counsel said the fund cannot be used for paying teachers salaries.

The students' petition was also supported by the advocate Aakanksha Kaul, representing

Capital gasps...

According to SAFAR, extremely calm surface wind

conditions prevail over the

Delhi region and are forecast to

tilation conditions for an

From Page 1
Angioplasty is a procedure to open blocked arteries and

restore normal blood flow to

the heart. Later in the day, a

short statement on his insta-

gram account expressed grati-

tude for the concern and sup-

Thank you everyone for all the

love and concern. I am over-

whelmed with the good wish-

es and well on the road to

recovery," the statement read.

The 1983 World Cup-winning

legendary all-rounder was

wished a speedy recovery by

many on social media, includ-

ing India's current captain Virat

Kohli and Sachin Tendulkar

for your speedy recovery. Get

"Take care @therealkapildev!

Praying for your quick recov-

ery. Get well soon Paaji,"

wishing him good health were

India batsman Shikhar

Dhawan and badminton play-

the @therealkapildev a swift

recovery. The nation is well

aware of his grit and spirit and

we are very sure he will be out

of the hospital soon," said the

BCCI. Kapil's former team-

mate Madan Lal said he has

of his well-wishers to the

"To those who have

Chandigarh-born legend's fam-

called to inquire your prayers

and wishes are conveyed to the

family and received with grat-

itude. Good health and

strength kaps," read a tweet

from Kapil's former teammate

was taken to the hospital in

time as he complained of

uneasiness. As per the doctors

the procedure has been suc-

cessful and he will be home

India's greatest cricketers, Kapil

played 131 Tests and 225 ODIs.

and we know you will win this fight too," tweeted BCCI

imposing former player, who also tried his hand at golf after

retiring from cricket, is the only

player to claim over 400 wick-

ets (434) and accumulate more

than 5000 runs in Tests.

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One of

"You are a fighter

Madan Lal.

soon," he added.

Secretary Jay Shah.

"Wishing

well soon paaji," Kohli said.

among others.

wished Tendulkar

er Saina Nehwal.

port extended to his family.

"This will lead to low ven-

continue for two days.

Kapil Dev...

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staff-- both teaching and nonteaching-- from the students

The college staff are not paid for the last three months.

fund and the amount should be

released within two weeks.

12 colleges which are affiliated with the Delhi University and are fully funded by the Delhi government are Acharya Narendra Dev College, Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar College, Bhaskaracharya College of Applied Sciences, Bhagini Nivedita College, DeenDayal Upadhyaya College, Aditi

extended period and accumu-

lation of pollutants near the sur-

face. Further deterioration of

AQI is expected for the two

quality will be in the higher end

of 'very poor' category on 24th

and 25th October and may

touch the 'severe' category,"

Govt sets...

"It is forecast that the air

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Assam, Andhra Pradesh,

Bihar, Chandigarh, Haryana, Telangana and Tamil Nadu have

shown interest and taking a total

of 8,000 tonnes of onion from

the buffer she said, adding that

the Ministry is awaiting response

Pandey, Secretary, Department

of Food and Public Distribution,

there has been an increase in the

price of onion due to rainfall in

Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh

and Karnataka. "The All India

average retail price variation of

onions as on October 21, when

compared to last year is 22.12 %

(from Rs 45.33 to Rs 55.60

per/Kg) and when compared to

last 5 years average is 114.96 % (from Rs 25.87 to 55.60 per/ Kg).

Therefore, the prices have

increased by more than 100%

when compared with average of

Ministry of Consumer Affairs,

the maximum price of onion is

at Rs 100 per kg while the min-

imum rate is quoted at Rs 25 per

kg and the model price is esti-

mated at Rs 70 per kg. The

Ministry has asked States and

Union Territories to take onion

from it buffer stock for retail

From Page 1

In East Delhi, the Dussehra

festival held at CBD ground near

Karkardooma attracts thou-

sands, but this year the size of the

crowd cannot be more than 200

as per the Delhi Disaster

Management Authority

(DDMA) directions, organisers

of the Shri Balaji Ramlila

small-sized effigies to be burnt

on Dussehra. Arrangements

have also been made to maintain

social distancing. However,

police permission is awaited

after which the size of the gath-

ering will be fixed," Satish

Agarwal, patron of the

October 11 issued guidelines for

holding gatherings ahead of the

festival, limiting the number to

a maximum of 200 people and

The DDMA had on

We are prepared with

Committee said.

Committee, said.

Covid takes...

According to the data of

last 5 years," he said.

According to Sudhanshu

from other States.

Mahavidyalaya Women's Agrasen College (DU), Maharshi Valmiki College of Education, Shaheed Rajguru College of Applied Sciences for Women and Shaheed Sukhdev College of Business Studies.

notice to the Directorate of University and Delhi government and sought their replies on the petition by DUSU.

Justice Chawla, who orally observed that instead of taking students' fund, the state should have paid the salary

According to the India

Meteorological Department

(IMD), the air quality will dete-

riorate further with pollutants

PM 10 (presence of particles

with diameter less than 10

micrometres) and PM 2.5

increasing. PM 2.5 is tiny particulate

The centre is offering onion

from the buffer stock stored at

Nashik, Maharasthra, at the

procured rate of Rs 26-28 per kg

to States who wish to lift the

stock on their own. For others

who want it to be delivered, the

offered price would be Rs 30 per

kg. Besides this, cooperative

Nafed, which is procuring and

maintaining the onion buffer

stock on behalf of the

Government, is offloading the

stock in wholesale mandis across

prices have increased in markets

across the country. Nashik cul-

tivates 60 per cent of

Maharashtra's onions and the

Lasalgaon agriculture produce

market committee (APMC) is

the largest wholesale onion mar-

ket in India. Heavy rainfall

damaged the new kharif onions

to a large extent and the new

kharif crop is expected to arrive by mid-November. Heavy rain-

fall has affected onion supply

which has resulted in price hike.

said that onion prices may go up

as high as Rs 120 per kg as its

production has been affected in

most of the key States. This is

likely to continue till February

net year till the new crop season

restrictions on setting up food

stalls, swings, squatting among

People in the business have

The wholesale and retail

appearing for DUSU, said the fund is collected from students and nothing comes from the government and urged the high court to stay the operation

"Such arbitrary and illegal usage of the money raised by the students for their academic welfare has forced the petitioner who represents the students of the university as a union, to come to this court for quashing of such illegal, unjust and arbitrary order that is rights of the students as whole," the plea said. The plea said the

Directorate of Higher Education has directed the 12 colleges, which are 100 per cent funded by the Delhi government, to exhaust and utilise the funds gathered by the students with respect to the Students Society Fund (SSF) maintained by the respective colleges for

and by the students. It said that as per the UGC guidelines, only 11 heads can be included as income and 34 heads for expenditure. It added that for paying the salaries only those heads which are under "income" head can be used for paying salaries.

from 34 monitoring stations in the city. The Delhi Ğovernment has kick-started its 'Red Light On, Gaadi Off' anti-pollution campaign for which it has deployed 2,500 environment marshals at 100 traffic signals across the city to generate awareness and curb vehicular pollution.

Domestic help held for stealing jewellery

A²⁰-year-old woman was arrested for allegedly stealing jewellery worth Rs 8 lakh and electronic items from a flat located in Sector-43 in Gurugram.

The accused used to work as a domestic help at the flat where the theft has taken place, the police said on Friday. The accused has been iden-

tified as Bharti Mandal, a resident of West Bengal.

1 set of diamond bangles, 1 pear diamond ear tops, 1 diamond ring and 1 set of JBL speakers have been recovered on her instance from her rented house. The theft was reported at Sushant Lok police station in March 2020, the police said. In his complaint, Jai Pal

Rahul raps Modi...

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Addressing another elec-

tion rally at Bhagalpur, Rahul

alleged that Modi and Bihar

Chief Minister Nitish Kumar

broke the backbone of the

farmers, and medium and

small businesses in the State.

He said Modi calls himself a

nationalist but weakened the

standing against NDA are against

the growth of the country, he said Modi also paid respect to RJD's Raghuvansh Prasad who

recently. I pay my respects to

Ram Vilas Paswan, who was with

me till his last breath and gave his

entire life for the welfare of the

poor and Dalits. Similarly, Babu

Raghuvansh Prasad Singh also

worked for poor. I pay respects

know that it is important to make

Kumar the CM again for faster

development of the State. The

parties who are today standing

against NDA are against the

cation. Can it be ensured by

those who don't even know the

value of education or by those

who are working 24/7 to bring

IITs and AIIMS to Bihar? asked

"Each and every citizen of

Modi at his Bhagalpur rally.

Bihar deserves quality edu-

growth of the country, he said

Modi said people of Bihar

"Bihar lost its two sons

passed away recently.

to him," he said.

STAFF REPORTER ■ GURUGRAM Singh, a resident of Rainbow Apartment at Sector-43 reported that he had hired Bharti for domestic work.

On March 27, his daughterin- law realised that some ornaments which were kept in the dressing table were missing, following which she informed Singh about the matter, said sub-inspector Harish, the investigation officer (IO) of the case. A case was registered at Sushant Lok police station and investigation was taken up, he said.

During investigation, the investigation team checked various CČTV cameras installed in the vicinity and during analysis of CCTV footage and also kept an eye on the Woman, who had left the complainant's house on the pretext of some emergency for her native place on March13.

country over the last six years.

Economy is suppressed and

farmers oppressed," Rahul

added. The Congress leader

also hit out at the Centre over

the recent farm laws, saying

these have been brought to

attack the farmers. "They had

ended the mandi system and

the MSP regime in Bihar

already and now, they are doing that across the country," he said.

From Page 1 According to sources, the

MPs asked many questions and

clarifications about how the for-

eign company can ensure data

protection and privacy and

their responsibility to Indian

agencies. The joint committee

has 20 members from the Lok

Sabha and 10 from the Rajya

accused Facebook of favouring

the ruling BJP by ignoring the

hate speeches of its leaders. It

had written to Facebook Chief

Executive Officer Mark

Zuckerberg to investigate alle-

gations that the social media

company's India team ignored

hate speech policy to avoid

ruining its relationship with the

BJP. It had based its allegations

on a report of the Wall Street

Journal. The social networking

major had refuted the allega

Incidentally, the BJP also accused Facebook of bias.

Union IT Minister Ravi

Shankar Prasad wrote to

Zuckerberg saying in the run up

to 2019 General Elections in

India, there was a concerted

effort by Facebook India man-

agement to not just delete pages

or substantially reduce their

or right of appeal to affected

people who are supportive of

Recently, the Congress had

House panel ...

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PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA

(PMGSY) e-Procurement Notice (First Call)

The Government of India has received a loan/credit number "LN 8864 IN" rom the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development International Development Association towards the cost of Rural Roads Project (Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna) and intends to apply a part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contracts for construction of work as detailed in NIT. Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the bidding document.

The General Manager (Project), BRIDCUL on behalf Chief Engineer URRDA Uttarakhand invites the item rate bids in electronic tendring system (First Call) for construction of Roads and Bridges under Pradhar Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the Berinag (District-Pithoragarh) & Barkot (Uttarkashi) for 03 number of package with estimated cost totaling to Rs 1195.38 Lakh including their maintenance 2 year for stage-1 & 5 year for stage-2 from the eligible contractors registered with PWD/CPWD

Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement 27-10-2020.

Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission: The bid documents are available online and should be submitted online in www.pmgsytendersuk.gov.in. The bidder would be required to reaister in the web-site which is free of cost, For submission of the bids, the bidder s required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities. The bidders are required to submit (a original demand draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security in approved form and (c) original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4.4 B (ii) of ITB with the projects related to Garhwal Mandal at Office of General Manager(P), BRIDCUL, HQ BRIDCUL Opp.Govt. ITI Majra, Niranjanpur, Saharnpur Road, Dehradun-248001 & Project related to Kumaon Mandal at Office of BRIDCUL PMGSY PIU-Garur, Bageshwar, First Floor, CSD Canteen, Mandalsera, Bageshwar-Pin 263642 submission of all physical documents will be accepted only upto or before the time and date submission of bids (23.11.2020 [05:00 pm) after the opening of technical qualification part of the Bid either by registered post of by hand, failing which the bids will be declared non-responsive. Last Date/Time for receipt of bids through e-tendering 23.11.2020 01:00 PM

For further details please log on to www.pmgsytendersuk.gov.in

*Non Registered bidders may submit bids, however, the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authorities before signing the contract Note: For e-Procurement for any sort of queries 0135-2522941 number may be contacted 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM in any office days

the Delhi University. amount to college staff, trans-College, Indira Gandhi Institute of Physical Education DUSU has challenged the ferred the case to the court of October 16 order of Delhi gov-Justice Jyoti Singh before whom similar matters are pending. ernment asking the 12 colleges & Sports Sciences, Keshav to pay the salaries of over 1500 Advocate Jivesh Tiwari, Mahavidyalaya, Maharaja

> The high court issued Higher Education, Delhi

of the government's decision.

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count for Wednesday was 1,428.

The 24-hour average Delhi's

AQI was recorded at 256 on

Wednesday, 223 on Tuesday and

244 the day before. The figures

are based on data collected

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He paid his respect to late
Ram Vilas Paswan but remained silent on his LJP, now being led by his son Chirag, who has gone alone in the polls refusing to accept Nitish as the NDA's Chief Ministerial candidate and has been hitting out at the JD (U) leader. Bringing the focus back on the abrogation of Article 370, Modi said, "The NDA Government abrogated Article 370. These people (Opposition) say they will bring it back if they come to power. After saying this they dare to ask for votes from Bihar. Is this not an insult of

Bihar," he said. The Prime Minister referred to the clash of Indian and Chinese soldiers in Ladakh on the Line of Actual Control saying, "The sons of Bihar lost their lives in Galwan Valley for the tricolour and ensured Bharat Mata's head is held high. Jawans of Bihar were also martyred in Pulwama attack. I bow my head at their feet and pay respects."

Modi took the Opposition, particularly the RJD (with which Kumar formed the Government in the State prior to 2017 before he joined hands with the BJP), to task saying it did not allow the Chief Minister to work in the State and impeded its develop-

'When I as Gujarat Chief Minister and Nitish attended UPA's central meetings, Nitish always told them - don't stall Bihar's development. But for 10 years, those who were defeated in Bihar were angry, they influenced the Centre and ensured Nitish cannot work. They wasted Bihar's 10 years," said the Prime Minister.

Modi is the main face of the NDA's campaign factoring Kumar's successive run as the Chief Minister inviting antiincumbency against the NDA. "The people who once ruled

Bihar are again looking at the developing state with their greedy eyes. But, Bihar must not forget who pushed them backward, that was the time when there was worsening law and order situation and corruption in the state," Modi said attacking RID-rule in Bihar.

Modi credited Kumar for ending 'jungle Raj" under the RJD governance and ending 'lawlessness in Bihar".

Modi said people of Bihar know that it is important to make Kumar the Chief Minister again for faster development of the

Bihar must cast his or her vote in the upcoming Bihar elections, following all the guidelines and social distancing norms related

to coronavirus. Also, I will like to appeal to all to 'Go Local' while you shop for the festivals this year, promote local artisans,"

State. The parties who are today

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others at the venues. In view of the threat of COVID-19 infection, difficulties in keeping the crowd size under 200 and enforcing social distancing, many Dussehra festival organisers here will also resort to using footage of previous years as well as audio-visual and

burning and stream it online. "We will use previous footage with light and sound effects this year as it will be very difficult to control the crowd and ensure social distancing in view of COVID-19," Ashok Goel of Sri Keshav Ramleela Committee in Model Town said.

light effects to recreate effigy

Anil Sharma, president of RK Puram Ramleela Dharmik Samiti, said a short version of four-day-long Ramleela will be followed by a symbolic Ravana Dahan with use of sound and light effects.

Pak remains...

FATF has reiterated that Pakistan needs to continue working on the implementation of its action plan and address its strategic deficiencies, which include: Demonstrating that law

enforcement agencies (LEAs) are identifying and investigating the widest range of terrorist financing (TF) activity and that TF investigations and prosecutions target designated persons and entities, and those acting on behalf or at the direction of the

designated persons and entities. Demonstrating that TF prosecutions result in effective, proportionate and dissuasive sanctions. * Demonstrating effective implementation of targeted financial sanctions against all 1267 and 1373 designated terrorists and those acting for or on their behalf, preventing the raising and moving of funds includ-

ing in relation to non-profit organizations (NPOs), identifying and freezing assets (movable or immovable), and prohibiting access to funds and financial ser-

* Demonstrating enforcement against TFS violations, including in relation to NPOs, of administrative and criminal penalties and provincial and federal authorities cooperating on enforcement cases. While the decision by the

FATF has clarified that Pakistan's only way out of the grey list is by complying with the 27-point action plan, Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi said that it was India's desire to see Pakistan slipping into the black list, adding that New Delhi's plans have failed.
"India's plans to push

Pakistan into the black list of FATF will fail because of the steps the country has taken to meet the

requirements of the global money laundering and terror financing watchdog", he said. "I can say this with confidence, India will fail in its designs to push Pakistan into the black list. The world has acknowledged today that the incumbent government and parliament had taken concrete steps regarding the FATF action plan," Qureshi added.

He also claimed that Pakistan had complied with at least 21 points out of the 27 points mentioned in the action plan, hoping that the world would acknowledge the steps taken by the country.

Pakistan has long complained on what it claims as Îndia's ongoing diplomacy aimed at seeking enough votes to push Islamabad into the FATF black list. However, Oureshi claimed that Pakistan's efforts and commitment have "yet again failed New Delhi's designs".

SPECIAL BRANCH, M.P., BHOPAL Bhopal, Dated 25-09-2020 Tender Notice No.SB/Store/2020-25(399)

CORRIGENDUM

4- Tender Schedule: Corrigendum **Tender Activity** Previous Date & Time **New Date & Time** Bid Submission Start Date 21/10/2020 at 1000 hrs. 07/11/2020 at 1000 hrs Last date of online e-Tender submission 02/11/2020 up to 1700 hrs 17/11/2020 up to 1700 hrs. Bid will be opened on 03/11/2020 up to 1700 hrs. 18/11/2020 up to 1700 hrs.

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3		Bomb Blan	ket		
4	27/11/2020 at 12.00 hrs	Water Jet Disrupter			
5		Real Time	Viewing System		
6		Hook & Lin	e Set		
7	28/11/2020 at 12.00 hrs	RSP Tool k	Cit		
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10		GIS Works	tation		

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Tender Notice No.SB/Store/2020-25(410),

Bhopal, Dated 03-10-2020

CORRIGENDUM

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iv	Demonstration from	11/11/2020 at 1200 hrs.	28/11/2020 at 1200 hrs.	
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In 2.5 yrs, LNJP will be one of biggest hospitals in country: CM

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Friday said that a state of art building with cutting edge medical technology block is being added in Delhi's Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narayan hospital.

With an additional 1,500 beds, this building will increase the overall capacity of LNJP hospital to 3,800 beds

În Delhi's critical infra, LNJP plays pivotal role having modern medical infra meeting world standards.

Kejriwal said that the other Governments spend ₹1-1.5 crore per bed, but we believe in smart spending and effective utilisation of budget; in the past few years we have worked towards improving the living standards of the people of Delhi.

Delhi Government has completed projects on time and that has saved cost as well

the betterment of the city," the CM said.

Kejriwal said, "Today is a remarkable day for Delhi. A state of the art building with cutting edge medical technology block is being added in Delhi's LNJP hospital. With an additional 1,500 beds, this building will increase the overall capacity of LNJP hospital to 3800 beds. In 2.5 years, LNJP will be one of the biggest hospitals in the country with a modular design and modern medical infrastructure.'

The CM said, "Delhi, is the national capital and therefore a microcosm of the nation. It should have access to everything world-class. This new wing at LNJP is valued at Rs 462 crores, with per bed costing around Rs 30 lakh. Other governments spend Rs 1-1.5 crore per bed, but we believe in smart spending and effective utilisation of



Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal with Health Minister Satyendra Jain offers prayers during the foundation stone laying function for a 1,500-bedded medical block at the LNJP Hospital in New Delhi on Friday Ranjan Dimri I Pionee

budget. In the last 5 years, it has we improve the living standards

of the people of Delhi. AAP

well which is then further

riors, Kejriwal said his government is the only one which has given an ex gratia of Rs 1 crore to all those who sacrificed their lives during this pandemic

He said, "The pandemic has had a cascading effect on all of us and I salute to all those who have worked hard and put their lives at stake to serve the nation. Delhi government is the only government which has given an ex gratia of Rs 1 crore to all those who sacrificed their lives during this pandemic. We can't bring back the heroes but we can help them in whatever way possible.

Kejriwal also appealed people to participate in the "Red light on, gaadi off" campaign and also act as an influencer for your fellow city men.

Kejriwal said, "In the last 5 years, it has been our goal to reduce the pollution levels in the city and while we have

effectively succeeded, it is during the months ahead of winter that Delhi sees pollution from neighbouring states in the form of stubble burning. While we can't control what happens outside the city, we can defi-nitely try and lower the pollution levels within Delhi. Our newest campaign, "Red light on, gaadi off" is a step towards lowering the pollution caused by fuel burning. I urge you all to participate and also act as an influencer for your fellow city

Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain who also attended the ceremony said that keeping in mind the requirements of the citizens, the building will have 3 main departments, a new medical block, new maternity and an advanced paediatric department.

Talking about the new health facility, Jain said, "Today marks the beginning of the

city. LNJP Hospital will get a state of the art building with 1500 beds. This will be the tallest building in the country. With 25 floors and best health care available under one roof, this will be an inspiration to all."

"It is the vision of the Chief Minister to make worldclass health facilities accessible to all Delhi citizens, and it is truly marvellous to see that converting into reality. This fully air-conditioned, state of the art building will house 1500 beds. Keeping in mind the requirements of the citizens, the building will have 3 main departments, a new medical block, new maternity and an advanced paediatric depart-

Besides Kejriwal, the ceremony witnessed the presence of areaMLA Shoaib Iqbal, senior doctors and officials of the hos-

EV policy portal launched to curb pollution

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 \mathbf{I} n order to make Delhi pollution free, Delhi Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot on Friday launched the Electric Vehicle (EV) policy portal for seamless disbursement of all the demand incentives to the vehicle buyers. Addressing the media on the role played by electric vehicle policy in the anti-pollution campaign launched by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal titled "Yuddh Pradushan ke Virudh, Gahlot said EV dealers can log into ev.delhi.gov.in and apply for subsidy.

The whole process is simple and hassle-free, Gahlot said, adding that the transport department has already approved over 100 EV models which will be eligible for this subsidy which and till now 36 manufactures have registered and 98 dealers have joined with us in this mission.

Gahlot said, "One of the key actions the CM had announced was the implementation of Delhi's EV policy. Delhi EV policy has been welcomed by all stakeholders and is considered as a model policy globally. It is our attempt that everything under the policv is implemented in the best way possible. Earlier this month, on October 10, 2020, it was decided that we implement the policy regarding exemption of road tax and on October 15, 2020, we implemented the

The minister further said, "The portal will be instrumental in disbursing both these incentives in a quick, efficient and transparent manner. Under the purchase incentive being offered as part of the Delhi EV policy, the transport department has already approved over 100 EV models which will be eligible for this subsidy."

Vector-borne diseases on rise in city

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With 97 fresh cases reported last week, the number of people infected with dengue has reached 520 this year. Fourteen new cases of malaria and three cases of chikungunya also reported in Delhi last week taking the total number to 288 and 88 respectively till October 17.

According to the latest report released by all three Municipal Corporation, mosquito-breeding has been reported in at least 94977 households and 72709 legal notices have been issued this year. The dengue breeding checkers have checked 17765208 houses and also issued challans to 8775 numbers of office and residential premises.

A senior SDMC official said that all the preventive steps have been taken to reduce the cases. "The key to prevention of Dengue is ensuring there is no clean stagnant water in homes and around, which does not allow the Aedes mosquitoes to breed, and therefore dengue cannot spread," he said

Dengue mosquito larvae breed in clear, standing water while those of malaria mosqui to thrive even in dirty water. Doctors have advised people to take precautions and ensure that there is no breeding of mosquito larvae around them.

Enthusiastic response to anti-pollution campaign, says Gopal Rai in the capital. A total of 2,500 good pace. The Aam Admi

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 $E_{\text{Rai on Friday said that}}^{\text{nvironment Minister Gopal}}$ people are enthusiastically supporting the Delhi Government's 'Red Light On, Gaadi Off' campaign which will be spread across all the assembly constituencies in the coming week,

Rai, who visited the Barakhamba Road-Tolstoy Road crossing along with councilors on the third day of the campaign, said, October 26 onwards the initiative will spread across all 70 constituencies by MLAs and on November 2, it will be implemented in 272 wards to reach as many people as possible.

Today councillors spread awareness at Barakhamba Road signal. We can see the enthusiasm in people of Delhi. On October 26, MLAs will take the initiative to all 70 constituencies. On November 2, this campaign will be implemented in 272 wards to reach and include as many people as possible," he said.

Explaining about measures being taken to control pollution, he said that Delĥi Pollution Control Board (DPCC) is closely monitoring 13 pollution hotspots in Delhi and biodecomposers have already been sprayed in 1000 acre of farm lands.

the campaign on October 21 at ITO traffic signal where he was seen asking people to turn off their vehicles at the red light, had appealed to the public to actively participate in the fight against pollu-

"People are enthusiastic and are becoming a part of this campaign. It is spreading in the city at a

SDMC issues 618 challans last week for flouting pollution norms

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Intensifying its campaign 📘 against pollution, South Municipal Corporation (SDMC) has issued 618 challan in last one week against burning of solid waste, garbage, dry leaves, and plastic, rubber and construction activities in all four zones.

A senior SDMC official said that all zones of the civic body issued challans for burning of solid waste, garbage, dry leaves, and plastic, rubber and construction activities. In last one week, 618 challans issued amounting to Rs.

97,88,235. "In Central Zone, 150 challans were issued amounting Rs 62,98,000 during night patrolling for under Solid Waste Management by laws and construction and air pollution under National Green Tribunal Act (NGT)

Act," he said. The official said that to control dust pollution, eight water sprinklers covered around 90 kms to settle down dust in the area

Party (AAP) government's campaign, which will go on till November 15, aims to spread awareness at 100 traffic signals

civil defence volunteers will be standing with placards, asking commuters to switch off commuters to switch off engines of their vehicles, at commuters turn off their vehi-

Rai had said that Delhi's vehicular pollution can be

traffic signals. He had appealed to the people of Delhi to act responsibly and stop burning fuel at traffic signals.

"The campaign is an attempt to reduce vehicular pollution. Delhi has around one crore registered vehicles. Altogether, vehicles burn fuel at

minutes every day. This campaign aims to stop fuel-burning at signals.



In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, immersion of Maa Durga's Idol in Yamuna River, water bodies or any artificial ponds is strictly prohibited

Delhi Pollution Control Committee's directions on idol immersion for Durga Puja 2020 are available at www.dpcc.delhigovt.nic.in



DOs

- Use only eco-friendly pooja samagri/ natural flowers etc. in prayers
- Use only natural colours for painting idols

DON'Ts

- . Do not use idols made of Plaster of Paris (PoP) / baked clay and toxic / chemical
- Do not use thermocol or plastic in decorations.

Note: Violations of directions issued under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 are punishable under section 15 of the said act, which include imprisonment upto 5 years and/or with fine which may be extended upto to ₹1 Lakh or with both

"Wish you a very happy Durga Puja! Stay Healthy, Stay Safe"

-Arvind Kejriwal

Department of Environment, Government of N.C.T. of Delhi



Navy ramps up operational readiness

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

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A gainst the backdrop of confrontation at the Line of Actual Control(LAC), the Armed forces have enhanced their readiness. The Navy in a demonstration of its combat preparedness in strategic sea lanes around India carried out exercises and released a video of an anti-ship missile destroying a sinking ship. The Navy will continue high tempo of operations in the coming months too given the security situation at

Giving details of the exercise, the Navy said here on Friday the target was hit with "deadly accuracy" somewhere in the Arabian Sea. The missile was fired from the frontline corvette INS Prabal. This firing was part of a mega naval drill involving aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya and a number of warships, attack helicopters, aircraft and other assets of the

Indian Navy



Spokesperson tweeted that the missile homed in on its target, an old ship, hitting with deadly accuracy at its maximum range. "#AShM launched by #IndianNavy Missile Corvette #INSPrabal, homes on with deadly accuracy at max range,

sinking target ship," he said. Navy chief Admiral Karambir Singh on Thursday reviewed the operational preparedness of his force at various shore-based locations as well as

He also addressed a select group of combatants of the Navy's Carrier Battle Group over a broadcast from the INS Vikramaditya, India's only aircraft carrier, and reviewed the force's overall combat readiness, officials said.

In his remarks, Admiral Singh complimented his force for continuously maintaining "peak combat-readiness" and 'high tempo" of operations over the past few months, they said.

The Indian Navy has significantly increased its deployment in the Indian Ocean Region, in an attempt to send across a message to China in the wake of escalation in tension between the two countries.

Giving an overview of the prevailing security situation, the Navy chief said the force will continue to maintain a hightempo of operations in coming

"He also complimented the Carrier Battle Group and its

combatants for accurate and effective weapon firings, which left no doubt about the Navy's readiness to meet any emergent contingencies," the Navy said in

A carrier battle group is a mega naval fleet comprising an aircraft carrier, accompanied by a large number of destroyers, frigates and other ships. "Indian Navy continues to

maintain a high tempo of operations and combat-readiness despite the COVID-19 pandemic by adhering to stringent protocols onboard warships, submarines and aircraft squadrons and bases, and is fully prepared to tackle challenges in the maritime domain," the Navy

Captured PLA soldier was carrying sleeping bag, storage device

The Chinese soldier, who was apprehended in Ladakh on Monday and released a day later by India, was found carrying a sleeping bag, an empty data storage device and mobile phone besides his military identity card. He was identified as Wang Ya, an armourer in the People's Army(PLA). Liberation

Giving this information here on Friday, sources said the soldier was caught in Demchok area of Eastern Ladakh. He was provided immediate medical assistance including oxygen, food and warm clothes given the harsh climatic conditions and high altitude. Both the armies have deployed more than one lakh soldiers besides heavy weapons all along the 1,800 km long LAC in Ladakh including Demchok.

The army on Monday had said the Chinese soldier had "strayed" into India from across the Line of Actual Control(LAC). Various security agencies interrogated him thoroughly for nearly one and half days and later handed him

back to the Chinese at the Chushul-Moldo border meet-

This goodwill gesture came ahead of the proposed eighth round of Corps Commander level talks between the two armies to find ways to quickly disengage from the stand-off sites now on for the last five months. Incidentally, the last seven rounds since the face-offs began in early May were held at the same border meeting point where the soldier was handed over to the PLA.

The last round was held on October 12 where both the commanders agreed to continue the process of dialogue to ease the situation at the volatile border. The sixth

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

On Monday, the army also said the Chinese army had requested it on the whereabouts of the missing soldier. It also said the soldier will be returned as per established protocols after

going through all formalities. Following the handing over of the PLA soldier to China, Chinese newspaper Global Times reported that the Indian army's decision was viewed as a positive sign ahead of the eighth round of military talks.

Despite the diplomatic and military level talks over past few months, there was no breakthrough on the disengagement of troops from the friction points so far.

India has all along maintained that the onus is on China to carry forward the

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

Following the sixth round of military talks, the two sides had announced a slew of decisions including not to send more troops to the frontline, refrain from unilaterally changing the situation on the ground and avoid taking any actions that may further complicate matters.

This round was held with a specific agenda of exploring ways to implement a fivepoint agreement reached between External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi at a meeting in Moscow on September 10 on the sidelines of a Shanghai Cooperation Organisation conclave.

The pact included measures like quick disengagement of troops, avoiding action that could escalate tensions, adherence to all agreements and protocols on border management and steps to restore peace along

Covaxin cleared for third phase of clinical trial



First-of-its-kind flash flood

warning system for South

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ovaxin, the coronavirus Cvaccine being developed by Hyderabad-based drug pharma Bharat Biotech in collaboration with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), has been cleared for the third phase of clinical trials.

The vaccine manufacture had applied to the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) on October 2, seeking its permission to conduct Phase 3 trials for its Covid-19 vaccine

"After successful completion of the interim analysis from the Phase 1 & 2 clinical als in 26,000 participants in vaccine, will be to see if the

over 25 centres across India," said Bharat Biotech in a state-

Covaxin is being developed byBharatBiotech in collaboration with ICMR's National Institute of Virology

The pharma firm had sought the DCGI's permission to conduct Phase 3 randomised double-blind placebo-controlled multi centre trial of its COVID-19 vaccine, the statement added. In July, the DCGI had

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

Biotech received DCGI the late-stage trial, used to approval for Phase 3 clinical tri- determine the efficacy of a

Aspirin use may cut death risk in severe Covid patients

Hospitalised Covid-19 patients who were taking

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a daily low-dose aspirin to protect against cardiovascular disease had a significantly lower risk of complications and death, compared to those who were not taking aspirin, researchers

Aspirin takers were less likely to be placed in the intensive care unit (ICU) or hooked up to a mechanical ventilator, and they were more likely to survive the infection compared to those who were not taking aspirin, the researchers said. In their study published in

the journal Anesthesia and Analgesia, they said that the observation provides "cautious optimism," for an inexpensive, accessible medication with a

Bharat Biotech's vaccine is

one of three candidates that are

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India is making all efforts for

toms of covid-19.

well-known safety profile that

could help prevent severe com-"This is a critical finding that needs to be confirmed

through a randomised clinical trial," said study leader Jonathan Chow from the University of Maryland in the US. "If our finding is confirmed, it would make aspirin

the first widely available, overthe-counter medication to reduce mortality in Covid-19 patients," Chow added.

To conduct the study, the research team culled through the medical records of 412 Covid-19 patients, age of 55

Serum Institute of India's

'Covishield'--which was devel-

oped by the University of the frontrunner among the

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

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

The researchers found aspirin use was associated with a 44 per cent reduction in the risk of being put on a mechanical ventilator, a 43 per cent decrease in the risk of ICU admission and - most importantly - a 47 per cent decrease in the risk of dying in the hospital compared to those who were not taking aspirin.

The patients in the aspirin group did not experience a significant increase in adverse events such as major bleeding

While Serum's Covishield

is in phase 3 and is considered

Doctors often recommend a daily low-dose aspirin for patients who have previously had a heart attack or stroke caused by a blood clot to prevent future blood clots.

Daily use, however, can increase the risk of major bleeding or peptic ulcer dis-

"We believe that the blood thinning effects of aspirin provides benefits for Covid-19 patients by preventing microclot formation," said study co-author Michael Á Mazzeffi.

'Those at increased bleeding risk due to chronic kidney disease, for example, or because they regularly use certain medications, like steroids or blood thinners. may not be able to safely take aspirin," he added.

move into late-stage trials.

two-dose shot can prevent a currently in human trials in Oxford and Astrazeneca plc— vaccines in India, Zydus Cadila,

Ivermectin lacks efficacy in Covid-19 treatment: ICMR study

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Widely used for treatment of intestinational parasites and scabies, anti-parastic drug, Ivermectin, may be off from the list of Union Health Ministry's Clinical Management Protocol for Covid-19 with a high-level panel of the ICMR citing lack of sufficient evidence on its efficacy based on randomised trials held in India and abroad.

Some states including Uttar Pradesh are already using the drug-off label not only as a treatment option but also as a prophylaxis against the virulent virus that has caused havoc across the world.

Already widely used against intestinational parasites and scabies, it is said to be relatively a safe and cheap

National Task Force for COVID-19 and the Joint Monitoring Group held its meeting recently to deliberate on whether the drug should be included in the national treatment guidelines.

"Following deliberations, experts decided not to include Ivermectin in the national clinical management protocol for Covid-19 because of lack of

pies" in the Clinical Management Protocol for Interestingly, a white paper on Ivermectin drug as poten-

tial therapy for Covid-19 prepared by head of King George's Medical University's (KGMU) respiratory medicine department Prof Surya Kant and other senior doctors from different states of India in July 2020 had found recognition by the World Health Organization (WHO). The paper published in the Indian Journal of Tuberculosis Elsevier is now a part of the global literature on Covid-19, getting space on WHO's website.

The abstract of the article states that "A group of senior doctors with vast clinical experience met on July 19, 2020, under the aegis of the Academy Advanced Medical Ivermectin, one of the old molecules and evaluated its use in Covid-19 management.

"After critical panel discussion, all the attending doctors came to a conclusion that Ivermectin can be a potential molecule for prophylaxis and treatment of people infected with novel coronavirus owing to its "anti-viral properties coupled with effective cost, availability and good tolerability and

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

hostage in Somalia Asian countries launched groups / channels. photos including the CSAM, sufficient evidence on its effi-The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has regthe CBI said in a statement. Searches were conducted cacy based on randomised tri-It was also alleged that in als held in India and abroad," recently at the premises of the istered a case against a private response to the advertisement accused at Delhi. The mobile said a senior officer from the phone recovered during the searches is being analysed and person of Delhi and unknown and after bargaining with the Ministry. customers / seekers, the accused received the payments others under relevant provi-The Health Ministry has sions of the Protection of further investigation is continallowed the use of remdesivir uing, it added. for restricted emergency use Children from Sexual Offences via Paytm / Google Pay among (POCSO) Act and the A Special Unit "Online others. purposes in moderate cases Information Technology Act, 2000. The accused had alleged-Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Prevention/ On receipt of payments, the accused allegedly shared under "investigational thera-

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first-of-its-kind system Afor South Asian countries-India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan — that will provide alerts for flash floods 6-24 hours in advance was launched at the India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Friday. India also shares cyclone warning alerts with neighbouring countries.

The Meteorological Department (WMO) has entrusted India with the responsibility of the Regional Centre of South Asia Flash Flood Guidance System for coordination, development and its implementation.

IMD director general Mrutunjay Mohapatra said at the online launch that the system will enable the member countries to issue impactbased forecasting of floods which are very sudden and of short duration at watershed and also city level. ber countries attended the

Flash floods are highly localised events of short duration with a very high peak and usually have less than six hours between the occurrence of the rainfall and peak

There is a general lack of flash flood warning capabilities and capacities among countries across the world. Recognising that flash floods have a particularly disastrous impact on lives and properties of the affected populations, the 15th WMO Congress had approved the implementation of a Flash Flood Guidance System (FFGS) project with global coverage.

The system has been developed by the WMO Commission for Hydrology, jointly with the WMO Commission for Basic Systems and in collaboration with the US National Weather Service, the US Hydrologic Research Centre (HRC).

Representatives of the mem-

Irelief and safe return of 33 Indians including 25 labourers from Uttar Pradesh from Mogadishu, Somalia, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said here on Friday. They were reportedly held hostage by a company there for the last eight months. Giving this assurance in a

weet message, Jaishankar said "MEA and our High Commission in Nairobi are working on relief & return of 33 Indians stuck in Mogadishu, Somalia. High Commission of India in Nairobi, Kenya has taken up their predicament with Somalian authorities. We are in touch with the Somali Embassy in India." He also said we "hope for an early resolution.

Sources said the Indians had joined the company 10 months ago.

In the first two months, the company treated them well, but from the last eight months, the workers were allegedly not paid their salaries.

CBI books persons under POCSO for posting obscene materials online

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

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

the link(s) of various group(s)/channel(s) of Telegram, in which objectionable material including CSAM, was being shared with members, the agency further said.

The accused allegedly sold the obscene videos / photos including CSAM for an amount of ₹250 by adding the

customer(s) / seekers into these

Investigation (OCSAE)" has been created in CBI, New Delhi for matters pertaining to online child sexual abuse and exploitation. Apart from receiving various references/information, the unit is undertaking investigation of various offences relating to online child sexual

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

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The construction of the new Parliament building will commence in December 2020 and is likely to be completed by October 2022. The existing Parliament House building will be suitably retro-fitted to provide more functional spaces for parliamentary events, to ensure its usage along with the new building. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla chaired a review meeting regarding the construction of the new Parliament House on Friday along with Union Minister Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri.

The new Building will have

Among other facilities for the Members, each seat for them in the Chambers will be comfortable (with blocks of two seats) and equipped with digital interfaces, which will be a step forward towards a paperless office. Besides Chambers of Lok

Sabha and Rajya Sabha, the new Building will have a grand 'Constitution Hall', which will house, among other things, the original copy of the Constitution, digital displays for showcasing India's democratic heritage, etc. It was informed that the visitors will be given access to this

separate offices for MPs. Hall to help them to appreciate and understand India's journey as a parliamentary democracy. The new Building will also have a MP's Lounge, a Library, six Committee rooms, dining areas and parking space.

During the meeting, Birla was briefed about the progress made in the shifting of facilities and other infrastructure from the area proposed for the construction of the new building. The barricading plan and the various mitigating measures to control the air and noise pollution during the construction process were elaborated.

HC ends its blanket order extending bails courts in view of the COVID-

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court has decided that its blanket order extending all interim stays and bails granted prior to and during the COVID-19 lockdown would not remain in effect after October 31. All undertrials whose bail

period was extended have to surrender in a phased manner between November 2 and November 13, it said. The court also said that

the order would also be applicable to 356 prisoners who were granted bail by the high court and they would have to surrender before the jail authorities on November 13.

The high court on August 24 had extended till October 31 all the interim orders which were to expire on or after August 31 in cases that are before it as also the district

19 pandemic.

A full bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and justices Siddharth Mridul and Talwant Singh said that bail granted by the trial court to 2,318 undertrial prisoners involved in heinous crimes and which was being extended from time to time on the basis of the high court's blanket extension order, would come to an end on October 31 and all of them have to surrender in a phased manner between November 2 and November 13. The surrender process

would start on November 2 with the prisoners of Central District, Tis Hazari Courts and would culminate on November 13 with the surrender of prisoners from Rouse Avenue Courts Complex, New Delhi, the high court said in its order of October 20.



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आवासन आयुक्त

Maha announces ₹10 cr aid for flood-hit farmers

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

Maharashtra Government on Friday announced a ₹10,000 crore relief package for the farmers who suffered huge crop losses during the heavy rain and the consequent floods witnessed in various parts of the State between June and October this

Talking to media persons after reviewing the situation arising out of heavy unseasonal rains and consequent floods in various parts of the state, chief minister Uddhav Thackeray unveiled a relief package for the affected farmers in Western Maharashtra, Marathwada and Konkan regions in the state. He said that the relief package would be disbursed to the farmers before the Diwali festival.

Of the total package, the Maharashtra government set aside ₹5,500 crop losses suffered by farmers,₹2,365 crore

for carrying out repairs damages caused to roads and bridges, ₹1,000 crore for repairing damaged rural roads and restoring water supply system. ₹300 crore for urban development works, ₹239 crore for electricity works and ₹102 crore water resource works.

Crops on more than 10 lakh hectares were destroyed in the torrential downpour in over 10 districts in the state.

The chief minister said that the farmers would be compensated for crop losses at the rate of ₹ 10,000 per hectare of irrigated and non-irrigated land and ₹25,000 per hectare of horticultural land.

Uddhav said that the state government would have come out with a bigger relief package for farmers, had it not been for the Covid 19-triggered financial crisis that his administration was dealing with.

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

gering ₹38,000 crore, which is due to the state towards compensation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) and devolution of taxes for the current fiscal (2020-21).

Earlier in the day, the chief minister presided over a meeting called to review the rain and flood situation in the state. Deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar, Revenue Minister Balasaheb Thorat, Water Resources Minister jayant Patil, Relief and Rehabilitation Minister Vijay Wadettiwar and Transport Minister Anil Parab were among the ministers present at the review meeting at the chief minister's official residence Varsha" here.

Uddhav had toured several parts of the rain and floodaffected affected areas in the state earlier this week. He had assured the farmers that the state government would come out with a relief package.

ED finds Kerala CM ex-secy's links with gold smuggling

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

The Enforcement Directorate has found that M Sivsankar, the former principal secretary to Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, has links with the gold smuggling cartel consisting of Swapna Suresh, Sarith and Sandeep The ED told Justice Ashok

Menon of the Kerala High Court hearing the anticipatory bail moved by Sivasankar that the agency was in possession of documentary evidences of the role played by the bureaucrat in facilitating the clearance of gold smuggled Thiruvananthapuram Airport. The Court after hearing both the sides said that it would announce the verdict on Octoiber 28. Justice Menon also asked the ED not to arrest Sivsankar till then though the agency was free to summon him

for questioning Sivsankar has misused his position as the undisputed power center in the Chief Minister's Office to manipulate and influence the gold smuggling activities, the ED told the court. The ED submitted all relevant details establishing Sivsankar's role in gold smuggling and money laundering in a sealed envelop to the court. The judge said that he needs time to go through the entire report submitted by the ED.

The ED also told the court that Sivasankar was trying to mislead the sleuths and officials who interrogated him in connection with the gold smuggling

Meanwhile the Congress and the BJP upped the ante demanding the resignation of Chief Minister Vijayan. "Vijayan is continuing in his chair only because of the help rendered by Swapna Suresh and Sivsankar. The duo and Vijayan are functioning as a mutual help cooperative society. Sivsankar and Swapn are going out of the way to help Vijayan from the case," charged Chennithala.

K Surendran, president, Kerala BJP, said that his party would launch a State-wide agitation seeking the immediate resignation of Vijayan.

Mufti: Will not raise national flag till restoration of J&K's special status

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

triking a "discordant" note in Sher maiden press conference after her 14 month long detention ended, Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Chief and former Jammu & Kashmir Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti on Friday crossed 'lakshman rekha' while claiming she would not raise the national flag until Jammu & Kashmir's flag, constitution and the special status were restored.

Attacking the Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) led Union government at the centre Mehbooba openly challenged them too by claiming "country will run on the Constitution and not on the BJP's manifesto".

Sitting in front of the flag of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir in the lawns of her Gupkar residence, Mehbooba said "those who feel we have abandoned Kashmir are mistaken". Taking another dig at the centre she made another provocative remark 'dacoits snatched our flag'.

When Mehbooba Mufti ernment has failed to solve the was asked whether she was going to hold the Tricolor, she claimed, "My flag is this (pointing to the J&K flag on the table). When this flag comes back, we'll raise that flag (Tricolour) difficulties". too. Until we get our own flag back, we won't raise any other flag...This flag forged our relationship with that flag. Our relationship with the flag of this country is not independent of

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

this flag (Jammu and Kashmir's

flag). When this flag comes in

our hand, we will raise that flag

"They say you can buy land in J&K, we've abrogated Article 370. Then they said they will give free vaccines. Today, PM Modi had to speak of Article 370 for votes. This govissues of this nation". She said, the Constitution she believed in has been desecrated. "We need to unite and then only we can fight, no doubt we might face Referring to the Abrogation of Article 370

Mehbooba said, "On August 5, 2019 a dacoity took place and the Government of India snatched our special status illegally, undemocratically and unconstitutionally". She went on to claim, "a robber may be mighty but he has to return the stolen goods". "They demolished the constitution of India. Parliament had no power to take away our special status. Dictatorship will not continue for long", angry Mehbooba pointed out.

Responding to some tough questions posed by the local media persons, Mehbooba Mufti said, "I will not hesitate to give my blood for the restoration of special status. "Now it is time for leaders to sacrifice for the cause

Khadse joins NCP, threatens to expose BJP leaders linked with land scam

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

 $M_{
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m inutes}$ after he formally Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), former Bharatiya Janata Party leader Eknath Khadse on Friday fired his first salvo at his erstwhile party by threatening to expose the land scams involving the State BJP leaders in the coming weeks.

Two days after after he resigned from the primary membership of the BJP, 68-year-old Khadse, his daughter Rohini Khadse-Khevalkar and 72 party activists from his home district of Jalgaon district ioined the NCP in the presence of the party's national president Sharad Pawar, State party unit president Jayant Patil and sev-Khadse indicated that

many more BJP leaders from the State, who were not happy with the J P Nadda-led party would join the NCP in the coming months. "Many people from the BJP wanted to join the NCP. But, due to technical difficulties, they are not joining the NCP. After the Corona crisis blows over, I intend to hold a mega rally in Jalgaon where you will know what is the strength of Nathabhau (as Khadse is known in the state political circles)," Khadse said.

Without taking the name of former chief minister and senior BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis whom he has accused of harassing him for four long years, Khadse targeted Fadnavis once again for "foisting" a molestation charge against him and ordering several inquiries against him. "A woman was used by

them to malign me. They case of molestation was registered against me. Several inquiries were ordered against Rohini was forced to contest the State Assembly in October last year. I had not asked the party that my daughter be given a ticket," Khadse said.

Recalling a conversation with State NCP president Jayant Patil, Khadse said: "In a conversation with Jayant Patil some time, I had expressed my desire to join the NCP. Patil jocularly told me: if you join the NCP, then the BIP will unleash ED against me. Then I told him: if the BJP unleashes ED against me, then I will release CDs against the BJP leaders".

Khadse went to hand out to the BJP leaders that he would expose them about their alleged involvement in land scams. "The BJP-led government had harassed me by framing me in pass, I will expose all such BJP who grabbed plots of land illegally... I will also demand action

Welcoming Khadse to his party, Pawar said that with the entry of the ex-BJP leader, the NCP would grow further in north Maharashtra. "The people in Khandesh (north Maharashtra) were all along close to the Gandhi-Nehru ideology. But, in between, there was some change in the political atmosphere in the region. Now, with the entry of Nathabhau, the second chapter has begun in Khandesh. He has promised to build the NCP in Khandesh. I believe in him

Dismissing speculation in a section of media that there was unhappiness over the entry of Khadse and that he might be made a minister, Pawar said: reading all kinds of speculative reports in the media. There is no truth in the speculation me. I was sidelined within the Assembly polls. My daughter against those who slapped cases that Ajit Pawar is unhappy over Khadse's entry to the NCP.

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

Earlier, in his welcome speech, State NCP President Jayant Patil said that it was rather "unfortunate" that Khadse had suffered a lot humiliation in the BJP because of trumped up charges. This was despite his contribution to the growth of the BJP in the

"Now that he has joined the NCP, the people in the BJP will realise that "Tiger (Khadese) Zinda Hai' and 'picture abhi baaki hai'. His entry will strengthen the NCP," Patil said.

Beginning his career as a Khadse was elected to the State Assembly for six terms from 1989 till 2019, from his home town Muktainagar.

the Sena-BJP government (1995-1999). Subsequently he became a Leader of Opposition in the State Assembly. He was a strong contender for the chief minister when the BJP came to power in the state in 2014. However, Devendra Fadnavis pipped him to the post.

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

within the BJP ever since June 4, 2016, when he resigned from his post as the State Revenue Minister over irregularities in the purchase of a plot of land at Bhosari in Pune district. Later in May 2018, Maharashtra's Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) clean chit to Khadse in the alleged Pune land scam. He finally quit the BJP on

Mumbai cops register FIR against Republic TV staffers for creating disaffection among police force

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

The Mumbai police on The Mumbai police on Friday registered a First Information Report (FIR) against several staffers of Republic TV network for allegedly trying to incite and create disaffection among the members of the police force and also defaming the Mumbai police through "defamatory" news stories.

Acting on a complaint filed by sub-inspector Shashikant Pawar of Special Branch-1, the NM Joshi Marg Police registered an FIR against several staffers of Republic TV network for allegedly trying to create disaffection among the members through a "baseless" story that a revolt had broken out within the force against Mumbai Police Commissioner Param Bir

The Republic TV staffers who have been named in the FIR are: Executive Editor Niranjan Narayanswamy, deputy news editor Sagarika Mitra, anchor/senior associate editor, Shivani Gupta, deputy editor Shawan Sen, other editorial staff and newsroom in-

charge.
The Republic TV staffers have been booked under section 3(1) of the Police (Incitement to Disaffection) Act 1922+ read with Section 500 (Punishment for defamation) and 34 (acts done by sevcommon intention) of Indian Penal Code. In his complaint, subinspector Pawar ĥas said that

eral persons in furtherance of

the television channel and its staffers aired certain reports on Thursday (Oct. 22) which, among other things, sought to deliberately defame the Mumbai Police force and its head, Police Commissioner Param Bir Singh.

The report in question, according to the FIR, pertained to one headlined "Revolt Against Param Bir? Senior Officers Part of Probe Give Details".

things said: "Republic has exclusive information that there is rebellion against Mumbai top cop, within the Mumbai police growing...., So now rebellion is also brewing within the Mumbai police force itself, this of course a matter of their own institutional credibility, .. Shiv Sena is in fact following the case very closely and he has confirmed this to use..., Param Bir Singh is hell-bent on tarnishing the image of Mumbai police force...There is now rebellion of brewing subordinates from

On its part, Republic TV described the FIR as 'shocking', 'witch-hunt' and 'a shocking assault on media rights indulged in by the Mumbai

Cong-led UDF is led by Muslim League in Kerala: LDF

KOCHI: Kodiyeri Balakrishnan, the CPI(M) secretary, charged on Friday that the Congress in Kerala has surrendered the leadership of the party to the P K Kunhalikutty-M M Hassand-Jama at e Islami. "It is this triumvirate which will lead the United Democratic Front in the next Assembly election in the State," Balakrishnan told media persons while announcing the CPI(M)-led LDF's decision to admit the Kerala Congress (Mani) to the front.

The CPI(M) boss in Kerala said

that the leadership of the Congress-led UDF would be vested with the Muslim League hereafter. "Earlier, the UDF was led by the Kunhalikutty-K M Mani-Oommen Chandi axis. Now the leadership of the UDF has been handed over to the axis consisting of M M Hassan, Kunhalikutty, and M I Abdul Aziz (the Ameer of Jamaat e Islami, Kerala)," charged Balakrishnan.

Kunhalikutty is the all India general secretary of the Muslim League and is rated as the main strategist and strongman of the party. Hyder Ali

Shihab Thangal, the scion of the Kadappanakkal Family which leads the Muslim League has appointed Kunhalikutty as the point-man of the party for the upcoming elections to the local bodies and state assembly. Hassan, Congress leader is the UDF convenor and the party's poster boy. The general feeling among Kerala's commentators is that the CPI(M) is playing the Hindu card with this alle-

gation.
"The Marxists fear that there would be a consolidation of minori-

ty votes in the next assembly election. The minorities are likely to vote for the seasoned commentator.

Lo Sabha seats in the State.

Five killed in blast in TN fireworks factory Congress-led UDF and this has put the | Madurai (TN): At least five people, including

Marxists in a tight spot. That's the rea- | three women, were killed in a blast at a private son why they went out of the way and | fireworks factory here on Friday, police said. pleaded with the Kerala Congress Citing initial probe, police said chemicals which (Mani) to join the LDF," said P Rajan, were being mixed and stuffed caught fire due former editor of Mathrubhumi and a to friction leading to a series of explosions, severely damaging the structure. The victims He said the Assembly election were charred to death.

would see the repeat pattern of the Several other workers managed to escape to 2019 Lok Sabha election from the safety, police said, adding fire service units State. The UDF won 19 out of the 20 | from Virudhunagar and Srivilliputhur were used to put out the blaze

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

PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH

 $\mathbf{I}^{ ext{n}}$ Ghaziabad, Valmiki society has got a strong reaction to the religious conversion of 50 Valmiki families to Buddhism in protest of Hathras incident. Leaders of the society have said that this is the personal decision of these people. But it is wrong to relate this decision to the Hathras incident. Such a step cannot be a solution to a fight. We have to fight for the rights but conversion is wrong. We have trust in our law.

The intelligence system is gathering input for whatever has happened in Ghaziabad, For this, the teams have been constantly reconnaissance in the neighborhood.

Shyoraj Jeevan, a former member of the National Sanitation Commission said "we will fight against the oppression on us by staying in the same caste. We will always be a Valmiki. All the people of

converted Christianity but people still

called them Valmiki Christian. No battle is fought by caste or religious conversion. What has happened in Hathras incident, we would say that despite being Hindu, we had to face persecution in the Hindu government. We had to fight for justice. The upper castes do not support us and even sometimes they beat us on going to the temples and the

tube well. If the government

prohibits such incidents then

why would anyone change

their religion? But I would like

Ghaziabad that they have done

tell the people of

Billu Chauhan, State General Secretary, Sanitation Labor Union told that "I cannot comment on why this happened in Ghaziabad. But this never happened in Aligarh nor will it happen. We have a faith

Government and the law. We put our side in the Hathras incident in democracy. It is a different matter whether the government agrees or not. The problem we have is that we are called Hindus, but we do not get justice in this Hindu government with that status. For this, we fought our battle in Hathras incident and will fight further if needed". Pradeep Bhandari, Chairman City Cleaning Labor Bhandari,

Union said that "people of Ghaziabad have their own faith and are free to take any decision. There is no restriction on conversion. But we have nothing like this here. The government has accepted our demands about their decision in the Hathras incident. Now we have faith in the CBI investigation and the court. The court will give its verdict based on the outcomes of investiga-

Female foeticide will lead to big problem Aligarh: Navratri worship is

held in whole country as a symbol of women empowerment and all nine images of chain daughters. Dugra deity are worshiped for nine days and on the last day, girls are fed with the end of puja. But shortage of girls had hit hard

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

JNMC faculty gets award

Aligarh: Mr Salman Khalil. Associate Professor, Department of Community Medicine J N Medical College (JNMC), Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) has been conferred with the VDGOOD Professional Association Hyderabad's 'Best Researcher Award' for his contributions to collaborative and methodologic research in the applications of statistical methods to the field of medicine, and for showing

excellence in biostatistics teaching

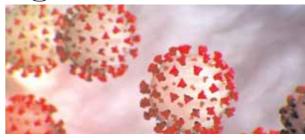
Morcha for reservation of SC/ST/OBC in AMU

PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH

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

Saurabh Chaudhary will be the Morcha president and Amit Goswami will be the general secretary. In a meeting at Center Point, the Front leaders told the media persons that in AMU, scheduled caste, tribe and backward class students are deprived of reservation for 100 years.

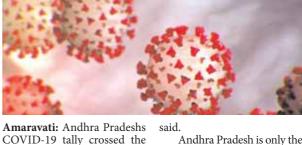
Covid-19 tally crosses eight lakh in Andhra



COVID-19 tally crossed the eight lakh mark on Friday but the infections declining trend was clearly evident as the last lakh cases came in a longer span of 23 days. A record 80,238 samples

were tested in 24 hours ending 9 am on Friday, turning out 3,765 fresh cases of the pandemic and taking the cumulative to 8,00,684.Also, 4,281 patients got cured while 20 more succumbed, the latest bulletin said.

The state now has 31,721 active cases after 7,62,419 recoveries and 6,544 deaths, it



second state to log over eight lakh COVID-19 cases after Maharashtra which has recorded more than 16 lakh infections. The total infection count of Andhra Pradesh crossed the seven-lakh mark on October 1, taking 14 days to rise from six lakh. It had breached five lakh cases on September 17 after reaching the first one lakh on July 27.

The state so far tested 74.28 lakh samples for the infection, at the rate of 1,39,101 per million, with an overall positivity rate of 10.78 per cent.

Bihar reports 1,093 new cases, 8 more deaths

Patna: Bihar on Friday reported 1,093 new Cases of COVID-19, taking the state's tally to 2,10,388, as per a bulletin issued by the Health Department. The state also recorded eight more COVID-19 deaths, following which the toll rose to 1,034, it said. Two of the latest deaths

were reported from Patna, while one each from Muzaffarpur, Nalanda, Jehanabad, Begusarai, Purnea and Saran, it said. The Patna district, which has reported 34,055 cases so far with 2,532 patients undergoing treatment at present, has registered the highest number of COVID-19 deaths in the state at 256. The recovery rate has increased to 94.32 per cent in the state, the bulletin said.

Total 1,41,869 samples were tested for COVID-19 on Thursday.

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Vaccine politics

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Perhaps the BJP forgot that as a party in governance, it is answerable to all citizens, not just those of poll-bound States



olitical adventurism shouldn't trespass reason. And governance is about contextual maturity. Besides, certain issues are just not meant to be politicised, especially something as serious as the Coronavirus vaccine, a hope that's sustaining the entire nation which could still end up being the worst-hit in the world. That, too, at a time when an effective vaccine is like the proverbial El Dorado, as trials are still going on and there is no proof yet that it would work on a mass scale. Even assuming it does, every citizen, graded according to priority and co-morbidities, has a right to be administered a shot. And any smart Government would try to sound

altruistic enough about protecting all citizens, if not mean it, only to reap political gains. Agreed politics is all about making tall claims that are rarely achieved. Still, for all the eloquence, there ought to be some sense of prudence and judgment. Most importantly, no party can advocate anything that is morally questionable. In this sense, the ruling BJP has overreached itself a bit much, promising the voters in Bihar free vaccines, without realising that it is implicitly saying that official benefits will now flow selectively among those who vote for it as a quid pro quo. That sounds as bad as a public threat. Worse, its promise is not just another instance of poll populism — it's an attempt to manipulate the anxieties caused by the most lethal pandemic to have ravaged the world in more than a century. And when somebody like Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman makes the announcement, it shows that the Government is desperate about the poll arithmetic of the party it represents than pursuing holistic policies, that it is cavalier about the demands of science and health protocols and is unconcerned about lives, leave alone being compassionate. However, this isn't the first time the party has made such questionable promises. There was talk that Prime Minister Narendra Modi wanted to launch a home-grown COVID vaccine by August 15 to mark the nation's 72 years of Independence. Apparently, the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) was under pressure to fast-track clinical trials but widespread criticism about compromising efficacy for the sake of political expediency and pressure from scientists ensured that a life and death question was not made a mockery of. Yet the BJP's claim of free vaccine doses has already trivialised a grave issue into a point-scoring exercise. A similar announcement followed in Tamil Nadu, where the elections are due next year. AIADMK leader and Chief Minister E Palaniswami promised the shots on the basis of his proximity to the BJP. In other words, tradeoffs of this nature will be made to buy the allegiance of federal parties. One wonders what the BJP's stand would be in Bengal, where it is seeking to dislodge the Trinamool Congress? But the BJP's fatal flaw has certainly galvanised the Opposition. Delhi Chief Minister and leader of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Arvind Kejriwal was quick to point out the plight of the people in non-BJP ruled States while National Conference leader Omar Abdullah called the announcement a "blatant populism" that "shamefully exploits COVID fears." He even wondered if the BJP would be paying for these vaccines from the party treasury. So when the Union Minister of State for Health, Ashwini Chaubey, tried to clear the air, it was too little too late. According to him, the Centre had prepared an elaborate plan on distributing the vaccine and identifying those who would be given "preference." He even added that every State would be given free Coronavirus vaccines. But Amit Malviya of the BJP's IT cell further complicated matters when he said that like all programmes, the Centre would provide vaccines to States at a nominal rate. And health being a State subject, the Bihar BJP unit had decided to give it free if elected and that other State Governments, too, can decide to do the same. This is not unexpected, as it has become normal for the ruling dispensation to change its stand on what subjects under the State List can be manipulated by the Centre. Except that the Opposition is not buying this narrative with the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) urging the Election Commission to restrain the BJP from "signing a poll deal using the vaccine."

The larger concern is that the political parties will still get away making wild claims during the Bihar elections, the results of which will be announced in November. And no trial results will be available before December, leave aside the prospect of a rollout by the beginning of next year. Would the voter bet on something that has still not seen the light of day? The Government should instead focus on the vaccine administration process and set up a seamless cold chain infrastructure, both of which are humongous challenges. Vaccine preservation is a tricky business as wide swathes of vials could go bad if safety norms are not adhered to and the temperature controls are not monitored strictly. The COVID vaccine has to be stored at temperatures lower than other known vaccines. The Serum Institute has already raised questions on the Government's ability to keep aside ₹80.000 crore for the rollout. Is the Government equipped to handle this without roping in the private sector? If so, how much will the private sector be ready to subsidise costs? Besides, how will those at risk be mapped, considering that most Indians have a heavy disease burden and comorbidities? Vaccine distribution and administration will be no less of a logistical challenge than the general elections and will require the Centre and States to work together. So before it promises the moon, the BJP should realise that gravity is rude and it alone would land with a thud if it doesn't pursue collaborative politics on COVID for its own good.

Filthy air?

US President Donald Trump has a point about Indian air quality and it is no laughing matter



eople living in north India, particularly Delhi, under truly choking conditions would not really disagree with US President Donald Trump's statement about India's air being filthy. They should hope that this ultimate repudiation of our ambient quality and pollution in a US presidential debate might force the Central and State Governments to finally do something about it. Like it or not, Delhi's air knocks years off the lives of its citizens and if farmers want the sympathy of the urban populace and the media over the new Acts, they will not get it till they stop burning stubble that leaves a haze and blocks sunlight every morning. The per-

sistently poor air quality in India is now officially a global joke and our politicians' reluctance to deal with the issue holistically because they do not want to irritate their agricultural votebank is an even bigger one. Hundreds of crores have been raised as green cess in Delhi; why is this money not being used to subsidise agricultural machinery for farmers in North India so that they can get rid of crop waste in an eco-friendly manner? The lives of our children are being ruined by chronic pulmonary conditions such as asthma and politicians are trying to blame everything under the sun but the most obvious cause. They can't even attack the automotive industry anymore as it has moved to very low emission BS-6 vehicles now. There could soon be medical evidence to prove a direct connection between high levels of pollution and the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. Say what you will about Donald Trump, he does speak about a lot of things without filtering them through political doublespeak. He was proven right about China and he is absolutely right about Indian air quality.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has the political capital to do something about this and he must because inaction on this front will taint his legacy. The right to clean air should be a given and like it or not, this impacts the poor and underprivileged whom Modi and even Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal claim to stand for the most. The chattering classes with access to air purifiers can afford to live with it. So whether Trump remains in office or the US gets a 46th President, the time for Indian politicians to act is now.

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Recall Frontier Gandhi

Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan was a rare example of community transition, who showed how easy it was to shed the cult of violence and walk the path of peace



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ndia completed the yearlong celebrations of the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on October 2. One had the privilege of participating in several learned deliberations on the relevance of Gandhian ideas in the present context. In most of these, it was rather a unanimous conclusion that Gandhi's principles, values and his life could give a healing touch to suffering humanity in a world characterised by wars, violence, distrust, hatred, fundamentalism, terrorism, arms race, hunger, poverty, ill-health and much more. Peace, non-violence and religious harmony remain elusive commodities. And Gandhi successfully demonstrated a nonviolent path to human dignity, harmony and liberty. He could influence leading personalities within and beyond India, who plunged headlong into creating a peaceful world by following his values and successfully achieving attitudinal transformation within their communities and nation.

The life of Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, also known as Bacha Khan and Frontier Gandhi, presents one of the most scintillating examples of achieving a rare community transition from violence as a cult to the path of peace and love as the value of total commitment. His name may appear just as unfamiliar to most young Indians as his role as a stalwart in the Indian freedom struggle, and after Independence, as a fighter for his people in Pakistan, that he waged till his last breath on January 20, 1988. He finds little resonance even in India for various reasons.

In July 1942, Jawaharlal Nehru issued a statement on the happenings in the Frontier Province – now in Pakistan — clearly indicating how scarce the news from there was, and that too, was "often tainted and contained many wrong allegations." Nehru had personally experienced difficulty, during his own visits to the Frontier Province, in sending out proper news through normal agencies or that restrictions on such news being sent out were stricter in the Frontier Province than elsewhere in India. He then revealed a painful truth: "The result is that the people in the rest of India know little of what is happening in this highly important part of the

personality could only be termed unparalleled. He gave a new interpretation of force, courage and valour to his people and the community. This, he could do through his creative

country." In this very statement, Nehru wrote about Frontier Gandhi. He said: "Few people know about the work that Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan has been carrying on during the last six months. He does not believe in ostentation but he has gone to villages seeing his people, organising them and encouraging them in every way. Thus, he has covered the entire province."

Apart from numerous impediments from various quarters, Khan also had to face false propaganda of vested interests. Born in 1890, he was greatly touched by the devastating misery of his own people which, he concluded, was due to the lack of education and consequent ignorance. He started schools and the British did not like it. He was 19 when he was first imprisoned and then it was a life in and out of jails of the Britishers, and then the Government of Pakistan, His historic movement, Khudai Khidmatgar, was launched to overcome poverty and banish the British from India. He was, till the end of the freedom struggle, for a united India.

Khan was inspired by Gandhi's message of non-vioit would be to convince his "freedom-loving" Pathans to execute the idea. He had the courage and conviction to accept the challenge and he achieved this miracle. The type of attitudinal transformation achieved by this charismatic

leadership, deep and thoughtful interpretation of Islam as a religion of peace. He was a man with a universal message of brotherhood and camaraderie. He knew how vibrant the cultural heritage of his people and the region was, and how this cradle of learning and culture sank "into a state where there was no room left for such good work such as education and learning?

While India was celebrating the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, an erudite scholar of post-Independence history, RNP Singh, was searching literature and sources in libraries and institutions to put up an authentic account of the great Gandhian, Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan. And how India ignored his contributions which had the potential to bring forth peace not only to the erstwhile North-West Frontier Province (NWFP), Afghanistan and Baluchistan but to the entire Middle East region, and even

Singh has established, based on his study, how great was the measure of wrong done to this frontline freedom fighter and an exceptional devotee of Gandhi. În his seminal work, Durand line: Did India Fail Frontier Gandhi, Singh very

succinctly summarises: "He was among the very few leaders of undivided India who, by dint of their sincere effort and selfless service to their people, rose to eminence and earned a niche for themselves in the top political hierarchy of the country. Yet in spite of having earned a place among the galaxy of eminent leaders, Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan never advanced his claims to recognition in the Indian context." One could say without hesitation that India failed Bacha Khan, his Pakhtoon people and the NWFP. There is no other way out of this but to follow the path shown by Gandhi and Bacha Khan.

During the freedom struggle, Gandhi tried his best to persuade the Muslim League and Mohammad Ali Jinnah to give up the two-nation theory. He failed in his persuasion and India suffered the ghastly tragedy of the Partition. And we still need persistent efforts to strengthen our efforts to cement the age-old mutual harmony between the two major communities

Inspired by the increasing influence of Gandhi, whose influence the remote North-Western part of the empire and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, young Bacha Khan opened schools for both boys and girls. He organised young people under the banner of servants of God — Khudai Khidmatgar

who, contrary to the prevalent tradition, decided to follow the Gandhian path to achieve freedom for India and its people. To these highly motivated and committed people, his message was, "The fundamental principles of all religions are the same though the details differ because each faith takes the colour and flavour of the soil from which it springs... I cannot contemplate a time when there will be one religion for the whole world." And this came from a devout Muslim who never missed a namaaz and who also had "the spirit of brotherhood" innate in himself more than many so-called orthodox Muslims.

Religious fundamentalists and protagonists of the twonation theory, expectedly, disliked him and his approach and inflicted numerous cruelties on him and his followers once they came to power. The persona of this Frontier Gandhi, sufferings that he endured even after Independence, must be revealed to young Indians, who are working for religious amity as the core value that could lead India to its destination of honour and acceptability in a strifetorn world. What happened to Bacha

Khan or what was done to him is summed up by Mohammed Arif Khan in the foreword to the treatise by Singh: "As an Indian, I feel that what we did to Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan and the Pashtuns in 1957 was very unfair. The Pashtuns had voted in 1946 for a united India but the decision of the Indian leadership reduced them to being subservient to the breakers of Indian unity. The result was that Khan and his followers were treated as traitors and he spent more time in jails of Pakistan after 1947 than in British jails before 1947." All this happened in spite of the fact that the top Indian leadership of the freedom struggle was fully aware of the significance of Bacha Khan's contribution and his unflinching commitment to a united India. Sadly enough, India was divided. Even Gandhi, who had declared that Partition could take place only over his dead body, accepted it. All that the great Bacha Khan could say to the Indian leadership that had accepted the Partition of this great country was: "You have thrown us to and his were left at the mercy of those who never liked him for his liberal stance on Indian culture, history and his progressive ideas about religious harmony

and social cohesion. (The writer works in education and social cohesion)

air pollution caused the death

of 4,76,000 new-borns in 2019

and nearly two-thirds of the

deaths came from harmful

fumes emanating from cooking

fuels. The study also highlight-

ed that more than 1,16,000

Indian infants died due to air

pollution in 2019. So, while

Trump's comment might sting,

the Indian Government should

take the poor air quality of

India, especially Delhi, seri-

ously. The blame game between

the Centre and the States needs

to stop and adequate steps

Bhagwan Thadani

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

Prime Minister



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

-Pankaj Advani



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

UK Prime Minister



enough vaccines will be available for all of our seniors as well as our healthcare workers and first responders.

US HHS Secretary



LETTERS

BJP's new low

Sir — The BIP has sunk to a new low by promising free Coronavirus vaccine shots for the people of Bihar. This only proves that the party is fearful of being defeated and hence is selling the fear of the pandemic to the people. The fact of the matter is that the Coronavirus vaccine is not the private property of the BJP and it cannot decide which States can have free access to it. Its leaders need to realise that they are also in power at the Centre and the entire country's well-being is their concern and not limited to the States that are or might be under their rule. If they want to give away free vaccines, then they will have to do so in all the States and not only in Bihar. After the dismal performance of the Janata Dal (United)-BJP coalition in handling the pandemic, the returnee migrants' issues and not to forget the floods, the NDA is offering free vaccines to woo the electorate. It should instead focus on improving the conditions in core sectors like education, employment and

healthcare

Noor Ahmad Hyderabad

Death penalty is not a deterrent

he Karnataka High Court rightly said that an "attack on anybody's daughter is an attack on our daughter." The observation came in the context of upholding the trial court's order of sentencing seven accused to life imprisonment for the gang-rape of a law student on the Jnana Bharathi campus in Bengaluru in 2012. The court noted that the difference between the 2012 Nirbhaya case and the gang-rape of the law student was that in the former, the girl died but in the latter, the survivor discontinued her studies and traumatised, returned to her homeland in Nepal.

The High Court has recommended amending provisions of the Indian Penal Code to include capital punishment for gang-rape in addition to the existing provisions of life imprisonment with fine. The death penalty already exists for rape-cum-murder cases, as in the Nirbhaya case, but is not applicable for cases of gangrape in which there has been no death. However, studies don't prove that the death penalty is a deterrent. It could also lead to perpetrators making sure that their



victims are left dead or in no state to make a complaint or recognise them. Also, in a larger number of cases, the accused is known to the victim and the looming fear of the former being handed out a death penalty could stop one's family from reporting the crime. Hence, we need to strengthen the process of rehabilitation.

KV Seetharamaiah Hassan

should be taken.

Low-key festivities

Sir — The festive season has started but at no cost should we let our guard down during the ongoing pandemic. We will have to celebrate with caution. Use of face masks, adhering to social distancing and avoiding crowded areas should be everyone's priority. This year, let us pray from our humble abodes. Rishav Vatsh

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Noxious haze

Sir — Once again, US President Donald Trump has made a critical reference to India during a presidential debate. Earlier, he had questioned India's Coronavirus data amid criticism of his handling of the pandemic. And recently he called India's air "filthy" while claiming that the US has the "lowest

Trump's claim, the US stands second in the world in terms of carbon emission. It leaves a bigger carbon footprint than the majority of the world's population. However, in terms of his comment on India's poor air quality, the truth is that he was just stating a known fact. New Delhi has indeed been blanketed in a noxious haze. Smoke

carbon emission." Contrary to

from stubble burning in its neighbouring States, vehicle fumes and industrial emissions have been turning the Capital's air toxic every winter. It was the world's most polluted capital city for the second straight year in 2019, according to Swissbased group, IQ AirVisual. Additionally, according to the State of Global Air 2020 study, that was released on October 21,

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An exaggerated clampdown

The youth in the streets of Lagos may not realise that their rebellion could endanger a corrupt system, but those who benefit from it certainly do



he young Nigerians who were protesting at Lekki Toll Plaza in Lagos recently were not the African touring company of Les Misérables. Lekki is one of the poshest suburbs of Lagos, full of gated communities and most of the protesters were literate, media-savvy youths who reeked of urban cool. The army killed them anyway. Or maybe it killed them precisely because of who they were. IZZY@theleventh, who does not explicitly say he was there, tweeted: "They removed the cameras two hours before, turned off the street light and the LED billboard and deployed soldiers to open fire at the crowd singing the national anthem...they brought tanks!! Over 78 people are dead. The Nigerian Army then began to put the dead bodies in their trucks.

The numbers may be exaggerated: One eyewitness told the *BBC* he had counted about 20 bodies and at least 50 injured after the soldiers opened fire. Official sources have denied that anybody was killed, or that the army was even there. But Channels Television has videos showing men in Nigerian Army uniform walking calm-Iv up to the barricade and firing into an angry but non-violent crowd. The massacre comes after two weeks of protests, mostly in southern Nigeria, that were initially targeted on the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS).

Almost all Nigerian police forces are corrupt and brutal, but SARS specialised in robbing, torturing and sometimes murdering prosperous and trendy young people. If you were young, had hair of a different colour or tattoos, and were in a flashy car, you stood a statistically significant chance of having an unpleasant encounter with SARS. The protests began two weeks ago after pictures allegedly showing a man being beaten to death by SARS circulated on social media. Muhammadu Buhari, a military dictator 35 years ago and now back at 77 as Nigeria's elected President, recognised the danger and acted fast. Within two days he abolished SARS, promising it to replace it with a kinder, gentler force — but the protesters had heard that story before, and besides they had already moved on to broader targets.

Nigeria is a powder keg at the best of times, and with lengthy lockdowns this is not the best of times. Protests exploded across southern Nigeria, and not all were non-violent. On October 19 a mob burned a police station in Yaba, another upscale suburb of Lagos, and 120 km to the east in Benin City armed crowds freed more than a thousand prisoners from two jails. The State claims that the protests have been infiltrated by criminals and in some places that is clearly true, but that's not why the ruling political class is panicking. That's not why they shot down well-educated, trendy but law-abiding young people in Lekki. It's because those in power fear a youth revolt that could not only transform the country, but

Nigeria, Africa's most populous nation (200 million people) is really two countries. The southern, mostly Christian half, with all the oil and ports and most of the industry, is around 95 per cent literate. Only one of the 19 northern, mostly Muslim States is over 50 per cent literate, and half the young women in the northern region have no formal education whatever. Naturally, relative prosperity shows the same disparity. Only 27 per cent of the southerners live below the poverty line and 72 per cent of the northerners do. Yet it is young southerners who are on the brink of revolt, because it is the political domination of the north that keeps the ruling kleptocracy in power.

It starts with the army, whose officer corps has been dominated by Muslim northerners since colonial times. That is why Muslim military dictators and elected presidents from the north have ruled Nigeria for 38 of the 60 years since independence, but even Christian presidential candidates from the south are in hock to northern interests. The traditional rulers and religious authorities of the north control the big banks of voters that can be sold to the highest bidder, and it is in their interest to keep those voters ignorant and obedient. The southern kleptocrats, who buy the votes, have an equally strong interest in the system as it lets them go on stealing: One-third of Nigeria's oil revenues over the past 50 years have ended up in foreign bank accounts.

The young men and women in the streets of Lagos may not realise that their rebellion could endanger an entire corrupt system, but those who benefit from it certainly do. Which is why their response has been so extreme. What happens next matters a lot, because 25 years from now Nigeria will have overtaken the US in population and become the third-biggest country in the world. It would be nice if by then it was a stable, well-educated democracy where prosperity extended beyond the south.

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

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I THINK I HAVE GREAT RELATIONSHIPS WITH ALL PEOPLE. I AM THE LEAST RACIST PERSON IN THIS ROOM.

—US PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP





HE (TRUMP) POURS FUEL ON EVERY SINGLE RACIST FIRE. THIS GUY HAS A DOG WHISTLE ABOUT AS **BIG AS A FOG HORN.**

—FORMER US VICE-PRESIDENT

Dangerous delay

In a country where a majority of patients are diagnosed in the later stages of the disease, the Coronavirus outbreak is further hampering diagnosis and treatment of cancer



VEDANT KABRA

orty five-year-old Ayesha (name changed), a resident of a small town in west Uttar Pradesh (UP), first spotted a tiny painless lump in her breast in April this year. However, the Coronavirusinduced lockdown and the fear of catching the infection in a healthcare setting prevented her from seeing a doctor. Even when the lockdown was eased, her family was too scared to travel to Delhi to seek medical consultation. By the time she reached an oncologist four months later, her aggressive cancer had already hit Stage III, diminishing the chances of her survival.

Unfortunately, Ayesha is not a lone case of a seriously-ill patient being deprived of timely treatment due to the ongoing contagion. While we will never be able to collate data of how many such patients suffered delayed diagnosis and treatment this year, it is evident that the number is significant. Patient attendance in oncology clinics fell significantly in the initial months of the pandemic. The number of new cases diagnosed continued to remain relatively low even several months after the total lockdown had been eased. Breast Cancer Now, a British charity organisation, estimated that due to the contagion almost a million British women had missed a screening appointment. This might have led to thousands of cancers going undetected. For a country like India, where a majority of breast cancer detections still happen in the later stages of the disease, the Coronavirus outbreak has further hampered diagnosis and treatment, and is likely to negatively impact survival rates from the disease.

Rising disease burden in India: Breast cancer is the most common form of the disease among Indian women and accounts for an estimated 28 per cent of all cancers. In fact, a woman is diagnosed with it every four minutes while another dies of this disease every 13 minutes in the country. In 2018, it is estimated to have claimed as many as 87,000 lives in India. The incidence of the disease has increased dramatically over the last 25 years due to multiple factors, including increasing urbanisation, adoption of unhealthy lifestyles (smoking, drinking, junk food consumption and so on), increased use of plastic utensils and microwave ovens, rise in obesity, drop in physical activity levels, delayed age of child-bearing and reduced breast-feeding.

India also has a high mortality rate because a

majority of the patients are still diagnosed in the late stages of the disease and a significant proportion of them are not able to get appropriate treatment. of the disease in younger women. Shockingly, nearly half of the patients in urban India are less than 50 years of age. Poor awareness about symptoms, lack of a universal and comprehensive screening programme, social taboos and embarrassment to discuss the issue are the main reasons behind delayed diagnosis as well as the resultant high mortality. Unfortunately, the prevailing situation due to a worldwide pandemic has impeded diagnosis and treatment of a number of non-Coronavirus diseases, including all types of cancers. Already a neglected subject, women's health has further been relegated to the back-burner as families delay medical consultation and avoid visiting healthcare facilities or undergoing regular disease screening.

Pandemic or not, do not put health issues on the back-burner: The Coronavirus is a long-term problem, which is likely to stay with us in the near future. While containing the pandemic and ensuring treatment of all infected people must be a high



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YEARS OF AGE. POOR AWARENESS ABOUT SYMPTOMS, LACK OF A UNIVERSAL AND COMPREHENSIVE **SCREENING** PROGRAMME, SOCIAL TABOOS

EMBARRASSMENT TO DISCUSS THE **ISSUE ARE THE** MAIN REASONS BEHIND DELAYED **DIAGNOSIS**



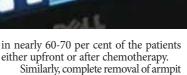
to be taken to ensure that other serious diseases are not neglected in the process. Governments as well as healthcare providers, both have a role to play in achieving this. It is important to educate people about the importance of not neglecting their health conditions and prevent interruptions in treatment modalities, too. It is equally important to ensure continuation of unimpeded non-Coronavirus services in hospitals while also instilling confidence among people about the safety of hospitals and clinics,

about the safety of hospitals and clinics, especially outpatient departments (OPDs).

However, the silver lining in the dark cloud is that thanks to advanced diagnostic and treatment modalities, survival rates of breast cancer patients have increased significantly globally. While survival depends on a number of factors such as depends on a number of factors such as the type of cancer, stage at the time of diagnosis, the quality of treatment, in the US women survive five years after diagnosis and 84 per cent manage to survive 10

However, in India, the survival rates remain abysmally low for reasons mentioned above. Increased awareness and health literacy, regular screening after 40 years of age, adoption of a healthy and active lifestyle sans smoking or excessive drinking, timely and appropriate treatment can help improve survival rates in India too.

New-age technologies can help navigate the Coronavirus pandemic: The adoption of new-age technologicallyadvanced methods further helps improve the quality of life of patients. Now, surgical treatment does not mean removal of the whole breast in all patients. It is possible to offer a breast conservation surgery



nodes, a procedure done routinely in all patients until a couple of decades ago, has given way to sentinel lymph node biopsy in which only a few nodes need to be tested for the presence of the tumour. If these sentinel nodes are not

involved in the disease, one does not need to remove the remaining nodes, thus bringing down the rate of shoulder dysfunction as well as lymphedema (swelling of the arm) significantly. Similar to surgery, personalised systemic therapy (chemo, hormone, immune and targeted therapy) has enabled us to avoid more toxic treatment in patients with a good biology tumour. The patients with the biology tumour. Two patients with the same size of tumour can have very different outcomes. New-age prognostic tests help predict the risk of cancer relapse in the early stage of breast cancer with a high stratifynig p low and high-risk categories, based on their tumour biology. Those patients who fall in the low-risk category have very limited risk of relapse and may be able to avoid chemotherapy.

Cancer patients face a higher risk of catching the Coronavirus infection as well as suffering from its complications because of their immuno-suppressive state as a result of the disease itself and due to chemotherapy. These prognostic tests that can help them avoid chemotherapy, if used judiciously, can kill two birds with one stone — patients can avoid chemotherapy, which is immunosup-pressive, and avoid visits to the hospital

to undergo chemotherapy.

Radiation therapy has also undergone complete metamorphosis over the decades and modern machines enable us

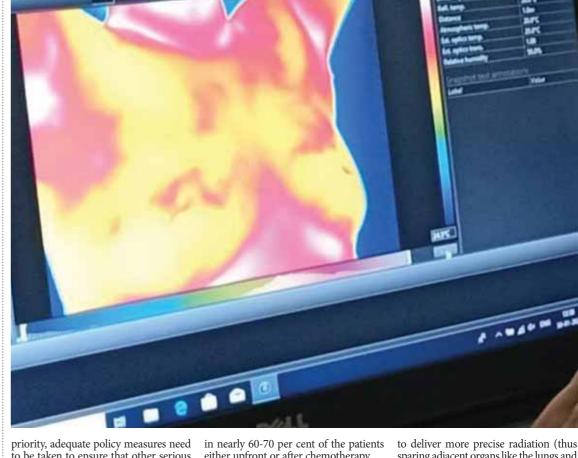
sparing adjacent organs like the lungs and the heart from a high dose of radiation) and in a shorter interval of time (as less as two weeks as compared to the usual five weeks in a select group of patients).

In more good news, researchers in Canada have developed a new, inexpensive technology that could save lives and money by routinely screening women for breast cancer without exposure to radiation. The system, developed by researchers at the University of Waterloo, uses harmless microwaves and Artificial Intelligence software to detect even small, earlystage tumours within minutes.

By comparing the tissue composition of one breast with the other, the system is sensitive enough to detect anomalies less than one centimetre in diameter. A negative result could quickly rule out cancer, while a positive result would trigger referral for more expensive tests using maming. In addition to reducing patient wait times and enabling earlier diagnosis, the device would eliminate radiation exposure, improve patient comfort and work on particularly dense breasts, a problem with mammograms. However, this technology will take a while to come to India as it is still at the nascent stage.

In the end, people have to realise that while the Coronavirus is a serious pandemic, they must not neglect their overall health, compromise on regular checkups and doctor consultations or delay cancer treatment. However, all hospital visits must be undertaken with complete precautionary measures that are the new normal now.

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Closure of budget private schools looms large

With apathy, low Government allocation and high-handedness, school education is becoming nobody's baby



SHIVAJI SARKAR

ndia's unaided private school education is collapsing as thousands Lof institutions have closed down and many others are struggling to survive. This may cost the nation over ₹1.75 lakh crore a year, as the Coronavirus-induced lockdown has harmed the education sector immensely. Though the mention of private education conjures up images of swanky private schools with worldclass facilities and sky-high fee structure, these are also in crisis today.

However, it is the online, low budget schools that have been the worsthit by the pandemic. These schools penetrate rural areas, small towns or low-income localities of metros, according to the State of the Sector Report on Private Schools by the Central Square Foundation (CSF). As

per the recently released Household Social Consumption on Education in India Report, the aggregate household expenditure on private schools is approximately ₹1.75 lakh crore, almost equal to the e-commerce sector. Also, about 50 per cent of the total school enrolments are in private Though almost all schools,

Government or private, are under stress due to the lockdown, the worst sufferers are the virtual informal schools. With or without Government recognition, they serve the hinterland of the country. They have improved school enrolment, especially in rural areas, where the number of students attending private schools has increased from four per cent in 1993 to 26.6 per cent in 2017-18.

The CSF says that the struggle for the survival of private education in the country is intense. Even under normal circumstances, it is not easy for private schools to attract students and during the Coronavirus era, the situation has worsened further as parents refuse to pay fees. Plus, the digital footprint has made online education unaffordable

So most such schools have either closed down or are facing closure as they are neither able to pay their teachers nor can they afford infrastructure costs. Some had planned expansion in early March and taken loans. Many have gone into severe debt and even after closure, are in distress. Most of these are entrepreneurial ventures by innovative individuals. In Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh, a shopkeeper's son started a school that followed the concept of "pay ₹1 a day." However, since the students are not coming to school, entrepreneurs like him have little option but to close down operations. The impact on society is severe as

these virtual schools employ mostly jobless youth at low salaries. The payment is on a daily or hourly basis. But each school sustains at least 100 people on an average. The youth prefer to opt for such jobs for sustenance as well as for the prestige they enjoy in their neighbourhood due to it. In villages or semi-urban areas, such schools have become the first choice for parents, as they are perceived to be better than Government schools due to the overall care that a child is



given as the teachers (trained or not) are from the neighbourhood. This is making education more mass-based as the official system has many limitations and despite some recent efforts, suffers from delivery problems. Recruitment of teachers itself is flawed as the disclosures from VYA-PAM in Madhya Pradesh and by the UP Government have shown. The Yogi Adityanath Government also found that the district officials interfered in "Basic Shiksha" schools and issued orders for severing these from the district administration. Plus, online education has largely come a

cropper in all such institutions.

The pandemic gave rise to the need for having a digital infrastructure and due to their low budgets, the unaided private schools claim that they are neither able to match up with elite schools nor with the State-run schools, for which the content is aired through television and radio channels and other Government-run platforms. To make matters worse, parents do not consider online teaching to be proper education. They do not pay the schools because their wards are not going there. Apart from that, they find online teaching expensive due to the high internet costs. Another problem they face is that each child needs a smart phone or computer,

which they cannot afford. Apart from this, many children do not find online teaching interesting as there are many glitches and teachers, too, find themselves struggling due to the lack of eye contact. Plus, students mostly switch off the video mode because of the poor network across the country and to educe unaffordable data use.

The students and their parents find brick and mortar schools more

affordable and fruitful because apart from learning from books and the teachers, the children learn language skills, etiquette, discipline, interaction with peer groups, use of a library and social behaviour. So parents, despite their low incomes, do not mind paying for education at brick and mortar schools

As per a Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation report, Indians pay 12 times the money for pre-primary education at a private school. The number decreases to about three times at the higher secondary level. A majority, 70.8 per cent students, pay less than ₹1,000 monthly fee, while 45.5 per cent pay less than ₹500. The monthly median fee in an elementary unaided school is ₹958 in urban areas and ₹500 in rural India. Schools complain that at least onethird of the parents default in paying this minimal amount also. The closure of budget private schools can adversely impact "education for all" and multiply unemployment. With apathy, low Government allocation and highhandedness, school education is becoming nobody's baby.

(The writer is a senior journalist)





AN AGEING WORLD Globally, the life of the

elderly has changed from a simple, mainly localised concern to a systemic, comprehensive and longterm factor related to the sustainable development of the economy and society. With a rapidly ageing society, the challenges that need to be overcome range from the rising shortage of labour to increasingly unsustainable pension funds and inadequate medical and nursing resources. (China Daily editorial)

US PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

Mute button brings civility as Trump, Biden show restraint

or at least the threat of it, worked well this time as US President Donald Trump and his Democratic rival Joe Biden showed restraint and civility during the last presidential debate, unlike their first encounter when they frequently spoke over each other, creating chaos at times.

Far from their raucous first meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, that

Washington: The mute button, mute button, the second and final 90-minute debate between Trump and Biden at Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee on Thursday night was less fury and more

In the first presidential debate last month, Trump, 74, and Biden, 77, fiercely clashed over a number of issues, including the COVID-19 pandemic, racism, economy and climate, led organisers to introduce the marked by angry interruptions

and bitter accusations.

A media report termed the mute button a godsend, saying it also amplified the candidates' differences.

On Monday, the non-par-Commission on tisan Presidential Debates announced new rules under which it will mute microphones for two minutes of the rival speakers so as to give them uninterrupted opening remarks during the final debate. *PTI*

Trump, Biden spar over Covid-19, race, climate

US President Donald Trump and his challenger Joe Biden clashed over Covid-19, immigration, race relations and climate change during their final debate, just ahead of the November 3 presidential election, presenting Americans with sharply divergent views of where they would lead them over the next four years.

The two leaders traded barbs during the debate that lasted just over 90 minutes, attacking each other's positions on controlling the raging coronavirus pandemic and curbing the country's world-leading death toll of over 223,000.

The prime-time debate in Nashville, Tennessee, was a less acrimonious and more substantive affair than their previous showdown on September 29, which devolved into insults and name-calling. This prompted the debate organisers to put in place muted microphones during the candidates' opening statements on each topic to minimise disruption.

The debate, moderated by NBC's Kristen Welker, saw plenty of personal attacks between 74-year-old Trump, a Republican, and his 77year-old Democratic rival, Biden, whose mutual dislike was quite evi-

Trump accuses Biden of corruption

Trump and his Democratic rival Joe Biden accused each other of serious corruption charges that too from overseas as they took part in the final presidential debate and defended their track record on strongly handling foreign adversaries.

Trump and Biden shared the stage for the second and final presidential debate that was moderated by NBC's Kristen Welker on Thursday night in

Nashville, Tennessee.

Trump, a Republican, attacked
Biden, saying, "I don't make money from
China. You do. I don't make money from Ukraine. You do. I don't make money from Russia. You made USD 3.5 million".

"And your son gave you - they even have a statement that we have to give 10 per cent to the big man. You're the big

but you are the big man, I think. You, since then, we have to give 10 per cent to the big man. Joe, what's that all about? It's terrible," Trump said, in a reference to claims by Tony Bobulinski, an ex-business partner of Hunter Biden, son of the former US vice president.

In a statement to press in Nashville, Bobulinski said the Democratic presidential candidate was to get 10 per cent in the Chinese business deal.

"I've heard Joe Biden say he never discussed business with Hunter. That is false. Tomorrow I will be meeting with the Senate committee members concerning this matter. And I will be providing the FBI the devices which contain the evidence corroborating what I have said, so I will not be taking any questions at this time," he said.

Biden warns any country that interferes in US elections 'will pay a price' if he is elected

Washington: Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden has warned that any country that interferes in American elections "will pay a price" if he is elected in the November 3 polls, specifically referring to alleged inter-

ference by China, Russia and Iran. Biden made the remarks while responding to a question on how he would deter foreign interference in presidential debate with President Donald Trump at Belmont University in Nashville on Thursday night.

"They will pay a price if I'm elected," Biden said.

"They're interfering with American sovereignty. That's what's going on," he said when asked about US intelligence reports that Russia and

American elections during the final Iran are trying to significantly interfere with the election.

Trump said he was informed of the recent election interference efforts. Democratic challenger Joe Biden "I knew all about that," he said.

week claimed that both Iran and clashed over their policies on the Russia have obtained US voter regis- pandemic during the final presitration information in an effort to interfere in the election.

Covid-19 vaccine coming in weeks: Trump Washington: A Covid-19 vaccine is "ready" and coming "within weeks" and would be distributed by the military, US President Donald Trump said on Thursday while his

alleged that America is about to Top US intelligence officials this enter into a "dark winter" as they dential debate.

The 90-minute debate, just less

than two weeks ahead of the cru- coming. It's ready, it's going to be cial presidential election on announced within weeks and it's November 3, started in Nashville, Tennessee, with opening remarks by both the candidates, when the mike of the other was muted to avoid interruptions. The coronavirus dominated the opening minutes of the Trump-Biden face-off other countries, in particular, with President Trump terming the

contagion a "worldwide problem".

"We have a vaccine that's

going to be delivered," Trump, 74, said adding that companies like Johnson & Johnson, Moderna and Pfizer are doing very well on that front. "We also have others that we're working on very closely with

Europe," he said. Asserting that his timeline is going to be more accurate, Trump the fast distribution of the vaccine, as he expects to have 100 million

"As soon as we have the vaccine, he (general) is ready to go," said the president, who is seeking reelection. Former vice president Biden, 77, challenged Trump and alleged that his policies have resulted in a large number of deaths in the country.

China warns UK not to offer citizenship to Hong Kong residents | Turkey issues alert

PTI ■ BEIJING

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

The British government announced in July that it will open a new special pathway to obtaining British citizenship for eligible Hong Kongers from January 2021 after China imposed a new, sweeping national security law on Hong Kong.

The British offer is not for all residents of Hong Kong, but only those holding a British National Overseas (BNO)

China's Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian told a media briefing here that the Chinese government has repeatedly made clear its "strong stance on this issue, but the British side has insisted on interfering with Hong Kong affairs and China's domestic issues."

"As the British side broke its own promises, the Chinese government will consider not recognising the BNO passport as a valid travel document, and reserve the right to impose further measures," he said.

The new "Hong Kong BN(O) Visa" will allow the holder to enter and remain in Britain for an initial period of 30 months, extendable by a further 30 months, or a single period of five years, according to information on the British government's website.

"You'll be able to work and study, but you won't be able to access public funds such as social welfare benefits," Hong Kong-based South China Morning quoted the statement as saying. Holders can apply to settle in Britain once they have lived there for five years.

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

US Embassy in on potential attacks

Istanbul: The US Embassy in Turkey issued a security alert Friday, saying it received reports of a possible attack on Americans and other foreigners, and temporarily suspended consular services.

"The US Mission in Turkey has received credible reports of potential terrorist attacks and kidnappings against US citizens and foreign nationals in Istanbul, including against the US Consulate General, as well as potentially other locations in Turkey," the embassy said in a statement.

The embassy in Ankara, Turkey's capital, urged American citizens to exercise caution, including while at large office buildings, shopping malls and other locations where foreigners gather. It said citizen and visa services would be temporarily suspended at all US consulates in Turkey.

The Islamic State group and an outlawed Kurdish militant group conducted deadly attacks on Turkish soil between 2015 and 2017. A far-left group has also previously targeted the U.S. Embassy in Ankara.

A US Embassy spokesperson said: "The US mission to Turkey issued this notice as a result of our ongoing assessment of security conditions. The statement speaks for itself. We are grateful for the support of the Turkish government in ensuring the safety of Americans living in Turkey as well as Turkish citizens who visit our Embassy and Consulates."

Israel strikes Gaza after Palestinian militants fire rockets

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m T}$ he Israeli military said on Friday it launched overnight airstrikes in the Gaza Strip after Palestinian militants fired two rockets, with no reports of casualties or major damage on either

The military said fighter jets and other aircraft struck a weapons manufacturing site and 'underground infrastructure" belonging to the Islamic militant group Hamas, which rules Gaza.

Late Thursday, Palestinian militants fired

two rockets into Israel. One was intercepted by Israeli missile defenses while the other fell in an Israel and Hamas have fought three wars and

several skirmishes since the militant group seized power from rival Palestinian forces in 2007. Israel holds Hamas responsible for all attacks emanating from Gaza, including those claimed by other militant groups.

Israel and Egypt have maintained a crippling blockade on the coastal territory, which is home to 2 million Palestinians, since Hamas seized

Earlier this week, Israel announced the discovery of an unfinished tunnel dug by militants that had crossed into Israel before it was detected by underground sensors. It said the tunne ran dozens of meters (yards) underground and was intended to facilitate attacks.

Israel has uncovered around 20 such tunnels since the last war with Hamas, in 2014.

Pak's anti-corruption case on Nawaz Sharif

Islamabad: Pakistan's anti-corruption body has slapped a fresh corruption case on deposed prime minister Nawaz Sharif, compounding the legal woes of the embattled Opposition leader who has frequently attacked the powerful military as well as the Government.

Sharif, the 70-year-old supremo of the Pakistan Muslim League (Nawaz) who was ousted from power in 2017 by the Supreme Court on corruption charges, is currently in London for medical treatment.

The National Accountability Bureau also approved cases against Sharif's ex-personal secretary Fawad Hasan Fawad, former federal minister Ahsan Iqbal, former foreign secretary Aizaz Chaudhry and former Intelligence Bureau (IB) chief Aftab Sultan, Dawn newspaper reported. On Thursday, a total of 11 cases were approved at NAB's Executive Board Meeting (EBM) presided over by its chairman, retired Justice Javed Iqbal.

According to the NAB, a fresh case was approved against Sharif along with Chaudhry, Sultan and Fawad for "illegally" purchasing 73 high-security vehicles for the security of foreign dignitaries. They are accused of favouritism and illegal use of vehicles, causing a loss of over Rs 1,952 million to the national exchequer.

The EBM also approved a case against Ahsan Igbal and Mohammad Ahmed, contractor/owner of private firm Ahmed and Sons, for increasing the scope of the Sports City project in Narowal from Rs 30 million to Rs 3 billion by "abusing the authority".

R&AW chief's body slaps fresh graft | meeting with Nepal PM sparks criticism

Kathmandu: Nepal Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli has come under fire, including from the ruling Communist Party leaders, for breaching diplomatic norms over his meeting with Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW) chief Samant Kumar Goel.

Goel called on Prime Minister Oli at his official residence at Baluwatar on Wednesday evening. However, the Indian intelligence chief's visit did

not go down well with some political leaders of the country, including members of the ruling party Nepal Communist Party (NCP). The meeting that took place between RAW chief

Goel and Prime Minister Oli was against diplomatic norms and it doesn't serve Nepal's national interest, said senior ruling party leader Bhim Rawal. "As the meeting took place in a non-transparent

manner without consulting with the concerned section of the Foreign Ministry, this may also contribute to weakening our state mechanism," he pointed out.

Bishnu Rijal, deputy chief of the foreign affairs department of the NCP, said politicians should not overstep in matters related to diplomacy.
"Diplomacy should be handled by diplomats—not

politicians," he said.

"The present confusion over the visit of the R&AW chief is the result of the handling of diplomacy by politicians," he said.

Nepali Congress central leader Gagan Thapa in a tweet said the meeting posed a threat to national security. "The meeting was not only the breach of our diplomatic norms but it also poses threat to our national security, which needs to be investigated into," Thapa tweeted.



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		September 2020	June 2020	September 2019	September 2020	September 2019	March 2020	September 2020	June 2020	September 2019	September 2020	September 2019	March 2020
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1	Total Income from Operations	2,320.08	2,114.62	2,903.22	4,434.70	4,757.92	8,510.70	2,351.14	2,176.42	2,864.71	4,527.56	4,694.17	8,469.98
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax,Exceptional and/or	7.16	1.64	(70.78)	8.80	(120.35)	(221.82)	15.74	(17.90)	(108.47)	(2.16)	(181.13)	(299.96)
	Extraordinary items)-from Continuing Operation										' '		
	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or												
	Extraordinary items)- from Discontinued Operation	-	-	7.63	-	6.54	(359.94)	-	-	7.63	-	6.54	(359.94)
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax												
	(after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)												
	from Continuing Operation	7.16	1.64	(70.78)	8.80	(120.35)	(221.82)	15.74	(17.90)	(108.47)	(2.16)	(181.13)	(299.96)
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or												
	Extraordinary items)-from Continuing Operation	6.25	0.06	(70.78)	6.31	(120.35)	(156.82)	14.00	(19.97)	(109.40)	(5.97)	(182.06)	(236.56)
	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or												
	Extraordinary items)- from Discontinued Operation	-	-	7.63	-	6.54	(259.80)	-	-	7.63	-	6.54	(259.80)
5	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or												
	Extraordinary items)	6.25	0.06	(63.15)	6.31	(113.81)	(416.62)	14.00	(19.97)	(101.77)	(5.97)	(175.52)	(496.36)
6	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/(Loss)												
_	for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	6.25	0.06	(63.15)	6.31	(113.81)	(136.20)	15.20	(21.68)	(90.89)	(6.48)	(174.43)	(219.30)
7	Paid-up equity share capital (Face value ₹10/- each)	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48
8	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the												
	Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	-	-	-	3,752.27			-	-		3,434.35	-	3,434.35
9	Earnings Per Share (after extraordinary items)												
	(of ₹10/- each)-from Continuing Operation	[0.00	(0.00)	0.00	/4 45	(4.50)		(0.40)	/4 071	(0.00)	(4.70)	(0.04)
	(a) Basic (`)	0.06 0.06	0.00	(0.69)	0.06	(1.17)	(1.53)	0.14 0.14	(0.19)	(1.07)	(0.06)	(1.78) (1.78)	(2.31)
10	(b) Diluted (`) Earnings Per Share (after extraordinary items) (of ₹ 10/- each)-from	0.06	0.00	(0.69)	0.06	(1.17)	(1.53)	0.14	(0.19)	(1.07)	(0.06)	(1.78)	(2.31)
10	Earnings Per Snare (after extraordinary items) (of ₹ 10/- each)-from Discontinued Operation												
	(a) Basic (`)			0.07		0.06	(2.53)			0.07		0.06	(2.53)
	(a) Basic () (b) Diluted (`)			0.07		0.06	(2.53)		[]	0.07		0.06	(2.53)
11	Earnings Per Share (after extraordinary items) (of ₹ 10/- each)	'	-	0.07	-	0.06	(2.53)	·	·	0.07		0.06	(2.55)
''	(a) Basic (`)	0.06	0.00	(0.62)	0.06	(1.11)	(4.06)	0.14	(0.19)	(0.99)	(0.06)	(1.71)	(4.84)
	(b) Diluted (`)	0.06	0.00	(0.62)	0.06	(1.11)	(4.06)	0.14	(0.19)	(0.99)	(0.06)	(1.71)	(4.84)
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Place: New Delhi Date: 10/23/2020

Notes:-1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Half Year ended Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/Haly

year ended Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites. (www.bseindia.com) and the Company's website (www.sunilhealthcare.com) 2 COVID - 19 pandemic has caused serious disruption on the global economic and business environment. There is a huge uncertainty with regard to its impact which cannot be reasonably determined at this stage. However, the Company has evaluated and considered to the extent possible the likely impact that may arise from COVID-19 pandemic as well as all event and circumstances upto the date of approval of these Financial results on the carrying value of its assets and liabilities as on 30.09.2020. Based on the current indicators of future economic conditions, the Company estimates to recover the carrying amount of these assets and to discharge its obligation as adequate liquidity is available. These estimates are subject to uncertainty and may be affected

by the severity and duration of the pandemic. The Company is continuously monitoring any material changes in future economic conditions. 3 Consequent to decision taken by Board of Directors to phase out " marketing of Food product" in previous year. Accordingly, the Company has existed from marketing of food products and losses of the discountinued business has been disclosed under

"Profit/(Loss) from discontinued operations" separetly. At the quarter end, the Company has no liability to be paid and no assets to realise related to this business. 4 The figures for the previous periods have been regrouped/ rearranged, wherever considered necessary, to conform current period classifications.

5 The above results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors in their respective meetings held on October 23, 2020.

Anil Khaitan Chairman Cum Managing Director DIN 00759951

INBRIEF

YES BANK POSTS ₹130 CRORE NET PROFIT IN Q2

New Delhi: Yes Bank on Friday reported a standalone net profit of

₹129.37 crore for the second quarter ended September despite a

₹600 crore in the corresponding quarter of previous fiscal. Total

quarter from ₹8,347.50 crore in the same quarter last year, the

income slipped to ₹5,952.1 crore during July-September

also rose to 4.70 per cent from 4.35 per cent a year ago.

New Delhi:The Government is planning to sell up

spurt in bad loans. The private sector lender had posted a net loss of

bank said in a regulatory filing. Gross bad loans more than doubled to

16.9 per cent of gross advances as on September 30, 2020 from 7.39

per cent a year ago. Net non-performing assets (NPAs) or bad loans

GOVT TO SELL UP TO 15 PC STAKE IN RVNL VIA OFS

to 15 per cent stake in Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd (RVNL) and has invited

bids from merchant bankers for managing the share sale process.

'The GoI intends to disinvest up to 15 per cent paid up equity

capital of RVNL out of its shareholding of 87.84 per cent through

Offer for Sale (OFS) method of shares by promoters through the

Management (DIPAM) said while inviting bids from merchant

IDBI BANK REPORTS ₹324 CR PROFIT FOR Q2

stock exchanges," the Department of Investment and Public Asset

New Delhi: IDBI Bank on Friday reported a net profit of ₹324 crore

for the second guarter of the current fiscal year against a loss of Rs

sequentially, the bank registered a 125 per cent jump against the first quarter net profit of Rs 144 crore, IDBI Bank said in release. Total

income of the bank fell by 7.5 per cent to Rs 5,761.06 crore during

CRUDE OIL FUTURES DECLINE ON LOW DEMAND

0.07 per cent to ₹2,996 per barrel as participants reduced their

positions on low demand. On the Multi Commodity Exchange, crude

oil for November delivery eased by ₹2, or 0.07 per cent, to ₹2,996

Crude oil for December delivery was quoting lower by 13, or 0.43

Commerce Ministry recommends hike in import

per cent, at ₹3,039 per barrel with an open interest of 54 lots

duty on Korean synthetic rubber for 2 yrs

period of 2019-20, the private sector lender said.

New Delhi:Crude oil futures on Friday fell by

per barrel with a business volume of 3,020 lots.

New Delhi: The commerce

ministry has recommended an

July-September 2020-21 compared to Rs 6,231.02 crore in the same

3,459 crore for the same period of the previous fiscal. Compared

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Know all men by those present that Property no. 1696 Lothian Road, Kashmere Gate Delhi-110006. 690 Sq. Mtrs each were sold by Two Registered Sale Deeds Both Dated 7-06-2001 by Shri Virender Singh S/o Shri Preet Singh Registered Genral Attorney Holder of Shri Mahaveer Singh and Ashok Kumar both sons of Late Sita Ram @ Shri Bhag Mal

to Dharamvir S/o Sh Charan Dass Registered as Document no. 2273, Addl Book no. 1, Vol. No. 338, Pages 123 to 128 and to Shri Dalel Singh S/o Shri Jawahar Singh which is registered as Document No. 2274, AddI book No. 1,

Vol. No. 338, Pages 129 to 134 If any one has any objection then the same be stated in writing to undersigned in thirty days from the date of the publication of This General Public Notice

This Notice is on behalf my clier Shri Sanjay Jaggi: F-128, Mansarover Garden, Delhi-110015 # 9868900547

Arun Kumar (Advocate) B2/140, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110063 # 9891284940

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Pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements Regulations, 2015, Notice is hereby giver that the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company will be held at 14/17, Naya Ganj, Ghaziabad-201 001 on Thursday, the 5th day of November, 2020 at 4,00 pm inter alia, to consider, approve Un-audited Financial Results of the Company for the Second quarter and Half Year ended on Septembe 30th, 2020.

Pursuant to this, the trading window for the insiders shall remain closed upto 48 hours of declaration of the results for all designated persons, their immaediate relatives and al connected persons as amended. The same Financial Results of the Company will be available at www.regententerprises.in.

FOR REGENT ENTERPRISES LTD Date:23/10/2020 Vikas Kumai Time Director DIN:05308192

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This is to inform public in general that Kotak Mahindra bank Itd has organized an auction in below mention respect of vehicles. **VEHICLE FOR SALE**

1) TRACTOR - MAHINDRA 275 YUVO DSL REG. NO. MH03DA1139- YOM -2018

2) AL_2518 T2C CAB CHASSIS TIPPER REG. NO.MH03CP5860

3) AL_2518 T2C CAB CHASSIS TIPPERREG. NO.MH03CP586 YOM 2018

4) AL 2518 T2C CAB CHASSIS TIPPER REG. NO. MH03CP6545-YOM -2018

5) AL 2518 T2C CAB CHASSIS TIPPER REG. NO.

MH03CP6544-YOM -2018 6) AL 2518 T2C CAB CHASSIS

TIPPER REG. NO. MH03CP6542-YOM -2018 7) AL 2518 T2C CAB CHASSIS

TIPPER REG. NO. MH03CP6547-YOM =2018

8) AL 2518 T2C CAB CHASSIS TIPPER REG. NO.

MH03CP6546-YOM -2018 9) ATLAS COPCO (INDIA) LTD -

CB CC425 DYNAPAC COMPACTOR REG. NO. MH03DA0426-YOM -2018 10) AL 2518 T2C CAB CHASSIS

TIPPER REG. NO. MH03CP5856-YOM -2018 11) TATA LPT 2518 GOODS

REG. NO. HR55N1794 YOM 2011

12) TATA LPT 2518 GOODS REG. NO. HR55S9975 YOM 2013

13) EICHR VECV 10.59 GOODS REG. NO. UP16DT4644 YOM 2016

14) Al3118 REG. NO. HR55U5098-YOM -2014

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BRANCH ADDRESS: KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK 3RD FLOOR, PLOT NO 7, SECTOR 125. **NOIDA-201313 OR CONTACT** NITESH MATHUR/DEEPAK KUMAR

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GST COMPENSATION

Centre borrows, transfers ₹6K cr to 16 States

The Central Government on Friday said that it borrowed and transferred ₹6,000 crore as first tranche to 16 states on account of GST compensation under the special borrowing window.

The Centre has evolved a special borrowing window to address the shortfall in the GST collection during the year 2020-2021. In all, 21 states and 2 Union Territories have opted for this special window involving back-to-back borrowing coordinated by the Ministry of Finance.

Out of these, five states did not have any shortfall on account of GST compensa-

The Rs 6,000 crore has been transferred to Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra,

AUTO, POWER

STOCKS RALLY

Domestic equity markets on Friday resumed their

northward journey after a day's

hiatus, with gains mainly in

auto, power and consumer

durable shares offsetting loss-

Sensex settled 127.01 points or

0.31 per cent higher at

40,685.50; and the broader

NSE Nifty rose 33.90 points or

0.28 per cent to end 11,930.35.

Sensex rallied 702.52 points or

1.75 per cent, while the Nifty

advanced 167.90 points or 1.42

Friday, Maruti Suzuki was the

top gainer, rallying around 4

per cent, followed by M&M, Tata Steel, PowerGrid, Bajaj

UltraTech Cement, HCL Tech,

India business

returns to the

growth path,

says Unilever

New Delhi: After a strict lock-

down impacting sales, India

has returned to the growth path

again, Anglo-Dutch FMCG

India business, along with

Brazil and continued recovery

in China helped the company's

emerging markets clock a

growth of 5.3 per cent in the

low-single digit, driven by

growth in foods and refresh-

ment and hygiene. China grew

double-digit led by beauty and

personal care categories and a

return to growth in food ser-

vice, as the out-of-home eating

channel returned to full capac-

ity," Unilever said in its post-

earlier in the year, India saw a

pick-up in economic activity,

even though cases of COVID-

19 continued to increase dur-

ing the quarter, said Unilever.

Asia, AMET (Africa, Middle

East, Turkey) and RUB (Russia,

Ukraine, Belarus) market

region of Unilever, which has

reported a turnover of 6 billion

euros."Underlying sales grew 4.5 per cent with 3.7 per cent

from volume and 0.7 per cent

from price, as lockdown restric-

tions eased across much of the

region compared to the first

reported a turnover of 12.9 bil-

lion euros for the July-

September quarter, which was

2.4 per cent lower than the cor-

responding period of 2019 on

with a "a negative impact from

currency of 7.7 per cent".

While overall, Unilever has

half of the year," it said.

India comes under the

After a strict lockdown

earnings statement.

"India (business) grew

September 2020 quarter.

The return of growth of

major Unilever has said.

HUL and Bajaj Finserv were

Auto and NTPC.

per cent.

On a weekly basis, the

On the Sensex chart on

On the other hand,

The BSE benchmark

es in IT and realty stocks.

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Meghalava, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh. Uttarakhand and the Union Territories of Delhi and Iammu and Kashmir. The borrowing is at an interest rate of 5.19 percent. Tenor of borrowing is expected to be broadly in the range of 3 to 5 years. The Centre plans to make weekly releases of Rs 6,000 crore to the

As part of GST compensation settlement formula volved by the Centre, it is to borrow close to Rs 1,10,000 crore this year for back to back transfers to states towards meeting their GST compensa-

The borrowing and its interest is to be settled from realisations on account of GST compensation cess.

The GST Council has allowed levy of cess beyond the five year transition period ending June 2022 to clear all unmet compensation dues of states.

among the laggards.
On the sectoral front, BSE

auto, consumer durables,

power, utilities, industrials and

capital goods indices rose up to

2.76 per cent; while realty,

basic materials, IT, healthcare,

teck and bankex ended in the

red. Broader midcap and

smallcap indices rose up to 0.71

ther for yet another day and

ended marginally higher. A

mixed trend was witnessed on

the sectoral front wherein

noticeable buying was observed

in auto, consumer durables

and capital goods space, while

realty, IT and healthcare trad-

ed subdued," said Ajit Mishra,

VP - Research, Religare

for updates on the stimulus

and upcoming presidential elections, he said adding that

the news on COVID-19 cases

in Europe will also remain on

the participants' radar. Bourses

in Hong Kong, Tokyo and

Seoul closed up to 0.54 per cent

ished in the red. Stock

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higher, while Shanghai fin-

fter a gap of 35 years, India

Chairmanship of Governing

Body of International Labour

Organisation (ILO), with

Labour Secretary Apurva

Chandra being elected to the

post. "After 35 years, India assumed the Chairmanship of

the Governing Body of ÎLO.

Labour Secretary Apurva

Chandra has been elected as

the Chairperson of the

Governing Body of the ILO for

the period October 2020-June

2021," a labour ministry state-

ment, India assumed the

Chairmanship of GB after 35

years, marking a new chapter

in the 100 years of productive

According to the state-

ment said on Friday.

All eyes are on US markets

Broking Ltd.

"Markets consolidated fur-

Markets back to winning ways

Rate cut will depend upon moderation in inflation: RBI

Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das has said that there is room for rate cut but monetary policy action would depend upon the evolving situation on the inflation front which is currently above the tolerance level of the central bank.

"I recognise that there exists space for future rate cuts if the inflation evolves in line with our expectations. This space needs to be used judiciously to support recovery in growth," opined the governor as per the minutes of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

The reconstituted MPC, which met from October 7 to 9, had decided to keep the benchmark lending rates unchanged in view of the hardening of retail inflation.

Das said after the sharpest contraction in economic activity in the first quarter of 2020-21, a number of high frequency indicators of economic activity for the second quarter suggest a sequential improve-

Gold falls

₹75, silver

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HDFC Securities.

trade.

India gets Chairmanship

of ILO Governing body

after a gap of 35 years

per pounce.

in the previous trade.

rises by ₹121

Gold prices declined by ₹ 75 to ₹51,069 per 10

gram in the national capital

on Friday, according to

closed at ₹51,144 per 10 gram

rose by ₹121 to ₹62,933 per

kilogram from ₹62,812 per

kilogram in the previous

market, gold was trading higher at USD 1,908 per

pounce, while silver was

quoting flat at USD 24.72

exchanges in Europe were also

trading in the green in early

oil benchmark Brent crude

relationship between India and

ILO.The Chairperson of the

Governing Body of ILO is a

position of international repute.

is the apex executive body of

the ILO, which decides policies,

programmes, agenda, budget, and elects the Director-

General.At present, the ILO has

187 members. Chandra will be

presiding over the upcoming

the Governing Body's meeting,

have the opportunity to inter-

act with the senior officials and

social partners of the member

states. It will also provide a plat-

form to apprise participants of

the transformational initiative

taken by the Govt in removing

the rigidities of the labour

At Geneva, Chandra will

to be held in Nov 2020.

The Governing Body (GB)

Meanwhile, international

In the international

The precious metal had

Silver prices, however,

"There are, however,



downside uncertainties that could put sand in the wheels of this nascent recovery. Primary among them is the risk of a second wave of COVID-19. Private investment activity is likely to be subdued, even as domestic financial conditions have eased significantly," he said.External demand is also expected to remain anaemic with sharp contraction in global economic activity and trade.

As per RBI, the full year gross domestic product (GDP) is expected to contract by 9.5 per cent with a strong rebound

'On the outlook for inflation, food inflation should moderate going forward on a combination of good kharif harvest and a favourable rabi season," the Governor said.

As per the RBI's assessment, headline inflation would moderate in H2 of the current year and further in Q1 of next

₹ drops by 7

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the session.

Thursday.

paise to 73.61 on

\$ buying by banks

The rupee depreciated by 7

I paise to close at 73.61

against the US dollar on

Friday due to dollar buying

by banks possibly on the

behalf of the Reserve Bank.

market, the local unit opened

weak at 73.62 against the US

dollar and remained under

pressure for the most part of

It moved in a range of 73.46 to 73.67 against the US

dollar in day trade.

The local had settled at

73.54 against the greenback

in the previous session on

was trading 0.38 per cent high-

er at USD 42.62 per barrel. In

the forex market, the rupee

depreciated 7 paise to close at

Retail prices of petrol and diesel remained unchanged

on Friday as softer global crude

and product prices prevented

Indian oil marketing compa-

nies from carrying out any revi-

Petrol prices now are unchanged for 31 days and

diesel prices for 21 consecutive

days.Petrol was priced at ₹81.06 per litre in Delhi and sold in

Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata

were ₹70.46, ₹76.86, ₹75.95,

since global oil prices were

under pressure from slowing

demand amid the second wave

of Covid-19 pandemic across

Oil sector experts said that

per litre respectively.

and ₹73.99 respectively.

and diesel prices

73.61 against the US dollar.

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sion in prices.

At the interbank forex

the upper tolerance threshold of 6 per cent since June, with signs of aggravation of price pressures. The government has asked RBI to keep infla-tion at 4 per cent (+, - 2 per cent). Deputy Governor and MPC member Michael Debabrata Patra noted that India has entered a technical recession in the first half of the year for the first time in its history. "GDP is an aggregative indicator of economic activity and hides the extent of human misery and the loss of social and human capital caused by the health crisis. "Nonetheless, if the pro-

jections hold, the level of GDP would have fallen approximately 6 per cent below its pre-COVID level by the end of 2020-21 and it may take years to regain this lost output," he said. While voting for keeping the interest rate unchanged, RBI Executive Director Mridul K Saggar expressed concern that if current real negative interest rates fall further, it may generate significant distortions that could adversely affect aggregate savings, current account and medium-term growth in the economy.

GST officials bust racket for

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 $B_{\text{credit (ITC)}}^{\text{usting an illegal input tax}}$ officials have arrested a wannabe chartered accountant for alleged involvement in passing on ITC of about ₹50 crore through a web of 115 fake com-

In all, ITC of ₹50.24 crore was wrongfully passed on, the source said.

lization for GST payment.

availing ₹50 cr illegal ITC

panies, a source said on Friday.

Prince Manish Kumar Khatri, a third-year student and a partner of a CA firm in Ahmedabad, allegedly registered fake firms that were used to avoid paying Goods and Services Tax (GST) by showing bills generated by them as ITC.

The source said Khatri is allegedly the key person involved in registration of 115 non-existent firms and filing of GST returns of such fake firms, thus passing on ineligible ITC for wrong availment and uti-

several western countries, glob-

al crude prices could fall in

coming days. If this situation

holds for a week or so, there

could be positive gains for

auto fuel consumers in India by

way of a fall in retail prices of

petrol and diesel. Global crude

prices are holding close to \$42

PUBLIC NOTICE

increase in import duty on a of Trade Remedies has recom-Korean synthetic rubber, used in tyre making, for two years in order to guard domestic industry from significant jump in inbound shipments of the

mended the increase in customs duty after concluding in its probe that increased imports of Polybutadiene Rubber have caused "serious injury" to the product, according to a notifidomestic industry.

cation. The ministry's inves-

tigative arm Directorate General

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male Namely Unknown S/o Unknown, R/o Unknown **Age**: about 40 years, **Height**: 5'8", **Complexion**: Shallow, Face: Oval, Built: Strong, Hair Long: Black & White, Beard: Clean Shaved, Wearing: Sky blue T-shirt, blue jeans and barefoot, was found unconscious on 21.10.2020 at 03:47 PM from Foothpath at Punch Kuiva Road. Sulabh Sauchalaya, Near Gate No.06,



2342/2020

LHMC Hospital, New Delhi & admitted in LHMC Hospital vide MLC No.3255/20, during the treatment Doctors declared him dead. The dead body has been preserved for 72 hours at the Mortuary of LHMC Hospital. In this regard a DD No.55A dated 21.10.2020 has been lodged at P.S. Mandir Marg, New Delhi If any one having any clue about deceased male may kindly

inform the undersigned and contact on following numbers.

DP/143/NDD/2020

P.S. Mandir Marg, New Delhi Ph.No.: 011-23364100, 23366730

No change in petrol

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE							
	The Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/ PS, Northern Railway, Delhi division, New Delhi invites e-tender for the following work:						
1	1 Name of work with its location Allotment of 9 Unreserved Catering Stal (General Minor Units) (including 3 Catering Stal reserved for Women) at New Delhi & Delhi J Railway Stations over Delhi Division for a perio of five (5) years. (Ctg. GMU 01 to 09-2020)						
2	Name of tender on IREPS	23/AC/Ctg/GMU A-1/2018					
3	Approximate cost of work	As per NIT on ireps.gov.in					
4	Date of opening of Tender	19/11/2020 at 1500 hrs					
5	Cost of Tender document & 18 % GST	As per NIT on ireps.gov.in					
6	Earnest Money Deposit	As per NIT on ireps.gov.in					
7	Website particulars where	https://ireps.gov.in/					

No: 23/AC/Ctg/GMU A-1/2018 Dated: 23.10.2020

complete details of tender

document can be seen

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NORTHERN RAILWAY Notice Inviting Tender (NIT)

. TENDER NOTIFICATION Name of work: Dismantling, Shifting & Re-commissioning of 02 Nos. EOT Crane Make SAICO & Capacity 30/05 Ton from MEMU Car Shed, SRE to MEMU Car shed,

KJGY Saharanpur Tender Notice No:-11/2020-21 1.1. General :- UMB division of northern railway invites Open tender through E-

tendering system from eligible agencies who fulfill qualification criteria as stipulated in tender document for "Dismantling, Shifting & Re-commissioning of 02 Nos. EOT Crane Make SAICO & Capacity 30/05 Ton from MEMU Car Shed, SRE to MEMU Car

shed, KJGY Saharanpur 1.2 The key details are as follow 30-EL-MEMU-T-11-20-21 Open Tender No. Dismantling, Shifting & Re-commissioning of 02 Nos

Name of works EOT Crane Make SAICO & Capacity 30/05 Ton from MEMU Car Shed, SRE to MEMU Car shed, KJGY

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Free of cost.

Earnest Money ₹28.100/ 90 (Ninety) days from the date of issue of the letter o Completion Period Validity of offer 45 days

Tender papers issued by Dt. of closing /opening Cost of tender document

opening of tender.

single work of shifting/commissioning of EOT crane of same or higher capacity in Railway premis zonal Railways/Metro Rail in last seven years OR OEM or its authorized dealers

06.11.2020 at 10:30 Hrs./thereafte

Related document must be uploaded on web portal with their offer, failing which offer shall be summarily

available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. up to tender closing date and time. Exemption from submission of Earnest Money for tenderer shall be as per Railway Board Guidelines. Manual payments through demand draft, banker cheque, deposit receipt, FDR etc. are not allowed. Offers which are not complying above will be considered invalid. Tender must provide validity of the offer for 45 (forty five) days from the date of

1) The required earnest money will only be accepted through on line payment mode

4) Public procure order 2017 issued by Rly. board vide L. No. 2015/RS(G)/779/5 Dt

5) The tender can be seen or upload on web portal as under: Website Portal SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Chief Minister for creation of 52 new / upgraded courts

Shri Ashok Gehlot has approved the proposal to open 52 new / upgraded court staff by delving into point 5 (i) of the austerity circular in state expenditure.

According to the state austerity circular issued by the state government on September 3, 2020, 'No new office will be

approved to be opened in the financial year 2020-21 funded by 100 percent state funds and the previously approved offices which have not started will be



Even this financial year will not be established. "In such a manner, the Chief Minister has given permission to open Maya staff to these courts.It is noteworthy that a lump sum expenditure of about

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

If any person has any right, title or interest

(Deepanker Sinha) Advocate

transfer the same to my client Ms Meena Gupta w/o Anil Kumar Gupta aged about 53 years approx.,

over the said property, he may approach to the undersigned within 14 days in writing along with the evidence of his such right, title or interest and if no such objection will be received within the said period it will be presumed that the property in question is free from all encumbrances and any claim in respect thereof against purchaser shall be void and ineffective.

Mob: 8130284903 Office: Ch.No. 52, TisHazari Court, Delhi-54

Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata at ₹87.74, ₹84.14, and ₹82.59 Diesel prices in Delhi,

a barrel now.

This Notice is hereby given to general public that my client namely as Mr. Robin Karojia & Mrs. Anjali Bharti who claimed to be owner and in possession of Dwelling Unit no. 1102, on 11th Floor, having super area 890 sq. feet it.e. 82.68 sq. mtrs., in Tower-D, in the known as "ECO CITI", Built on Group Housing, built on Plot no. GH-03, Sector-137, Noida, Distt, Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P., The Original Document i.e. Registration Particulars Page/Last Page of Original Sub-Lease Deed dated-18. 10.2016, Doc. No. 14604 has been lost/misplaced. An Complain/NOR to this effect has been lodge vide dated-21.10.200 LR No.676170/2020 with the Crime Branch, Delhi. Any person(s) claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original document may write/contact with above named person at below mention address within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice, falling which claim, if any, of such persons will be consider to have been waived and/or, abandoned.

Juris NextGen Law Office E-56, Greater Kailash Enclave Part-

PUBLIC NOTICE This is for the information of General Public at large that Sh Kishan Kumar Gupta S/o B K Gupta aged about 73 years approx., is the lawful owner and in actual physical possession of property bearing no. A-19, 3rd Floor with roof rights, Ashok Vihar, Phase-II, Delhi-11052 built-up-house/plot/property measuring 200 sq yards wide relignuishment.

measuring 200 sq.yards vide relinquishment Deed executed by Sumit Gupta Vide Doc no. 17528, Book no.1 volume 3189,page no. 20-23 dated 24.11.2010 at SRO VI A, New Delhi and Ms Anu Gupta Vide Doc no. 18157, Book no.1 volume 3211, page no. 162-166 dated 09.12.2010 at SRO VI A, New Delhi ("said property") had agreed to sell and

he pioneer

SHORT CIRCUITS —

SUSHMITA SEN

Fashion has a special place in my heart. Over the years, I have learnt that fashion is like a book. It shouldn't be judged by its cover. However, the reason we put a lot of thought into how we present ourselves in the fashion industry is because it is the way we connect and inspire with people around the world.



VIJAY VARMA

Gully Boy became a splendid success and also became a part of pop culture, and it spoke to the audience very loud. So, I think that was the turning point in my life. Basically was part of projects that didn't meet the thunderous success of Gully Boy. so that was the only dif-



ANURAG BASU

Ludo is unlike any film I've made before. It was fantastic working with such a talented ensemble, where each actor brought a unique vision and craft. (Composer) Pritam, one of my closest collaborators who I have worked with on so many projects, worked closely with me to bring this film to life. I am so grateful to him.



Monsoon Wedding is a wonderful musical with music from Vishal Bhardwaj, 21 new songs. It is very close to the film in spirit, but it's a stage musical. And that's something that I have been working on very painstakingly for 10-11 years. So now we are ready. We're looking for COVID to leave us so that we can open on the big stages.

PULKIT SAMRAT

I loved Taish's script. The opportunity to play a character I've never tried was very exciting. I thought it would lead to an enriching experience. Bejoy (Nambiar, director) had a vision and when I came on board, we brought my character to life together. We discussed his back story. and his life journey.



NEW NORMAL 60 MINUTES

WHY THE CAGED BIRD SINGS

Filmmaker IDA ALI is absorptive in her approach. Stories and people inspire her. Perhaps, it's also why she chose her house help to be the protagonist and leading actor for her debut short film, Bechari Chidiya, shot and directed during the lockdown. She tells CHAHAK MITTAL how a story can be expressed through a film with very limited resources

sought from our everyday lives? Perhaps, because they are very much in front of us; only we know what it's like to be in that situation; and they

are our very realities. For filmmaker Ida Ali, her debut directorial Bechari Chidiya, also turned out to be an example taken from her most immediate surroundings. Rather, her home. When her house help, whom she refers to as "didi", could not go back to her home in Odisha during the lockdown, it occurred to Ida to make a film about how even though, unlike thousands, "she was in a house, she was not in her

hy are the best examples is stuck at her employer's house during the nationwide lockdown. Alone and unable to return to her village, she finds an unlikely com-

The film, which is a part of the Life: Summer of 2020 series of short films, shot in lockdown, by Lockdown Shorts Studio, is now set to release on Disney Hotstar.

How did you conceptualise the film? How long did it take for you to complete it given the lock-



When I heard about Lockdown Shorts and was asked to think of a story, I instinctively looked to my surroundings. Who were the people in my vicinity? How were they affected by the

Odisha. The lockdown kept her from taking that one-time-a-year holiday to go to her home and meet her kids and grandkids. So my idea was based on not only her but on every worker from villages

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

Communication, sending footage and coordinating was a challenge, but we made it work.

What were the on-ground challenges while directing your debut film during the lockdown?

Obviously, I had never directed a film, and definitely never imagined doing it in a lockdown. I ended up doing all the production work, including sound, camera, costumes, set and direction. But as much as it was challenging to single-handedly do everything, it actually empowered me. It showed me what adaptive film-making means. It can be created anywhere and anyhow.

Why the title, Bechari Chidiya? Does it aim to metaphorically reflect the trapped reality that Summer of 2020 became for those who are always wandering?

Living on the 34th floor, I saw an immediate increase in the bird population in Mumbai after the lockdown. They took over the city, flocked the then empty streets and even enjoyed the sunrise on my balcony. In my fascination with them, I thought about how a bird could be someone's only companion if one was spending the lockdown alone. The idea was that how a bird and a woman became reflections of each other in that time. It is not a trap but simply an acceptance of nature.

During the migrant crisis in lockdown, while house helps and daily wage labourers were losing their jobs, to the contrary, in your film, the maid is instead stuck at

The migrant crisis really opened eyes and conversations about the sad reality of the workers in India — in a way it was needed. However, my perspective came from what I knew and what I saw firsthand. It is shocking to see that such few films have covered the lives of domestic helpers. It is almost like they have been overlooked. Well, I did not want my didi to be overlooked. I wanted to play with identity crisis even when one may be in a secure place - she was in a house but not in

How do you think lockdown gave birth to new ventures for

I think the lockdown, for aspiring filmmakers like me, promoted the idea of making films when one is not comfortable with a smaller crew, over the internet, planning way in advance. It was when people really pushed to find new and alternative methods to work. I think when someone steps out of their comfort zone is when they are truly free to be as creative and unique as they want to be. I think it was that for me.

Do you think post-COVID, the Indian cinema will have a changed face as it will need to showcase more realistic angles to how life has seen a drastic change?

Post-COVID, the entire world will be drastically changed. Well, it is already so different. Masks and distancing will not disappear overnight. People have learnt to segregate what is important for them from what is not, be it friendships, jobs or even leisurely activities and I think that will stay on. As cinema is a reflection of reality or, at most, a satire on the

■What does an Ida Ali character look like? What is your strategy to write and create a character?

I take great interest in people and they could be anyone - my mother, my friend's grandfather, or even some passerby on the street. I want to know more about them,

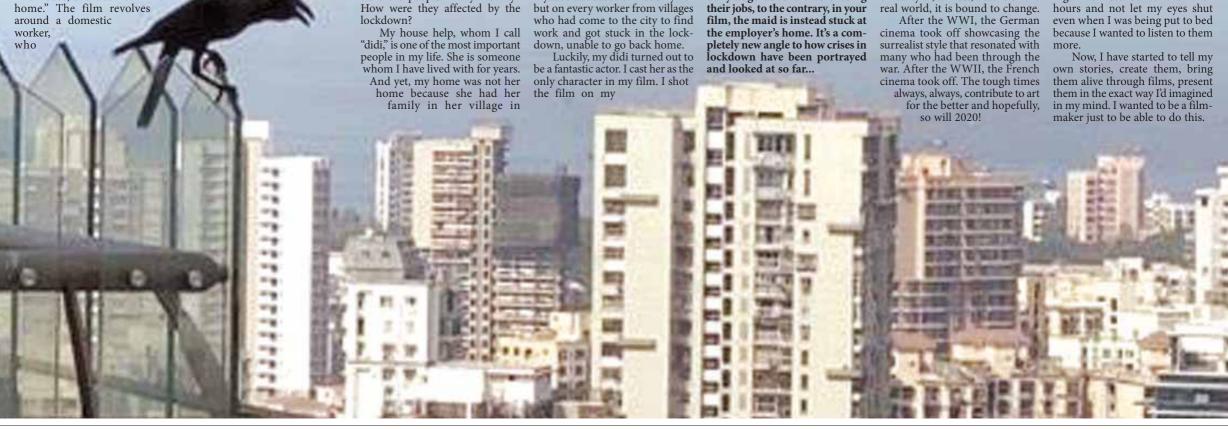
Ít's a process. First, I would, inevitably, start building a backstory for a person. Then, a future. Then, I'd think about or try to explore what they are thinking of. The characters I create are probably, mostly holistic. Other than that, I do not want them to be the same type. I want to explore all kinds of people.

Sir Imtiaz Ali has been a cherished filmmaker in the Indian cinema. And being the daughter of a famous director, has it ever felt burdened to match up to his level?
Well, I am asked this question

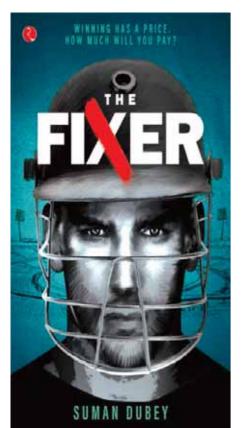
a lot and very honestly, this is when I feel 'burdened' the most. Other than that, my aim in life is to create and present stories. I am already doing that, and some people seem to appreciate it. Currently, I choose to let go of that burden and be happy about even one smile that my film brings to a person's face.

What made you to pursue a career as a filmmaker? Was it because of your parents? How have your growing up years shaped you as a filmmaker?

My parents have been making films ever since I can remember. I would be naive to think that it did not influence me to become a filmmaker. However, what I really credit for my interest in making films is stories. I find them intriguing. I've listened to them for hours and not let my eyes shut



STUDIO CHAT 30 MINUTES



ricketer Neil Upadhyay ∠could never imagine getting involved in match-fixing. Not after a 20-year career in Indian Cricket, sacrificing everything for it - his stake in a large family business, his loved ones, marriage and personal life. He had fought tooth and nail to coach his family's cricket team in the glitzy new Indian Club Cricket League (ICCL). After winning the 'ICC Emerging Cricketer' award at 19, Neil was expected to become the next Kapil Dev. But due to a major setback in his family business, his ambitions are blown, which leads him to make some unthinkable compromises, taking his dream team stand on the brink. Will he be able to salvage his reputation and attain victo-

Author Suman Dubey's forthcoming debut novel, The Fixer: Winning Has A Price. How Much Will You Pay? narrates the tale of a cricketerturned-fixer who finds himself up against the wall when his family business takes an unfor-

tunate turn. On the book's trailer

shot at stake Author SUMAN DUBEY's debut novel, The Fixer, revolves around crime and power in the world of Indian cricket

THE FIXED CONVERSATION launch, director Sujoy Ghosh

and cricketer-turned-commen-

tator Aakash Chopra shared their thoughts on the book. During the chat, UnFixed Conversation, with RJ Rishi Kapoor, Sujoy, Aakash and Suman spoke about the plot of the book, the trailer and all

things films and cricket. Sujoy said, "After seeing the

is a screenplay for a thriller film

and not a book! I observed that

trailer, my first thought was, this

the book is more about the person and not the sport. Stories and films are based on emotional journeys, and this book is about the journey of redemption. This trailer gives the impression of Rocky (Hollywood film) on the cricket field. The plot of this book has great emotional value and has potential for a film or a web

Talking about match-fixing, he added, "There's something dark about any and every industry, including cricket. These things are part and par-cel of life. We see it in the film industry as well. Both cricket and the film industry are very alike. I am as good or bad as the last film I made, just like how a cricketer is as good or bad as his last performance on the

Aakash said, "Match-fixing is about honesty and ethics, and not about the money. I have seen so many players from humble backgrounds reporting being approached for match-fixing. While I may not be able to suggest the actors who can play the leading man, I would love to play a pivotal role, maybe as a commentator, if a film is ever made on The Fixer."

Suman said, "I look at my book as a source of entertainment for my readers. I wanted to provide them with a sneakpeek of the story with a trailer. The most exciting thing about writing this book was that at one point, it felt like the main character took off on his own journey beyond my control. This journey of writing a fiction-thriller novel has been the most exciting experience for me as it combined my passion for observing human nature with

my zest for storytelling."

(Published by Rupa
Publications, the book is available for pre-order in paperback and ebook. It will also be available online and in other book stores from October 26.)

Heart-breaking to see loss of jobs: Arjun

Actor Arjun Kapoor had recently entrepreneurs from across the country on our fast-growing platform and delivery start-up, FoodCloud, with the aim to improve gender parity. He seems to have pivoted towards empowering as many people as possible to be self-reliant during the Coronavirus pandemic with his business platform.

Arjun says, "The Coronavirus pandemic has thrown extraordinary challenges at people. It is heart-breaking to see the loss of lives and employment. I have tried to empower as many people as possible through our venture."

The actor reveals that his platform has made around 1,000 home chefs turn into entrepreneurs during the lockdown. "We have managed to create about 1,000 new food

their dreams through selfreliance, and been a vocal for local "The company," he says.

Arjun is happy to contribute towards providing business opportunities to people during the pan-demic. He adds, "These home chefs have found economic stability by turning entrepreneurs and it gives us great joy to see them happy. They have come on board our platform and found a new way to feed their families and take care of their needs. We are proud that they have chosen us to be their vehicle of

on our fast-growing platform and

that's a big achievement for us

because these people have

become self-reliant in this stifling

lockdown situation. We have

always wanted people to realise

IMMERSIVE 45 MINUTES =

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

uring these challenging and unprecedented times, we have seen a lot many drastic changes and have tried to adapt to a new normal. However, thankfully some things never change like the festive cheer. The raging COVID-19 pandemic has not deterred the tattoo enthusiasts from keeping up their excitement, especially during the festive season as it brings positivity and spirituality.

Getting inked is truly a form of self-expression and tattoos during Indian festivities are gaining increased popularity these days. Men and women are keen on getting the ones that signify the importance of their tradition with a combination of ideas that are an extension of their personality. Believe it or not but religions and tattoos have a long history together. The carvings on prehistoric rocks were copied by tribal communities on their bodies. The process is known as gudna (burying the needle in Hindi). They flaunted the markings as jewellery — the kind which no one could take away from them even if they lose everything. Some people choose religious tattoos to represent their own beliefs and others choose symbols they like without paying attention to their meanings. This year, despite the pandemic, millennials are showing their layer for activable to the state of the s their love for artwork to display their idea of power and spreading the message of good over evil by getting religious tattoos.

Veteran tattoo artist, Lokesh Verma, founder of Devilz Tattooz, shares, "Despite the pandemic, the loyal art lovers are coming to get inked this Navratri. There is always a rise among women to get inked during Navratri. They do it as a form

FAITH ON YOUR SLEEVE



of flaunting the body art and spreading the message of equality and women empowerment to the society by getting tattoos of goddess Kali and

Durga which represent power, harmony and strength. Religious tattoos are a symbol of faith and good luck for many to stay positive and believ-



ing that the lord is close protecting them from the every kind of evil." butterflies and barbed wire designs.

tal. Getting inked is now being People seem to have moved past recognised as an art form. The trends such as realistic portraiture,

nature-inspired designs are being explored. However, notably, millennials are increasingly wearing their faith on their sleeves. It's a modern way for them to reflect their religion or beliefs.

Artistes are getting plenty of requests for hyper mas-culine renditions of Shiva, fierce mother goddesses and other deities.

Celebrity tattoo artist, Vikas Malani, founder of BodyCanvas Tattoos, says, "While the women have been getting tattoos that are inspired by or directly related to Maa Durga and goddess Kali, the men are choosing bigger designs that depict the story of the Ramayana or the victory of good over evil. The most relatable tattoos are those of Maa Durga, lord Ram, the symbolic representation of the trident or Trishul, the lotus flower as a symbol of purity and enlightenment amid ignorance, and the tiger/lion tattoos that signify power and strength."

International artist, Micky Malani, co-owner of BodyCanvas Tattoos tells us that a lot of people get tattoos to represent things in their life that are significant. "Mythological tattoos have been elating the masses since forever, and this year is no different. Many women come to us and even ask for tattoos of yantras, mandalas and chakras. While some get coloured ones, others prefer black and grey ones as they don't require the same amount of shading and layers that coloured tattoos do," says he.

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General Public is hereby informed that a girl namely Gulabsha D/o Rahmatullah Ansari R/o C-510, JJ Colony Wazirpur Delhi has been missing since 18.10.2020 at 10.00 AM from her residence. In this regard a DD No. 580/20 dated 19.10.2020 has been lodged at PS, Bharat Nagar, Delhi. The description of missing girl is as under:

Name: Gulabsha, Father's Name: Rahmatullah Ansari, Age: 17 years, Height: 4'8", Face: Long, Complexion: Shallow, Built: Thin, Wearing: White suit and White salwar and Black

If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned at following phone numbers. Website: http://cbi.nic.in

e-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in

Extn.-210 Fax: 011-24368639 DP/459/NW/2020

P.S., Bharat Nagar, Delhi Ph.: 011-27301200, 27301400

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that a male Namely Unknown S/o Unknown R/o Unknown Age: About 65-70 years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Normal, Wearing: White & blue coloured checked shirt & half pant and bare feet, was found dead after meeting accident



on 09.08.2019 at 6:00 PM at Punjabi Bagh Underpaas, Rohtak Road, Delhi. In this regard a FIR No. 437/19 dated 09.08.2019 U/S 279/304A IPC has been registered at P.S. Punjabi Bagh, Delhi.

If any one having any clue about deceased male may kindly inform the undersigned and contact on following numbers.

P.S. Punjabi Bagh, Delhi

Ph.No.: 011-25225616, 0122-25225614

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that one girl **Namely:** Renu. **D/o:** Jai Pal. R/o: H.No. D-1076, JJ Colony, Camp No. 2, Nangloi, Delhi, Age: 17 Years, Height: 5', Complexion: Shallow, Face: Oval, Wearing: Blue Colour Top-Jeans and Chappal in Feet has been missing/kidnapped since 24.09.2020 from the area of P.S. Nangloi, Delhi. In this regard FIR No. 988/20, U/s 363 IPC, Dated 25.09.2020, has been lodged at P.S.

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

Nangloi, Delhi.

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OMKARA ASSETS RECONSTRUCTION PRIVATE LIMITED

APPENDIX IV Rule 8 (1) POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY) APPENDIX IV Rule 8 (1) POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

Whereas The undersigned being the authorized officer of Omkara Assets Reconstruction Private Limited (OARPL) a Company incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956, and duly registered with Reserve Bank of India (RBI) as an Asset Reconstruction Company under Section 3 of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) ("The SARFAESI Act, 2002"). acting as Trustee of Omkara PS24/2019-20 Trust and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice. The Borrower(s)/Co-borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s)/Co-borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the said Act read with rule 8 of the security interest Enforcement Rules, 2002. The Borrower(s)/ Co-borrower (s) and the Guarantor (s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the OARPL acting as Trustee of Omkara PS24/2019-20 Trust. The borrower (s)/Co-borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)s attention is invited to provisions of sub-Section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

5.N.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Date and Amount	(immovable property)	Notice Date
1.	Gaurav (Borrower) Sangeeta (Co-Borrower)	21-07-2020 Rs. 34,92,719/-	All that piece and parcel of House No. D-440, Colony Indraprastha Tehsil & Dist. Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh 201010 ALONGWITH CONSTRUCTION THEREON PRESENT AND FUTURE BOTH.	20-10-2020
2.	Rajesh Kumar (Borrower) Khushboo Devi (Co-Borrower)	21-07-2020 Rs. 15,36,350/-	All that piece and parcel of Flat No-401,4th Floor,ARSH Eco Homes, Plot No-154 & 155, Vayusena Enclave, Khasra No. 135, Shahberi, Greater Noida West, Uttar Pradesh 201301 ALONGWITH CONSTRUCTION THEREON PRESENT AND FUTURE BOTH.	19-10-202
3.	Rajiv Kumar (Borrower) Orbit Group, Karan Sahani, Urmila Devi (Co-Borrower)	21-07-2020 Rs. 23,66,384/-	All that piece and parcel of Plot No-604, Block-K, Gali No. 3, Gautam Vihar, Vill Ghonda Gurjan Khadar, Shahdra, Mendu, Near Primary School, East Delhi, Delhi-110053 ALONGWITH CONSTRUCTION THEREON PRESENT AND FUTURE BOTH.	19-10-202
4.	Rajni Sharma (Borrower) Krishna Kumar Sharma (Co-Borrower) Krishan Kumar Nimavat (Gurantor)	21-07-2020 Rs. 19,18,909/-	All that piece and parcel of Flat No. SF-202, 2 nd Floor, Plot No. 36, Khasra No. 8M, Ward No 42, Green Avenue Village Harsau, Pargana Dasna, Tehisl & Distt. Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201002 ALONGWITH CONSTRUCTION THEREON PRESENT AND FUTURE BOTH.	
5.	Ramesh Kumar Jena (Borrower) Ajay Kumar Jena , Bijay Kumar Jena , Sasmita Jena (Co-Borrower)	21-07-2020 Rs. 36,83,552/-	All that piece and parcel of Property No-60 Upper Ground Floor Out Of Rect No 38, Kila No 20, Gali No- 12, Sarojini Park Known As Shastri Nagar, Village Khureji Illaqa, Shahdara, East Delhi, Delhi 110031 ALONGWITH CONSTRUCTION THEREON PRESENT AND FUTURE BOTH.	20-10-202
6.	Yadav Munni Lal (Borrower) Sabitar Devi, Sabita Devi, Farender Yadav (Co-Borrower)	21-07-2020 Rs. 13,81,966/-	All that piece and parcel of Property No. 59A, New No. RZ-126-A, Khasra No. 12/14, without Roof/Terrace Rights, Village Khayala, West Block EXTN 2, Vishnu Garden, New Delhi-110018 ALONGWITH CONSTRUCTION THEREON PRESENT AND FUTURE BOTH.	19-10-202

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VOGUE 30 MINUTES

A twist to traditional styles

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



⊿duo Monica & Karisȟma of JADE came together to launch a collection titled The New School of Brides, a showcase of distinctive hair and make-up looks and designs at Lakmé Fashion Week 2020 Digital First Season Fluid Edition.

The two brands presented a collection that is set to become a guidebook for the brides of 2020 - from opulent makeup and hair created to the intricately handcrafted couture collection the designers. The show was a presentation of oomph, style, craftsmanship and skill, but above all, an ode to the many moods and emotions of the bride.

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

The designers drew inspiration from their own experiences — as brides full of hope and dreams - combined with their love for fabricating designs that encapsulated the excitement and thrill of the new beginnings. The collection is a subtle invitation to look beyond the grey clouds and revel in the silver linings, just like the bride does. And, for the same reason, the colours used in this range are lush and enchanting berries, reds, pinks — vibrant tones that symbolises joy, excitement and hopefulness.

They used Kasab and lace to curate intricately handcrafted designs for Ek Taar lehengas (where each piece is intricately handcrafted with just one thread), textured skirts, antique silver threadwork jackets and elegant blouses that gave a twist to the

traditional splendour with a global perspective. Each ensemble was further underscored using masterfully craft-

ed accessories like silver bibs, Ek Taar belts, embellished mules and cross-body sling bags.

Completing the dazzling JADE ensembles was the new hair and makeup collection by

Lakmé Salon. The collection

plays up the beauty of the eyes

with glitter and colour in

combination with baroque hairstyles featuring textured braids and twisted buns, fixing the spotlight firmly on the

The models sported a contemporary, subtle belle look with a focus on the eyes, enhanced using glitter with splashes of colour, colour on

the waterline, bewitching eye-

lashes and fluffy feathered

eyebrows, offset by glowing

glass skin and nude lips.

Shades of mahogany and brown were extensively used with bronze glitter to add depth and dimension to the The hair exhibited a play-

ful rendition of structure through texture and layering from dual textured braids for instant glam and extra oomph, entwined twin dutch braids that give the ensemble a royal look, flirtatious braided ponytails for playful



face shapes. Pooja Singh, National Creative Director, Hair, Lakmé Salon said, "Hairstyles for the New School of Brides twist the boundaries of traditional styles for contemporary looks. We have replaced the plain traditional bun with a French twist and fun top knot to craft a fresh look. Each style in this new collection plays

classic chic style and the time-

less top knot that flatters all

with structure through texturing and layered braiding." "A contemporary take on tradition, the makeup looks are specially created for the new age bride and her tribe. Replacing the OTT bridal makeup, we have kept a minimal base with nude, dewy fresh and glass glow skin, accentuated with a colour splash, glitter and shimmering eves in hues of mahogany, browns and bronze. These timeless colours will suit every outfit and occasion in the bridal journey," added Anupma Katyal, National Creative Director, Skin, of

the salon brand. Monica Shah of JADE said, "We, at JADE, have always stood for Indian craft and techniques, and given it a modern flair.'

(Co-Borrower)

Place :- Delhi

MOTION PICTURE

Chennai Super Kings skipper MS Dhoni chats with Mumbai

Indian's all-rounder Hardik Pandya during team's warm-up

session ahead of the start of IPL game



Table-toppers Delhi Capitals would

expect more from

their batsmen after an underwhelming performance

in the loss to Kings XI Punjab

when they take on a low-on-

confidence Kolkata Knight

Dhawan has been in brilliant

form but even his record-set-

ting hundred was not enough

to save the side from a defeat

against Kings XI Punjab for lack of contribution from other

to bat with more responsibili-

ty at the top since Dhawan may

not be able to rescue the side all

the time. Shaw's last four

have

two

Skipper Shreyas

Iver too has not been

hitting the ball as flu-

ently as he was before

suffering a side strain.

Rishabh Pant, who

made a comeback from

injury against Punjab,

too has not yet set the stage

with Marcus Stoinis, form

the backbone of

Capitals' middle order.

They are vital cogs in

DC's wheels and

need to do more

than just making

Pacer Anrich

Nortje, who has been

Capitals' superb run

Their campaign back on track with a hat-trick of wins,

Kings XI Punjab will take on

another resurgent team -Sunrisers Hyderabad — here on

Saturday in a must-win IPL

game for the two well-matched

Both KXIP and SRH

having garnered eight

are on the same pedestal,

but the Hyderabad outfit is

a rung ahead in the

eight-team stand-

ings, on the fifth

spot by virtue of a

better net run

And both

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Young Prithvi Shaw needs

batters.

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on fire.

For Delhi, opener Shikhar

Riders here on Saturday.

Dev (Padikkal) on top has been incredible. He has got a similar imposing way of batting as Hayden...The way he conducts himself, you can say 'he is the future of Indian cricket'

KKR aim to stay in hunt

Stats: Faisel Features



Kagiso Rabada, had a niggle and missed

last match against Punjab.

If he comes

back, it will add

the

sting to DC's attack and in that

case Australian pacer Daniel

Sams will have to make way for

contest after an embarrassing

batting performance against

Royal Challengers Bangalore.

Blown away by Mohammed Siraj's furious

spell, KKR managed just 84

dence-crushing defeat and

KKR need to regroup quickly.

It certainly was a confi-

Sitting at fourth place in

the table with 10

points, they would

be desperate to

only bright spot for

them amid the disap-

pointment of Andre

Russell missed

be interesting

to see if the

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KKR needs a

Russell's poor run.

out on the last match

due to an injury and it will

he is fit.

collective effort from now on

cups, KXIP got its campaign

back on track with three consec-

Indians and

utive wins - over mighty

Delhi Capitals, Mumbai

Challengers Bangalore and

be hoping to carry the win-

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runs on the board.

KKR are heading into the

You can't always think the result will go your way. Even when you're hurting, you try to smile and take it on the chin. I feel the boys have done that, they've tried to perform



Two-three wickets early puts you in the game and to get 4-5 is fantastic. Then the openers going out and finishing off and not leaving any uncertainty was good



I am the one who's lucky to get the wickets, but everyone has been contributing to the side. All the bowlers, batsmen and even fielders have contributed in our good performances

Kings XI Punjab on Sunday.

In a statement issued before the CSK game, the franchise said, "Rohit Sharma has suffered left leg hamstring strain during

"Rohit has made good progress over last four days, while the management is taking one day at a time monitoring the recovery process in consultancy with BCCI," the statement added.

Veteran Kieron Pollard took over the leadership duties from Rohit.

"Rohit has been advised rest for the match against CSK. Kieron Pollard will lead the team tonight," the statement added.

increase if he is not ready for that game against Rajasthan Royals, considering the Indian team travels to Australia for an important tour right after the IPL.

Skipper Dhoni's (16) poor run continued as he fell to leggie Rahul Chahar while going for a big one off a tossed-up delivery after having smacked a six of the previous

Ravindra Jadeja (7) hit a boundary before pulling one straight to Krunal Pandya at midwicket to give Boult his third wicket and leave CSK in tatters at

Rohit misses due to hamstring injury

Sharjah: A hamstring injury ruled Mumbai Indians skipper Rohit Sharma out of the IPL game against Chennai Super Kings here on Friday. Rohit suffered the injury

during MI's last game against

Mumbai Indians' last outing."

Doubts over his fitness will

Injury had forced Rohit out of the better part of the New Zealand tour earlier this year. At that time, he had endured a calf injury during the T20 leg. **PTI**



Mumbai Indian's Director of Cricket Operations Zaheer Khan



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DOMINATION

Mumbai hunt Super Kings by 10 wickets to reach on top

rent Boult and Jasprit Bumrah's devastating pacebowling spell in tandem before Ishan Kishan's batting heroics helped Mumbai Indians' post a comprehensive 10-wicket win over Chennai Super Kings in a completely lop-sided IPL match here on

With the embarrassing loss, CSK are all but out of reckoning for the play-offs with just six points from 11

games, while MI jumped to the top spot with 14 points from 10 matches. Bowling in tan-

increase their tally to stay alive in the dem, Boult (4/18) and play-offs race. Bumrah (2/25) reduced CSK Even the change to 21 for 5 inside powerplay with three and two wickets in captaincy has not respectively and CSK never instilled much confirecovered from there, limping dence in the side. to 114 for 9, largely The performance pacer Lockie thanks to Sam Ferguson has been the Curran's 52.

Chasing 115 for a win, Kishan (68 not out), opening in place of regular skipper Rohit Sharma who missed out due to a hamstring injury, and Quinton de Kock (46 not out) knocked off the required runs in just 12.2

The duo toyed with the CSK bowling attack on a dreadful day for the MS Dhoni-led side to carry their bats through the innings.

Survival of the fittest

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

ing the tournament's top two

run-getters in openers Rahul

(540) and Mayank Agarwal

especially allowing Rahul to

has given some depth to KXIP's

batting as well bowling unit led

by the experienced Mohammed

lar position and needs to win its

remaining four matches to seal

itself in the play-off hunt with a

confidence-boosting eight-wick-

et win over Rajasthan Royals on

Jimmy Neesham's inclusion

SRH too find itself in simi-

The side managed to keep

Stats: Faisel Features

(398) in its ranks.

ful return of Gayle

relief for KXIP as it

reduced the burden

on the shoulders of

its star openers,

play more freely.

a play-off berth.

But the success

with skipper Morgan, Dinesh The left-handed Kishan, who has not Karthik, Shubhman Gill, Nitish Rana all required to contribute. had a substantial score



for 25.

runs, 13 of those coming in the

final over. Bumrah (2/25) and leg-spinner Rahul Chahar (2/22)

picked up two wickets each while

. Nathan Coulter-Nile ended with 1

Incidentally, Curran's 43-run partnership for the ninth wicket

with Imran Tahir (13 not out) was

the highest partnership of the

CSK innings which showed the rest

slipped to 3 for 3 after two overs

and lost two more wickets before

Gaikwad, back into the side, being

trapped LBW in the opening over

ball from Bumrah, gloving an easy

catch to de Kock. N Jagadeesan fol-

lowed him to the pavilion off the

next ball, poking at one to be

batsman to shine this season so far,

edged one to give de Kock his sec-

caught by Suryakumar Yadav.

ond catch of the night.

bowled by Boult for a duck.

CSK had a horror start and

It all started with Ruturaj

Ambati Rayudu fell to a short

Faf du Plessis, the only CSK to

of the batsmen in poor light.

the powerplay ended.

after his knock of 99 against RCB, was at his attacking best as he smashed six fours and five sixes during his 37ball innings.
The South African

de Kock played second fiddle during his 37-ball innings which had five fours and two Earlier,

put in to bat, CSK were five wickets down inside powerplay overs with Boult and Bumrah taking three and two wickets respective-CSK could reach to 114

for 9 thanks largely to Sam Curran's enterprising half-century. The young Englishman mixed caution with aggression to top-score with 52 (47 balls, 4 fours, 2 sixes) in an otherwise pathetic display by CSK batsmen.

Boult eventually picked up four wickets for 18

Thursday after three consecutive

side can't slip a bit from hereon

chase against RR in their last

match, young Manish Pandey

(83) and Vijay Shankar (52) rose

to the occasion and shared an

unbeaten 140-run partnership to

added firepower to SRH's bowl-

ing attack as the West Indian

picked up three wickets for 33

young guns — Priyam Garg,

Abdul Samad and T Natarajan

own up some responsibility.

Jason Holder's inclusion has

But it's high time that SRH's

secure a comfortable win.

runs against RR.

And the David Warner-led

in the tournament.

if it wishes to stay alive

SRH is that despite

Warner and Jonny

Bairstow departing

early in the 155-run

We haven't played to our potential this season: Dhoni

SK captain MS Dhoni on Friday admitted that his side failed to perform to their potential from the second game onwards as they suffered an embarrassing 10-wicket defeat at the hands of Mumbai Indians.

the things that are going wrong. Specially this year, it hasn't been our year. Whether you lose by 8 or 10 wickets, it hardly matters, but where we are at this stage of the tournament, it does hurt," he said.

"What you need to see is where we actually went wrong, right from the second game," Dhoni said at the post-match presentation.

"There can be a 100 reasons, but one of the main things you ask yourself is whether you've played to the potential you've got no matter the conditions. When you put a good team on paper, have we done enough to back up the stats? And this year we haven't.'

The former India captain said



CSK skinner MS Dhoni shake hands with Ishan Kishan after MI's win IPLT20.com

cumulatively there have been batting failures but termed it a part and parcel of the game.

"You can't always think the result will go your way. Even when you're hurting, you try to smile and take it on the chin. I feel the boys have done that, they've tried to perform.

"I think it's important for us to have a clear picture of next year. There are lots of ifs and buts — auction, where the venues will be."

Azhar Ali may lose Pak Test captaincy

for KXIP so far despite hav-

After the initial hic-

PTI ■ KARACHI $P_{\mbox{Ali may lose his job}}^{\mbox{akistan Test captain Azhar}}$

leader of the side when the

team tours New Zealand

amidst speculations that either

white-ball skipper Babar Azam or Mohammad Rizwan could replace him. Azhar, who is the most Test capped player now in the national team with 81 appearances, is said to have lost favour with a influential member of the cricket committee while the PCB Chairman and CEO are

thoughts about retaining him as captain. He was named Test captain last year in October after sacking of Sarfaraz Ahmed as captain and player

also said to be having second

from all three formats. With just 12 months in the job, Azhar saw the Pakistan team lose two-nil in Australia before

securing

WTC should be extended: Misbah Karachi: Pakistan's head coach with all teams completing their

Misbah-ul-Haq wants the ICC to conduct the World Test Championship exactly the way it has been planned even if it means extending the duration of the event due to the disruption caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. Misbah's statement came amid reports that the ICC is considering splitting points for unplayed games in the championship cycle which was originally scheduled to end in June-July 2021 with the final in England.

The Covid-19 situation has hit the World Test Championship series but I would still prefer to see the ICC complete the championship

Lanka and Bangladesh. Then they travelled to England where the team lost the three-match Test series

Wicketkeeperatsman, Mohammad Rizwan who is right now riding on a wave of popularity and

scheduled matches," Misbah said in an interview on the Cricket Baaz channel on You "I think the matches can be

rescheduled because every team should get a fair chance to take a shot at qualifying for the final," Misbah said The former Pakistan cap-

tain felt that the league can be extended to accommodate matches hit by the pandemic. Pakistan's one Test against

Bangladesh in April has not been played due to the pandemic. Other countries have also had several of their scheduled series disrupted due to the pan-

recently led the KPK team to National Championship title is said to be favourite to replace Azhar.

PCB CEO Wasim Khan told a television channel that a meeting could be held on November 11 to decide on Azhar's future and find a new chief selector as head coach, Misbah ul Haq has relinquished the post.

English cricketers take 15% pay cut **AFP** ■ LONDON

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

The England and Wales Cricket Board says the English game has already lost more than £100 million (\$130 million) — a figure that could rise to £200 million next year. Bowlers Stuart Broad and

Chris Woakes have said recently that players are willing to take a pay cut, which the ECB revealed on Friday would come from retainers, match fees and win bonuses. The annual contracts.

which started on October 1, were understood to have been worth £650,000 for Test stars and £275,000 for white-ball performers in 2019/20. "We need to recognize that

our players, led by captains Joe Root and Eoin Morgan, have conducted themselves with great maturity and responsibility throughout this challenging time," team director Ashley Giles said.

Europa biggies start with win **AFP** ■ LONDON utes into the legs," he said. areth Bale said it felt good

Garetti Bale sale. To to be "loved and appreciated" after helping Tottenham to a 3-0 win over Austrian club LASK in the Europa League on Thursday. The Welsh international

started his first match since his return from Real Madrid and played for an before Jose Mourinho gave him a break. "It is amazing to be

back," Bale told *BT Sport* on Thursday. "It is a big rea-

son why I play well and why I came back. You want to be loved and appreciated. I will give everything this shirt."

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

Despite Bale starting, it was on-loan Carlos Vinicius who made an impressive debut in the Group J opener. Vinicius started in place of the resting Harry Kane and he

made goals in either half for Lucas Moura and Son Heungmin, while he would have also netted himself had Andres Andrade not scored an own goal. Bale made that goal where Andrade put

through his own net. Leicester made the perfect start in Group with comfortable 3-0

and

win over Zorya Luhansk Ukraine. James Maddison, Harvey Barnes

Kelechi

Iheanacho were

on the score-

After a goalless first half Arsenal went behind when keeper Bernd Leno fluffed a clearance on a night he will want to forget but the Gunners then turned the game around in four second half min-

In Glasgow, Celtic strug-

gled against Serie A leaders

AC Milan who were 2-0 up at

half-time thanks to goals from

Rade Krunic and Brahim

reduced the arrears after the

break, but Jens Petter Hauge

broke clear to secure Milan's

Group H 3-1 win in stoppage

time. Milan were so comfort-

able that they could afford to

take off Zlatan Ibrahimovic

GUNNERS COMEBACK

from behind to down Rapid

Vienna 2-1 and Rangers beat

Earlier, Arsenal came

just after the hour.

Standard Liege 2-0.

Mohamed Elyounoussi

David Luiz put them level with a deft glancing header off Nicolas Pepe's free-kick, with Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang then tapping home to bag the

three Group B points. The other Group B game

was being played out in Dublin where Dundalk, only Ireland's third ever representative in the group stage, were beaten 2-1 by Norwegians

Belgium, Steven Gerrard's Rangers took on Standard Liege fresh from their Old Firm derby win over Celtic.

James Tavernier scored from the spot after Noe Dussenne handled in the area to put them into a 19th minute

stoppage time Kemar Roofe produced a wonder goal from the halfway line, the ball flying over the head of bewildered keeper Arnaud Bodart.

Benfica had claimed the first goal of the night and they went on to beat Lech Poznan in Poland 4-2 in the other Group D

Then three minutes into

Elsewhere, Bayer Leverkusen ran riot 6-2 against French side Nice and Spanish side Granada, in their first ever European campaign, beat PSV Eindhoven 2-1.

