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Jab tak dawai nahi, tab tak dhilayi nahi: PM

Ahead of festival season, Modi cautions citizens to not drop their guard in fight against Covid-19

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Maintaining that the "lock-down is gone but not the virus", Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday cautioned citizens ahead of the festival season to not let their guard down in the fight against Covid-19 and allow things to deteriorate. "Jab tak dawai nahi, tab tak dhilayi nahi (no laxity until there is a vaccine for cure)," he reiterated and cited how after witnessing a decline there was a spurt in the caseload in many countries.

In his special address to the nation, his seventh since the Covid-19 outbreak, the Prime Minister said though the hustle-bustle is back in the market, the economy is picking up and people have put their lives back on track, the virus has not gone and the battle against it would continue unless it is finished to the last.

He said many countries, including India, are working on credible vaccine and the Government is readying itself

to ensure its speedy delivery to every one in the country. Modi's address this time round came in view of the festival season which could disrupt the coronavirus code of conduct, particularly that of social distancing and wearing of masks, thus potentially spiking up the cases manifold. The ongoing campaign for Bihar elections and bypolls to the 28-odd Assembly seats across the



MODISPEAK

- Those who have become negligent and are moving around without masks are putting themselves and their families, including children and elderly, at risk
- India is in a stable situation today due to efforts of every Indian in the last seven-eight months, and we have to ensure that the situation does not deteriorate

country, especially in Madhya Pradesh, also has the potential to contribute to the increase in the virus infections through public meeting, rallies or oneto-one contact.

"India is succeeding in saving more and more lives of its citizens and fares better than developed nations in combating the virus but we need to continue the fight against the Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses the nation on Tuesday

virus till the vaccine comes. As against 25,000 persons in a population of 10 lakh getting infected in the US and Brazil, only 5,500 persons in a similar size here were infected in India. As against over 600 deaths per 10 lakh population in countries like the US, Spain, Britain and Brazil, India registered 83 deaths for a similar size group," he outlined.

He also cited the expansion of the large network and activities in the last few months to combat coronavirus. He said 90 lakh beds have been put in place for coronavirus patients, 12,000 quarantine centres have been installed, 2,000 testing labs established and "soon our testing will be crossing the 10 crore mark".

But at the same time, he pointed out, pictures and videos have, of late, emerged showing that many people have either stopped following pre-cautions like wearing masks or have become negligent. "This is absolutely not right. Those who have become negligent and are moving around with-out masks are putting them-selves and their families, including children and elderly, at risk. Ye bilkul theek nahin hai (This attitude is absolutely wrong)," he said, adding in the wrong)," he said, adding in the last eight-month selfless health workers and many others have stabilised the situation in the country which should not be allowed to deteriorate.

Citing couplets of saint Kabir and from "Ramcharitmanas", Modi said one should not rest or feel too happy unless the last mile of success is reached as he requested people to "wear mask, keep distance and wash hands with soap". He asked all sections of the

society and sectors, particularly media, to create awareness about the need to fight the coronavirus pandemic till the

Modi signed off his address by wishing all good health and extending greetings for 'navratra', 'Id', 'Chhath puja', 'Gurunanak Parv' and other festivals in the coming months.

According to the Government, in the last 30 days since Covid-19 cases peaked in India, the growth rate of infections has more than halvedfrom 92 per cent in the month prior to September 18 to 42 per cent since then.

Record lowest daily count of Covid cases

India witnesses less than 50,000 new cases on Tue

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In one of the lowest spikes in the last three months, India on Tuesday recorded less than 50,000 new cases. The decline is significant considering the number of total tests on the day was in excess of 10 lakh, which has been the daily average for was in excess of 10 lakh, which has been the daily average for some time now, except on Sunday when it was below nine lakh.

46,790 new coronavirus cases are less than what were registered on July 28 when for two consecutive days the tally of fresh cases was 47,703 and 48,513, before it shot up to an alarming high of 97,894 on September 17.

While the number of tests stood at 10.32 lakh, up from Monday's 8.60 lakh, the recovery rate stands at 88.26 per cent and the fatality rate at 1.52 per cent, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said at a press briefing here.

The total case load is

expected to breach the 76lakh mark shortly even as the death toll stands at 1.15 lakh.

The number of active cases in the country has dipped below 7.5 lakh as recoveries below 7.5 lakh as recoveries continued to outpace the rise in daily new cases. In past 24 hours, 69,720 patients were declared cured of Covid, taking the total recoveries to 67.33 lakh, said the official. During the same period, 587 Covidrelated deaths were reported.

Around 78 per cent of the

new recovered cases are observed to be concentrated in 10 States/UTs and 75 per cent of the new confirmed cases are from 10 States and UTs. Maharashtra, Karnataka and Kerala each are contributing more than 5,000 new confirmed cases.

With health experts fearing a rise in Covid-19 cases during the upcoming festivals and the winter season, Bhushan asserted that the Government is in a "comfortable position" as far as availability of oxygen is considered to meet any medical emergency for serious patients.

"There has been no scarcio

ty in oxygen supply in the last 10 months with the daily pro-duction capacity enhanced to



Relatives, along with graveyard workers, offer funeral prayers for a Covid-19 victim before his burial at a graveyard in New Delhi on Tuesday

TOTAL CASES DEATHS

6,862 metric tonnes by September and projected to further increase to 7,191 metric tonnes by the end of October," he said.

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Giving the details of the

preparations, he said, the Centre has initiated the process of installing 246 oxygen generation plants in 18 States and UTs in the first phase.

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RECOVERED

TOTAL

CASES: 76,48,250 **DEATHS: 1,15,938**

RECOVERED: 67,91,102



Maharashtra	16,09,516	42,453	13,92,308
Andhra Pradesh	7,89,553	6,481	7,49,676
Karnataka	7,76,901	10,608	6,62,329
Tamil Nadu	6,94,030	10,741	6,46,555
Uttar Pradesh	4,59,154	6,714	4,22,024
Kerala	3,53,473	1,207	2,60,243
Delhi	3,36,750	6,081	3,06,747
West Bengal	3,29,057	6,180	2,87,707
Odisha	2,72,250	1,221	2,52,197
Telangana	2,24,545	1,282	2,02,577
Bihar	2,06,961	1,011	1,94,889
Assam	2,02,073	884	1,74,411
Rajasthan	1,77,123	1,774	1,55,095
Chhattisgarh	1,62,772	1,534	1,35,259
Madhya Pradesh	1,62,178	2,811	1,46,860
Gujarat	1,61,848	3,654	1,44,027

Rahul deplores 'item' barb, India-Taiwan likely Nath brushes 'opinion' off

MP ex-CM asserts what Rahul said is his opinion, nothing to be apologise for

PNS NEW DELHI

Putting the party in a fix at a time when it is under severe attack from all quarters on the issue, veteran Congress leader Kamal Nath on Tuesday refused to apologise for terming Madhya Pradesh Minister Imarti Devi an "item" even though former Congress president Rahul Gandhi disapproved of his language and termed the incident as "unfortunate".

In fact, Nath brazened it out saying what Rahul said was his own opinion, but as for him, he has already clarified the context and had nothing to apologise for when he didn't intend to insult anyone.



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said it showed Kamal Nath's arrogance and by trying hard to justify and defend his remarks he is "committing another crime".

National Commission for Women chief Rekha Sharma came down hard on Nath saying he is giving "useless expla-nation" instead of saying sorry and it only showed his charac-

On Nath's remarks, Rahul told reporters, "I think one cannot treat women with disrespect. Kamal Nath ji is from my party but personally, I don't like the type of language that he used...I don't appreciate it, regardless of who he is. It is unfortunate."

His remark came a day after Union Minister Smriti Irani questioned the Gandhi family's "silence" on the matter and alleged that they will not take action against Nath for his derogatory comment, since people like Nath and Digvijay Singh "keep the fire burning in

the Congress family's kitchen'.

However, reacting to
Rahul's comments, Nath retorted: "It is Rahul Gandhi's opinion. I have already clarified the context in which I made that statement... Why should I apologise when I did not intend to insult anyone? If anyone felt

at One China policy

IANS NEW DELHI/TAIPEI

After approving incentives for Taiwanese firms, the Government is now likely to have formal talks on a trade deal with the Tsai Ing-wen administration.

The move will be significant since India, like most countries, does not formally recognise Taiwan because of Beijing's "One China" principle under which the democratic island is its "integral" part.

However, in the last six months, China's aggression against India along the LAC in Ladakh has pushed New Delhi to review its foreign policy in the region and its approach towards the Chinese Communist Party (CCP)

insulted, I have already expressed regret."

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The CCP has been threatening to invade Taiwan but President Tsai Ing-wen recent-

ly warned it against any such move. Incidentally, on Taiwan's National Day celebrations early this month, Tsai had announced that Taipei will play an active role in establishing a new regional and international order in the face of the Chinese aggression against democracies.

Tsai's statement had come days after the foreign ministry level meeting of the Quad — Japan, Australia, US and India — in Tokyo where US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo lashed out at China's military moves against India, Taiwan and in South China

Sea. The Quad has also been discussing global over dependence on China's supply chains for manufactured products.

India and Taiwan signed a bilateral investment agreement

China appeals for early trade talks a relook release of captured soldier

He is likely to be handed over to China in a few days after thorough questioning

PNS NEW DELHI

A day after its soldier was apprehended by the Indian Army in eastern Ladakh, China on Tuesday appealed for his early release. The two sides are engaged in a face-off for the past five months in Ladakh. The Indian agencies interrogated the Chinese corporal and have not found anything suspicious so far. He is likely to be handed over to the Chinese in a few days after

thorough questioning.
Giving this information here on Tuesday, sources said Corporal Wang Ya was looked after well by the Indian Army l investment agreement
. after he was caught on Monday
morning in Demchok area.

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He was provided medical aid



and warm clothes to protect him from extreme altitude and harsh climatic conditions. The Corporal is an armourer in the People's Liberation Army (PLA) and hails from Shangxizhen town of central Zhejiang province, China. He was carrying his identity card at the time of his capture, they added.

Taking up his case, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian said in Beijing on Tuesday, "We hope Indian side will keep its promise and return

possible, and work with China to promote the consensus reached at 7th round of India-China commander-level talks." Similar appeal was made by the Chinese Army on

Monday evening. It said the Chinese military hopes India will make good on its pledge to swiftly return a Chinese soldier found lost along their mountainous border where the sides have been locked in a tense standoff. The Chinese Defense

Ministry said the soldier had been helping herders round up yaks when he lost his way on Sunday evening. The Chinese side informed the Indian counterparts about the missing individual and was informed shortly afterward that he had been found and would be returned after undergoing a medical checkup, a spokesperson for the Western Theater Command, Zhang Shuili, was quoted as

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Rajnath, Yogi dedicate cancer hospital to Lko Two new flyovers also opened to ease traffic in city

PNS LUCKNOW

Lucknow got the gift of a super speciality cancer institute and two flyovers as Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath along with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh virtually dedicated these projects, saying the Bharatiya Janata Party governments at the Centre and in UP were committed towards

the welfare of the people. The cancer institute established in Lucknow is built on the lines of the famous Tata Memorial Centre in Mumbai in collaboration with the Tata Trusts. It aims at providing treatment to the patients with all the modern facilities in Lucknow.

On Tuesday, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Chief Minister Yogi institute which has come up at CG City on Sultanpur Apart from this, the

foundation stone of the institute's residential complex was also laid and the OPD services were dedicated to the public. The chief minister, while

inaugurating the medical facility, said the biggest lesson learnt in the COVID-19 era

the cooperation of Tata Trusts will be a big facility for the whole of Uttar Pradesh.

was the need for better medical facilities. This cancer institute established in Lucknow with

The capacity of the cancer hospital is 54 beds at the beginning, and it will soon be

Adityanath launched the upgraded to a capacity of 750 surgical oncology, radiation beds," he said, adding that the Adityanath launched uncounted surgical oncology, radiation oncology and indoor patient target was to take up the capacity to 1,250 beds in the next phase.

Before this, a cancer hospital was started in Varanasi, the parliamentary con-stituency of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Reiterating the resolve to provide better medical facilities to the people, the chief minister said that initiatives like Ayushman Yojana and Mukhya Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana had proved the government's steadfastness to provide high quality medical facilities in the country and this sequence would contin-

The defence minister and the chief minister also gave gifts of two flyovers to the citizens of Lucknow to ease the flow of road traffic.

The three-lane flyover between Hussainganj Crossing and DAV College and a 908-metre-long fly-over from Haiderganj Tiraha to Meena Bakery, constructed at a cost of ₹ 64.47 crore, will be a major solution to the traffic jams witnessed in these areas of the state capital Lucknow.

The 1528-metre-long Hussainganj Crossing-Bansmandi crossing-Naka Hindola crossing-DAV College has been constructed at a cost of ₹ 133 crore.

"The flyovers will prove to be great facilitators for the nearly 20 lakh population of Lucknow," Yogi said. The chief minister also

thanked Defence Minister Rajnath Singh for his dedication and necessary guidance for the development of Lucknow as an MP.

Punjab first State to pass Act against **Centre's farm laws**

Punjab on Tuesday became the first State to formally "reject" and "counter" the BJPled Central Government's three controversial farm laws with the Vidhan Sabha "unanimously" passing three Bills in a matter of minutes.

Apart from this, "The Code of Civil Procedure (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 2020", to provide relief to the farmers against attachment of land up to 2.5 acres, was also passed by the House.

With the BJP deciding to

stay away from the "special" session, all the political parties

the ruling Congress, the AAP, the SAD, and the Lok Insaaf Party (LIP) — come

together to ensure the passage of the four Bills. Continued on Page 11

52% farmers against farm laws, but 1/3rd don't know details

New Delhi: Amid a political furore over the three new farm laws, a Gaon Connection survey has found that about 52 per cent of the country's peasantry oppose these, but one-third of them did not know details of the legislations. Of the 35 per cent supporting the agri laws, almost 18 per cent were not informed about them.

4 ultras shot in 2 J&K encounters

Four terrorists were gunned down by the joint team of security forces in two separate encounters in Pulwama and Shopian on Tuesday, taking the total tally of terrorists killed this year so far to 187.

According to the ground reports, "Three LeT terrorists were eliminated in a joint operation in Hakripora area of Pulwama while one terrorist was neutralised by the security forces after the gunfight resumed at the encounter site in Melhoora area of Shopian in

the wee hours of Tuesday".

"Both terrorists killed were cadre of Hizbul Mujahideen and have been identified as Towseef Ahmad Khanday of Kulgam and Umar Thoker resident of Shganpora, Kulgam," a police spokesman said adding they were involved in the recent terror attacks in Kulgam-Shopian areas.

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CAPSULE PCI: DON'T PUBLISH POLL RESULTS' PREDICTION

of India on Tuesday asked the print media to refrain from publishing any article that in any manner predicts the results of the upcoming elections between October 28-November 7.

PUJA ORGANISERS SEEK CHANGES IN HC ORDER Kolkata: An association of Durga Puja Organisers in the metropolis on Tuesday filed a petition before the Calcutta High Court seeking "minor modifications" to its order that marquees be made 'no-entry zones' to prevent the spread of Covid-19. The court said the petition will come up for hearing on Wednesday.

New Delhi: The Press Council

BJP MAN SUCCUMBS TO TMC WORKERS' ATTACK Basirhat/Kolkata: A BJP worker in North 24 Parganas district succumbed to injuries inflicted by Trinamool Congress activists leaders of the saffron party said.

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Yogi directs DMs to ensure hassle-free paddy purchase

PNS LUCKNOW

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that his government was committed to procuring all paddy produce from the farmers on minimum support price

He directed all the district magistrates to carry out the process smoothly and ensure that the farmers did not face problems at the purchase cen-

"The district magistrates will be held responsible if any laxity is found in the procurement process," the chief minister said in a statement issued in Lucknow on Tuesday.

So far, the state government has procured more than one lakh tons of paddy in 2020 as compared to 10,000 metric tons of paddy purchased in the corresponding period last year.

To ensure that the purchase process is carried out smoothly, the government has increased the number of purchase centres to 4,000 from the earlier 3,000.

The chief minister also asked the officials to ensure that payment for paddy was transferred in the accounts of the farmers within 72 hours.

Paddy purchase in the state started from October 1 and the support price for common (variety) of paddy was fixed at Rs 1,868 per quintal and Rs 1,888 per quintal for Grade-A paddy.

Meanwhile, to help the farmers sell paddy at the minimum support price, the government has approved a proposal to provide advance loans to purchasing

Uttar Pradesh State Food and Essential Commodities Corporation will avail loans up to Rs 3,000 crore from the nationalised banks for purchase of paddy.



सुचना

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Govt mulling asset-based lending for MSME

PNS LUCKNOW

Aiming to provide cheap finance to the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) sector, the state government is mulling to set up asset-based lending to mitigate the financial crunch faced by them due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The new financial arm will be a joint venture (JV) between UP Industrial Consultants Limited (UPICO) and UP Laghu Udyog Nigam Limited. The new entity, to be supported by the National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC), will offer loans at attractive rates to small and medium enterprises.

The ABL or asset-based financing, is the business of offering credit, secured by collateral by way of inventory, receivables, equipment or other property owned by the borrow-

"We are working with the NSIC for a proposed assetbased lending entity. A concept paper is being prepared in this regard. The Board of UP Laghu Udyog Nigam Limited has also cleared the proposal for setting up the ABL for the benefit of the MSME sector," Additional Chief Secretary (MSME and Export Promotion) Navneet Seĥgal said in Lucknow on Tuesday.

Further, the government has decided to push for developing industrial enclaves spanning 5-50 acres under public private partnership (PPP) model to boost local economy

(PNS): Union Textiles Minister

and Member of

Parliament from

Amethi, P Smriti

Irani, hit out at the

Congress, saying that a family head

did politics there but

it was the Bharatiya

Janata Party which

took up develop-

ment work in the

Irani targets Cong, lauds

"I am happy that the BJP is fulfilling the aspi-

Without taking names, Irani said that it was sat-

The Union minister, who visited Salon town of

rations of the people of Amethi and adjoining areas,"

she said during her day-long visit to Amethi parlia-

tations of the people by ensuring development works.

adjoining Rae Bareli falling in the Amethi constituen-

cy, also inaugurated 12 Anganwadi centres and said

that such developments were required at this junc-

ture. Irani also met with officials at Salon tehsil office

and prayed at Hanuman temple in the tehsil

her voters demanding welfare works in their areas

while some lawyers complained about the function-

During her visit, Irani also accepted letters from

ng for her that the BIP was living up to

mentary constituency on Tuesday.

dev works in Amethi

2 crore more families to benefit from health assurance scheme

Lucknow(PNS): The Uttar Pradesh government has resolved to link all the families living below poverty line (BPL) with the Ayushman Bharat/ Mukhya Mantri Jan Arogya scheme to provide them free medical facilities.

Ayushman Bharat is one of its kind welfare schemes of the Government of India while the UP government has launched a similar scheme, the Mukhya Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, for the benefit of the poor. As many as 1.18 crore families of UP are getting benefits of Ayushman Bharat while eight lakh families are being benefited from the Jan Arogya

An official spokesman said here on Tuesday that about two crore families were still not covered by Ayushman Bharat Scheme. "A proposal in this regard is under active consideration to enable these two crore families to get the benefits of this novel scheme," he added.

Following the lockdown, the state's MSME sector came to a virtual standstill, barring those engaged in producing and supplying essential com-modities viz. food, medicines

The government has been taking measures to facilitate speedy revival of economic activities. During lockdown, the state

government, through various measures, arranged working capital credit of more than Rs 26,000 crore to about 10 lakh MSME units. beneficiaries The

comprised nearly 4.35 lakh existing and 5.4 lakh new units across different segments.

Meanwhile, UP Laghu Udyog Nigam's Board also approved the proposal for set-

ting up of flatted or vertical factory complexes in four districts

at an investment of Rs 345

The flatted factory concept is about an industrial building of more than one storey. The complex is subdivided into separately occupied units used for manufacturing, assembly and associated storage func-

Flatted factory complexes will be set up in Gorakhpur, Ghaziabad, Agra and Lucknow for non-polluting industrial units. It is expected to overcome the scarcity of space for new industries and to pro-

mote start-ups.

The blueprint for Agra flatted factory complex has already been drawn and it will entail investment of Rs 185 crore and accommodate 245

PM Modi to interact with street vendors on Oct 27

Lucknow (PNS): Prime Atmanirbhar Nidhi programme on October 27.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will also be present

launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affair's on June 01, 2020 for providing affordable working capital loans to street vendors to resume their livelihood that was adversely affected due to

The duration of the scheme s until March 2022.

services etc

Minister Narendra Modi will interact with street vendors of the state regarding Pradhan Mantri Street Vendor's

Adityanath will also be present during the virtual programme.

As per a government official, loans will also be disbursed among three lakh street vendors and three lakh small shop keepers of 651 municipal corrections under the Pradham porations under the Pradhan Mantri Swanidhi Yojana, a component of Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan.

The PM SVANidhi was the COVID-19 lockdown.

As per the scheme guidelines, a vendor is a person engaged in selling articles, goods, wares, food items or merchandise of daily use or offering services to the public in a street, footpath, pavement etc. from a temporary structure or by moving from place to place.

The goods supplied by them include vegetables, fruits, ready-to-eat street food, tea, pakodas, breads, eggs, textile, apparel, artisan products, books/stationery etc. and the services include barber shops, cobblers, pan shops, laundry

Prosecution dept efforts for speedy justice to sex crime victims hailed

PNS LUCKNOW

The Uttar Pradesh government L claimed the success of the recently-launched Mission Shakti with 23 offenders of crime against women and girls getting life term in the last 24 hours, bails being cancelled in 49 cases and 28 perpetrators being externed out of their dis-

On Tuesday, the state government also launched a website of the Prosecution department and also posted videos of the Prosecution department on Youtube.

ADG (Prosecution) Ashutosh Pandey said in Lucknow on Tuesday tween October 19 and 20, 23 accused involved in crime against fairer sex got life terms and 31 were punished with cash fine for the

Earlier on Monday, the ADG had said that the government's efforts in this direction ensured death penalty for 14 accused in 11 cases of crime against women in the last one

However, prompt prosecution result-

ed in a large number of convictions along with death sentences. Efforts of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath have led us to improve and strengthen our system, ensuring speedy justice to female victims," he said.

Pandey further said that due to government efforts, 14 sexual offenders were served death sentences, 11 got life imprisonment and eight were served with imprisonment and fines. 'Similarly, in 88 cases, bails of 117 accused were cancelled due to effective perusal by the Prosecution department and 41 offenders were externed from their home districts for six months," he said.

Pandey clarified that the trial of served was completed along with other cases. He said the state topped in uploading details of prosecution on -prosecution portal of the Government of India.

"We have been able to perform well because of real-time monitoring work of all 2,000 prosecutors through e-prosecution sites in the state and continuous video-con-"Death penalty is a rarity. ferencing," the ADG (Prosecution)

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02398	New Delhi	Gaya	Daily	21.10.2020 To 01.12.2020	Aliglarh, Kanpur C. Bharwari, Prayagraj Jn., Vindhyachal,	
03259	Patna Jn.	C.Shivaji Maharaj T.	Bi-Weekly (Wed., Sun)	21.10.2020 To 29.11.2020	Prayagraj Chheoki	
03260	C.Shivaji Maharaj T.	Patna Jn.	Bi-Weekly (Thu., Fri.)	23.10.2020 To 01.12.2020	Prayagraj Chheoki	
02395	Rajendra Nagar	Ajmer	Weekly (Wed.)	21.10.2020 To 25.11.2020	Prayagraj Jn., Kanpur, Firozabad, Tundla, Agra Fort	
02396	Ajmer	Rajendra Nagar	Weekly (Thu.)	22.10.2020 To 26.11.2020	Agra Fort, Tundla, Firozabad Kanpur, Prayagraj Jn.	
02577	Darbhanga	Mysuru	Weekly (Tue.)	20.10.2020 To 24.11.2020	Mirzapur, Prayagraj Chheoki	
02578	Mysuru	Darbhanga	Weekly (Sat.)	24.10.2020 To 28.11.2020	Prayagraj Chheoki, Mirzapur	
03251	Patliputra	Yashvantpur	Weekly (Fri.)	23.10.2020 To 27.11.2020	Mirzapur, Prayagraj Chheoki	
03252	Yashvantpur	Patliputra	Weekly (Mon.)	26.10.2020 To 30.11.2020	Prayagraj Chheoki, Mirzapur	
02389	Gaya	Chennai	Weekly (Sun.)	25.10.2020 To 29.11.2020	Prayagraj Chheoki, Manikpur	
02390	Chennai	Gaya	Weekly (Tue.)	27.10.2020 To 01.12.2020	Manikpur, Prayagraj Chheoki	
03253	Patna Jn.	Bansawadi	Weekly (Thu.)	22.10.2020 To 26.11.2020	Prayagraj Chheoki	
03254	Bansawadi	Patna Jn.	Weekly (Sun.)	25.10.2020 To 29.11.2020	Prayagraj Chheoki	
02545	Raxaul Jn.	Lalitpur	Weekly (Thu.)	22.10.2020 To 26.11.2020	Prayagraj Chheoki	
02546	Lalitpur	Raxaul Jn.	Weekly (Mon.)	26.10.2020 To 30.11.2020	Prayagraj Chheoki	
02581	Manduadih	New Delhi	Daily	20.10.2020 To 30.11.2020	Prayagraj Jn., Kanpur	
02582	New Delhi	Manduadih	Daily	21.10.2020 To 01.12.2020	Kanpur, Prayagraj Jn.	
05119	Ramesh- waram	Manduadih	Weekly (Sun.)	25.10.2020 To 29.10.2020	Prayagraj Jn.	
05120	Manduadih	Ramesh- waram	Weekly (Wed.)	28.10.2020 To 02.12.2020	Prayagraj Jn.	
02145	Habibganj	Patna Jn.		11,13,15,17,19, 21 & 23.11.2020	Prayagraj Chheoki, Mirzapur	
02146	Patna Jn.	Habibganj		12,14,16,18,20, 22 & 24.11.2020	Mirzapur, Prayagraj Chheoki	
01665	Habibganj	Agartala	Wednesday	28.10.2020 To 25.11.2020	Manikpur, Prayagraj Chheoki, Mirzapur	
01666	Agartala	Habibganj	Saturday	31.10.2020 To 28.12.2020	Mirzapur, Prayagraj Chheoki, Manikpur	
02539	Yashvantpur	Lucknow Jn.	Wednesday	21.10.2020 To 25.11.2020	Manikpur, Prayagraj Jn.	
02540	Lucknow Jn.	Yashvantpur	Friday	23.10.2020 To 27.11.2020	Prayagraj Jn., Manikpur	
02165	Lokmanya Tilak T.	Gorakhpur	Bi-Weekly (Thu., Mon)	22.10.2020 To 30.11.2020	Prayagraj Jn.	
02166	Gorakhpur	Lokmanya Tilak T.	Bi-Weekly (Fri., Tue)	23.10.2020 To 01.12.2020	Prayagraj Jn.	
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Kidnapped boy found murdered in Banda the family about it. The family members

body was recovered on Tuesday afternoon. As per reports, Prince (7) of Chaisand hamlet of Bisanda (Banda) was playing outside his house on Monday morning when he disappeared. His father Rajesh Kushwaha and other kin searched for him but failed to get any clue. His uncle Rakesh Kushwaha later sealed all roads exiting the village and the locals also searched in the fields but to no avail. Later they informed the local police station about the boy's disappearance.

seven-year-old boy, who went miss-

Surprisingly, the cops came to make enquiries seven hours after the incident was reported. They also returned without making any in-depth inquiry though the family members expressed their apprehension that someone kidnapped the boy. On Tuesday afternoon, a local woman spotted the slippers of a boy lying on the fringes of the village and informed

rushed to the scene and were shocked to find the boy's body lying under a heap of straw. He had been put there to conceal the crime. Upon learning about the recovery of the body, senior district and police officials reached the spot and supervised investigation. The body was sent for autopsy and a case was registered in this connection. Meanwhile, in Shahganj area of

Jaunpur, a couple torched themselves over a dispute leading to the death of the woman and serious burn injuries to the husband on Tuesday. As per reports, Ashok Kumar (50) and his wife Suman (48) of Bharauli village in Shahganj Kotwali area, had an altercation on Monday night. Things got out of hands and the couple doused themselves with kerosene and set themselves afire, suffering serious burns. Hearing their screams, their neighbours rushed in and took them to a hospital where Suman succumbed to her injuries while a critical Ashok was undergoing treatment.

CBI takes over probe into TRP manipulation

Lucknow (PNS): The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has taken over the controversial case related to TRP manipulation. The CBI has taken over the case on an FIR registered in Lucknow, sources here said on Tuesday. The Uttar Pradesh government had recommended a CBI probe into the case as the issue was linked with several states, sources claimed. The FIR was registered at the Hazratgani police station, reportedly on the complaint of an advertising company promoter. Later, the UP government recommended the transfer of the case to the CBI. As per the sources, the complainant has alleged that TRPs are manipulated in lieu of payment. The FIR was registered at the Hazratganj police station by one Kamal Sharma of Indira Nagar three days back under sections 468, 465, 463, 420, 409, 406 and 120B of the Indian Penal Code.

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Less intense second wave likely after 2-3 months

2,351 new Covid cases detected in state, 250 in city

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The second Covid-19 wave may hit after 2-3 months, albeit with less intensity, thanks to a large number of cases witnessed so far. A senior health official said looking into the European countries where the second wave has struck after 2-3 months, the story could be similar here. However, he said unlike European countries, the second wave would be less intense in UP.

"This is because the European countries have not been able to contain the infection the manner in which we have. However, we need to watch out as the situation unfolds. Lucknow has witnessed a large number of cases and the immunity levels will be high due to which the second wave would be less intense," he pointed out.

On Tuesday, 250 new cases emerged in the state capital while 2,351 across the state. As many as 462 patients recov- of active cases is 30,000 which ered, taking the total recovery

figures in Lucknow to month's time. The second wave 56,302 while the death toll reached 831.

The new patients included 25 from Gomtinagar, 22 from Indiranagar, 19 from Ashiyana, 17 from Rae Bareli road, 15 from Hazratganj, 12 from Mahanagar 13 from Chinhat, 11 from Talkatora, and 10 each from Madiaon, Alambagh, Cantt & Chowk. Six patients died in the city, including two from Lucknow itself while others from Sitapur, Barabanki, Siddharthnagar and Ayodhya.

There were 30 deaths across the state, taking the death toll to 6,714 cases even as 3,339 patients recovered, taking the recoveries to

The official said in the wake of the downward trend, they were now focusing on retraining the medical officers, specialist doctors and fine-tuning the strategy and guidelines. "In the state, the number will come down to 20,000 in a

will not come immediately. We want to use this time to prepare afresh," he said. He added that the orientation of training of doctors would be handling of the ICUs, revised guidelines for treatment of Covid-19. Regarding schools re-opening, he said they were not appre-hensive because they had given parents choice. Commenting on the current sit-

uation, he said the coronavirus

graph was going down and was

likely to stabilise after some

Meanwhile, District Magistrate Abhishek Prakash carried out an inspection at Amiruddaulah Islamia Inter College on Tuesday. On finding that it did not have a written consent of parents, he directed the DIOS to issue a show-cause notice to the college. He directions college authorities to follow Covid-19 guidelines and said calling the students without parental consent was against protocols. The DM also interacted with

students present at the college. Besides, the Health department has started dismantling Level-1 and Level-2 Covid facilities with less number of patients there. A senior official at the CMO office said though the hospitals would remain notified, they would no longer be providing Covid facilities henceforth, and would be used only if there was a spike in cases. "We have removed four Level-1 and two Level-2 hospitals from our list. We were informed that the ventilators were not working in one hos-

of staff in the other," he said. Health officials also visited Chandernagar CHC where they inspected the work done by rapid response teams. Currently, the strategy is to increase RT-PCR tests in the district by 3,600 per day.

pitals while there was shortage

Meanwhile, director of National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI) SK Barik said they were doing nearly 800 tests per day and had completed 38,326 tests.

Cancer hospital will provide customised treatment to cancer patients: Director

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Superspeciality Cancer the patient first, but on a consensus view. It is always possensus view. It is always pos-Chak Ganjaria, which was inaugurated by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday, will provide treatment customised to the needs of patients.

Director Dr Shaleen Kumar said the patients would be seen by at least a surgeon, medical oncologist and radia-

will not be based on who sees sible to treat a disease with a number of combinations, some of which may be relevant to an individual but not to another, and for which a different strategy could be adopted," he said.

He said the vision of the hospital was to instil a culture amongst the workforce and paramedical staff that it was

tion oncologist. "Treatment not a place to mint money but give some pragmatic medical advice to patients and their kin. Dr Kumar said they were beginning with 50 beds. He pointed at the outset, they were starting with basic surgery. "Surgeries which require ICU-like set up will not be performed to begin with because the infrastructure is not there yet. The basic outpatient chemotherapy is on

and we will tailor our choice

of patients accordingly," he

said. He added that if a patient comes for treatment with an attendant, it would be difficult to find a place to stay because the area is barren. "We have paid facilities like SGPGI and whatever we are offering is at par," he added.

Dr Kumar has done MBBS and MD from KGMU, served at SGPGI for 22 years and is on deputation from SGPGI. He has worked at Tata Memorial Hospital and also served in the UK for a year.

Thieves make off with cash, valuables

Lucknow (PNS): Thieves made off with cash and valuables from a house in Azad Nagar locality of Madiaon. House owner Aslam and his family had gone to Sultanpur to attend a function on October 10. When they returned on October 15, the main gate's lock was found broken.

In another incident, thieves made off with cash and ornaments from the house of Mohammed Shabaan of Indane Enclave in Gudamba. Shabaan, along with his family, had gone to his in-laws' house on Saturday and found the house burgled when he returned. The thieves decamped with Rs 50,000 in cash and ornaments worth Rs 3 lakh.

Meanwhile, thieves stole Rs 12,000 in cash, a laptop and charger from the room of a BCA-II student of BBDU in Chinhat. Reports said the student, identified as Surya Prakash Verma of Basti, stays at GR Enclave in the area. He left the room in the afternoon on October 15 and found the articles missing when he returned in the evening.

In another incident, thieves made off with cigarettes worth Rs 4.5 lakh from the car of a salesman in PGI police station area. Salesman Mukesh Kumar Rai of Haivatmau had gone to supply the goods to different shops by a car. He took a halt near Kalindi Park in Vrindavan (Sector-4). He parked the car to supply goods to a shop. Later, he found a sack filled with cigarettes missing.

DUPED

A doctor was duped of Rs 5,000 by cyber thugs in Gudamba on Tuesday. The miscreants fraudulently withdrew Rs 5,000 from the bank account of Dr Rajat Kumar Singh of Jankipuram (Sector-G), who is an assistant professor at Barabanki Medical College. The victim received a message regarding deduction of cash from his account on October 14 and he lodged a complaint later.

Man bludgeoned to death over property dispute Monday, Arjun was going for aide Dilip.

Agroup of youths blud-geoned to death their rival in PGI police station area on Monday night. The victim was identified as Arjun Rawat (26) of Haivatmau locality in the area. He worked at SGPGI on contract basis.

As per reports, Arjun had rivalry with his cousins Sikander, Pitamber and Dilip some work when the above-

named accused stopped him and started beating him up. As Arjun fell unconscious, the attackers fled the scene. Arjun's family called the police to inform them about the incident and rushed him

to a hospital where he suc-

cumbed to injuries. The fam-

ily later lodged a case against

Sikander, Pitamber and their

The police said Arjun had a brawl with the accused when all of them were in a drunken state, and he suffered injuries. The police said the deceased's family and the accused had a long-standing property dispute. Dilip was detained while police launched a manhunt for other accused.

Campaigning picks up for UP bypolls

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ampaigning for the bypolls to seven UP Assembly constituencies has picked up. The bypolls are perceived as a semifinal before the 2022 Assembly elections in the state.

The polling will be held on November 3 and the counting of votes will be taken up on November 10. The ruling BJP, which has a higher stake in the bypolls, has deployed its might by holding several virtual and physical rallies with Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath leading from the front.

Central BJP leaders, including Union ministers, are not expected to campaign in the bypolls due to their preoccupation in the Bihar Assembly elections. The BJP state lead-ership, with Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in the lead, is steering the campaign and ministers have also been asked to camp in the seven pollbound constituencies.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath had virtually addressed the booth-level party workers in all seven assembly constituencies, while BJP state president Swatantra Dev Singh has been physically attending the election meetings.

On the other hand, Samajwadi Party, Congress and Bahujan Samaj Party are relying on their local and state leaders to campaign in the bypolls.

Meanwhile, UP BJP viceesident Vijay Bahadur Pathak claimed that the party candidates would win all the seven

"The BJP is running a well-organised campaign under the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, and the party candidates will get landslide support from the masses," Pathak said here on Tuesday.

He said that the opposition candidates were nowhere near the BIP nominees in the byelections and the result would show the popularity of the BJP and its policies in the state. However, the opposition has contradicted the claims of the BJP and is projecting poor law and order and rampant corruption as the failures of the Yogi Adityanath government.

SP spokesperson Rajendra Chaudhary said that the people were fed up with the misrule of the BJP government and the bypolls result would showcase it. UP Congress president Ajay Kumar Lallu said that Congress candidates would lead the opposition camp and in several constituencies, the party candidates would be the

Cong to protest irregularities in paddy purchase

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Uttar Pradesh Congress chief Ajay Kumar Lallu said that his party would stage demonstrations at district headquarters to protest irregularities and corruption in paddy procurement on Thursday.

On Tuesday, Lallu told newspersons that farmers were running from pillar to post to sell their produce while the government was sitting with its eyes closed. "Despite tall government claims, paddy purchase centres have not been opened. On the other hand, farmers are being exploited through huge cuts in the name of moisture and are being forced to sell their produce at lower cost to middlemen in some centres," alleged.

The Congress leader averred that the BJP regime which had announced a Minimum Support Price of Rs 1,886 per quintal, was making purchases from farmers at Rs 1100-1200 per quintal.

"Due to anti-farmer policies of the BJP, the financial situation of farmers is deteriorating," he added.

Accused of loan fraud by CBI, **BSP MLA plays Brahmin card**

Aloan fraud in an FIR lodged raids at his premises, Bahujan Samaj Party MLA Vinay Shankar Tiwari claimed that he was 'paying the price for being a Brahmin' and the act was 'politically motivated'.

On Monday, several teams of the CBI conducted raids on the residential and office premises of firms owned by Tiwari, his wife and associates in connection with the fraud.

On Tuesday, Tiwari posted on Facebook that he was paying the price of being a Brahmin and earlier too, the government had raided their house 'Tiwari Hata' in Gorakhpur.

An eight-year-old boy was booked for allegedly sexu-

ally assaulting a six-year-old

girl in his neighbourhood in

Aligarh and booked under sec-

tions of Protection of Children

from Sexual Offences

parents alleged in an FIR that

while their daughter was play-

ing outside their home on

October 12, the boy entered the

premises on the pretext of get-

ting a ball and later sexually

assaulted her. The police said

that both the minors are from

the same community and are

said, "We are not yet sure

about the actual age of the boy,

but we can confirm he is below

10 years. For now, we have left him with his parents and will

present him before a juvenile

court and do whatever the

court directs us. The case is

sensitive and everything will be

done as per juvenile justice law."

complex definition and any

sexual activity can come under

the section of rape.

As per law, rape has a very

Meanwhile in Amethi, an

SP (Aligarh City) Abhishek

financially weak.

As per reports, the girl's

(POCSO) Act on Tuesday.

Eight-year-old boy

booked for rape

CBI to victimise me and Central agencies are being used to muzzle the voice of the Opposition," he claimed

Chillupar segment of Gorakhpur, Vinay Tiwari is the in eastern UP.

and his wife Rita Tiwari in connection with an alleged bank fraud to the tune of Rs 754.25 crore done by a company in which they are directors.

The case was registered on

two persons, one of the accused

being her uncle, at a village in

Musafirkhana police station area on Friday. The girl was

returning from tuitions in the

afternoon when she was

dragged to a thicket and

assaulted. The accused later

threatened the victim's family

not to complain to the police.

But the family finally mustered

courage and lodged an FIR,

three days later, on Monday.

Both accused were later arrest-

four persons, including a

woman, were arrested in con-

nection with the gang rape of

a 35-year-old woman on

Tuesday. Based on the woman's

complaint, a case was registered

conspiracy

11-year-old girl was raped by were on to arrest the remain-

Elsewhere in Chitrakoot,

The MLA admitted that he a complaint by Bank of India owed 'around Rs 600 crore to the fter being accused of bank bank, but the government also owed him Rs 700-800 crores. ne government is using the Presently a BSP MLA from

son of erstwhile mafiosi-turnedpolitico Hari Shankar Tiwari, who wields a considerable clout The CBI has booked Tiwari

against two private companies -Gangotri Enterprises and Royal Marketing Pvt Ltd based in tors and other unknown persons for committing misappropriation, cheating and causing a loss of Rs 754.24 crore to a consortium of banks. The MLA and his wife are the second-largest

shareholders of the company. The complainant alleged that directors of Gangotri Enterprises misappropriated bank funds and diverted them for purposes other than for which the loan was taken. The company with its corporate office in Mahanagar area of Lucknow is engaged in construction of roads, bridges, flyovers, etc.

Prime accused

Lucknow (PNS): A man wanted

in connection with the Rs 3,500-

crore 'Bike Bot' scam was arrest-

ed by Special Task Force (STF)

from Shiv Nadar University in

Greater Noida around 10.30 pm

on Monday. The accused carried

a reward of Rs 50,000 on his head.

linked to the scam at a police sta-

tion in Greater Noida. ED sleuths

had also registered a case in the

matter and raided the premises

and business establishment of the

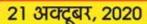
accused. Bhati was arrested by

Lalit Bhati faced 56 cases

in Bike Bot

scam held

पुलिस स्मृति दिवस





कर्तव्य पथ पर प्राणोत्सर्ग करने वाले बहादुर पुलिस कर्मियों को श्रद्धांजलि

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(आनंदीबेन पटेल) राज्यपाल, उत्तर प्रदेश

'पुलिस स्मृति दिवस' के पुनीत अवसर पर मैं समाज व राष्ट्र की रक्षा करते हुए अपना जीवन बलिदान करने वाले सभी शहीद पुलिसजन के प्रति श्रद्धासुमन अर्पित करता हूँ। इन वीरों की यशोगाया युगों-युगों तक स्मरणीय रहेगी। समाज की सुरक्षा का दायित्व पुलिस पर होता है, जिसका निर्वहन पुलिसजन विषम एवं कठिन परिस्थितियों में अपनी व अपने परिवार की सुख-सुविधा को विस्मृत कर

महिलाओं एवं कमजोर वर्ग की सुरक्षा, सामाजिक सौहार्द स्थापित करने, अपराघों की रोकथाम एवं कानून-व्यवस्था को और सुदृढ़ करते हुए माफियाओं पर कड़ी कार्यवाही करने में उत्तर प्रदेश पुलिस तत्पर एवं अग्रसर है।

वैश्विक महामारी कोविड-19 के दौरान अपराध नियंत्रण तथा कानून-व्यवस्था बनाये रखने के साथ-साथ प्रदेश में आने वाले लोगों की सहायता तथा लॉकडाउन का पालन कराने में उत्तर प्रदेश पुलिस ने पूर्ण निष्ठा के साथ कर्तव्यों का निर्वहन किया है ।

विगत वर्ष कर्तव्यपालन में प्रदेश पुलिस के 09 पुलिसकर्मियों ने अपने प्राणों की आहुति दी है। इन वीर शहीदों के सर्वोच्च बलिदान से प्रदेश पुलिस का मान बढ़ा है। समस्त वीर शहीदों के परिजनों को मैं आश्वस्त करना चाहता हूँ कि उत्तर प्रदेश शासन सदैव उनके साथ है।

कर्तव्यपरायण वीर शहीद पुलिसजन को मैं कोटिशः पुनः नमन करते हुए अपनी एवं प्रदेश की जनता की ओर से भावभीनी श्रद्धांजलि अर्पित करता हूँ।

योगी आदित्यनाथ)

मुख्यमंत्री, उत्तर प्रदेश

श्रद्धांजलि उ०नि० श्री अनूप कुमार सिंह, उ०नि० श्री महेश कुमार यादव, उ०नि० श्री नेबू लाल,

सूचना एवं जनसम्पर्क विभाग, उत्तर प्रदेश

मु0आ0 श्री जितेन्द्र कुमार मौर्य, आरक्षी श्री जितेन्द्र पाल, आरक्षी श्री सुलतान सिंह, आरबी श्री राहुल कुमार एवं आरबी श्री बबलू कुमार सम्मिलित हैं। कर्तव्यपालन के दौरान सर्वोच्च बलिदान करने वाले इन वीरों के पराक्रम से सम्पूर्ण उत्तर प्रदेश पुलिस बल गौरवान्वित है एवं इनके इस त्याग के लिये सदैव इनका ऋणी रहेगा। देश के इन 264 शहीद पुलिसजनों का बलिदान राष्ट्र के प्रति सच्ची भक्ति के साथ-साथ अपने कर्तव्य के प्रति पूर्ण समर्पण का अनुपम उदाहरण है, जो प्रत्येक दशा में अपने कर्तव्य पथ पर निरन्तर आगे बढ़ने के लिये प्रेरणा देता है।

मैं इस पुनीत अवसर पर अपने तथा प्रदेश पुलिस बल की ओर से इन सभी वीर पुलिसजनों को श्रद्धा-सुमन अर्पित करता हूँ। साथ ही उनके परिवार को विश्वास दिलाना चाहता हूँ कि सम्पूर्ण उत्तर प्रदेश पुलिस सदैव उनके

(एच.सी. अवस्थी) लिस महानिदेशक, उत्तर प्रदेश

घात लगाकर स्वचालित रायफलों व मोर्टारों से लैस चीनी सैनिकों ने अचानक उन पर छलपूर्वक हमला कर दिया। केन्द्रीय रिजर्व पुलिस के बहादुर जवानों ने अप्रतिम शौर्य एवं कुशलता का प्रदर्शन करते हुये शत्रुओं का मुकाबला कर अपने प्राणों की आहुति दी। इन वीर शहीद पुलिसजनों की याद में प्रतिवर्ष 'पुलिस स्मृति दिवस' इस अवसर पर सम्पूर्ण भारतवर्ष में विगत एक वर्ष में कर्तव्यपय पर अपने प्राणों का बलिदान करने वाले वीर पुलिसजनों को श्रद्धांजलि अर्पित की जाती है। 01 सितम्बर, 2019 से 31 अगस्त, 2020 तक की अवधि में सम्पूर्ण भारतवर्ष में कर्तव्य की वेदी पर 264 पुलिसजनों ने अपने प्राणों को न्यौछावर किया। इनमें उत्तर प्रदेश के 09 पुलिसजन क्रमशः पुलिस उपाधीक्षक श्री देवेन्द्र मिश्र,

against two men for gang rape and three others for criminal arrested three men, including a retired Army personnel and a brother of scam mastermind Sanjay Bhati. In 2018, Garvit Innovative Promoters Limited Noida, had came out with a multilevel marketing scheme 'Bike Bot' double returns in a year. They sought Rs 62,100 as investment for a motorcycle taxi and assured monthly returns besides doubling

to deliver on the promise.

भारत की उत्तरी सीमा लददाख के हिमाच्छादित क्षेत्र में 21 अक्टूबर, 1959 को केन्द्रीय रिजर्व पुलिस बल के दस जवान नियमित गश्त के लिये निकले थे। उसी समय

As per the complaint filed on October 18, the woman was taken by the two men to an (GIPL), a company registered in aide's house in Karwi police station area of Chitrakoot on September 28 and raped. Later, and lured investors promising to the two men took her to Prayagraj and raped her before fleeing. Four persons were arrested so far. The arrested woman was booked for criminal conspiracy and efforts the amount in just a year but failed

Noida unit of the STF and officials of Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of Meerut police on Monday night. The accused was lodged at Dadri police station, where FIRs in connection with Bike Bot case were registered.

On October 7, the STF had

Covid: Varanasi close to 16K-mark | 148 more test positive in Prayagraj

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The district has inched close to the 16K-mark as 71 new COVID-19 patients have been detected here on Tuesday, increasing the total number of cases to 15,958. The day also saw one more death, increasing the toll to 255. During the day, the follow-up negative reports included 140 patients. Out of them, 131 have been recovered from home isolation, while nine patients discharged from the hospitals, increasing the number to 12,029 and 2,790 respectively. The total number of patients who have been

recovered so far is 14,819, leaving 884 active cases. The recovery rate has improved slightly to 92.86 per cent but the mortality rate remained at 1.59 per

Earlier, Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Dr VB Singh has informed that in the first report of the day, 42 positive patients were found out of ,912 reports received. Till then, the total test reports received were 2,87,526 and the results of 2,035 are awaited. Out of them, 2,71,597 were negative, while 15,929 positive. The total number of samples collected was 3,03,966. With the addition of five new red zones, the total number of hotspots has increased to 2,246 including 259 red zones. As many as 12 green zones have been converted into red zones again. There are 1,987 green zones

with 23 new ones. Under ongoing mass/ group antigen tests, two persons out of 515 tests was detected positive at Shree Shiv Prasad Gupta (SSPG) Hospital, Kabirchaura, while all the 343 tests at adjacent Government Women's Hospital, 190 at Shivpur CHC and 537 at SSH BHU were found negative. However, one out of 118 tests

at Swami Vivekanand Hospital, Government Bhelupur, and six out of 224 at LBS Hospital, Ramnagar were detected positive.

Besides, the Health department has distributed 4,392 Ivermectin tablets to 549 per-

So far, 10.91 lakh tablets were distributed to 1.36 lakh persons and out of them, 9.01 lakh tablets to 1.12 lakh persons were distributed only by the Health department, while rest of tablets by other departments including Supply and Education departments and Civil Defence so far.

Thousands throng Kushmanda Devi temple

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Thousands of devotees thronged famous Durga Mandir at Durga Kund to offer prayer at Maa Kushmanda Devi temple on the fourth day of Shardiya Navratra here on Tuesday, maintaining COVID-19 guidelines. It is a famous temple which sees rush of devotees throughout the year and the same increases during both Shardiya and Vasantik Navtaras. As the idol is dedicated to Kushmanda Devi incarnation of Goddess Durga, it saw heavy rush during the day. Right from the morning hours, the devotees started reaching there and long queues of devotees were seen. Rush was also seen at the nearby dozens of shops selling chunaris, coconut and other puja articles. Elaborate security arrangements were made

Meanwhile, Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Dr VB Singh



Devotees line up to offer prayer at Kushmanda Devi (Durga Kund) temple on fourth day of Navratra in Varanasi on Tuesday

has appealed to the people to maintain full caution while celebrating festivals and not ignore the continuous threats of coronavirus. 'Ever since this coronavirus has come, it is the effort of the Health department to mobilise the people to save themselves from coronavirus

by wearing masks, maintaining two yards distance and washing hands,' he said, appealing to the people to remain more cautious while purchasing articles and offering prayers during festivals of Durga Puja, issehra and Deepawali.

Earlier, as a part of the

Mission Shakti Abhiyan, a short play was presented on Monday by the Kishori Poshan workers in the market places in which one worker Ambika took the form of Maa Durga to save a child from cruelty of evils while it was also participated by Pragya, Damini, Neha Manisha, Mantasha, Riya and Khushi, along with Anganwadi worker Seema Vishwakarma and supervisor (Sewapuri) Lalima Pandey.

Besides, Mangaldeep Agarbatti will perform the 'Mrityunjaya Homam' in the city under its pan India initia-tive 'Loka Kshema Puja' to pray for the prosperity and wellbeing of the nation. 'Mrityunjaya Homam' will be performed by 25 priests here on Wednesday.

Priests' will perform the puja rituals spread over four hours while following all the social distancing norms relevant for a religious occa-

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The rate of infected persons has reduced considerably as against the screening of Covid infection in the district. On Monday, a total of 4,915 samples were collected for the Covid test and of them, 148 infected persons were detected.

200 people beat corona in the last 24 hours. Two corona infected also died during treatment. According to CMO Dr GS Bajpai, 200 people got rid of Covid infection in 24 hours. Out of these, 33 patients were discharged from various Covid hospitals. Home isolation of 167 infected was completed. The number of active patients

in the district was 1,565. On Monday, 218 patients were admitted to Covid hospitals and Covid care centres. Maximum 85 of them are undergoing treatment at the Corona-infected SRN Hospital. 24 patients are being treated at Railway Hospital, 58 patients at Tej Bahadur Sapru Hospital, 27 at United Medicity, 24 infected at Sainath AMÁ Hospital.

At the same time, the sequence of health workers turning into Covid positives from corona warriors has been accelerated. Lab technician, pharmacist, SRN staff nurse, railway hospital nursing superintendent, IFFCO chief manager and two bank officers among others have been corona positive on Monday. The report of CPRO of Railways has also come positive.

According to Nodal Officer for Corona Dr Rishi Sahai, manager of SBI Nari Bari branch, manager of SBI Triveni branch, teacher of convent school near Rasulabad, a lawyer, senior pharmacy officer of CGS and senior branch manager of Union Bank Civil Lines were infected.

A corona positive resident of Shankargarh Nagar Panchayat died in Noida.

Resident of Shankargarh Gudiay Talab, the infected had trouble in breathing. He was admitted to a private hospital. His Covid report came on the third day. Earlier, the patient's condition became critical, then family members took him from here to Noida and admitted

He died there during treat ment. CMO Noida has informed this to the Health department. Local CMO has also been apprised. The locals are in awe due to the increas-

him to a private hospital.

ing number and death of Covid infected in Shankargarh area.

SDM Koraon Sandeep Kumar Verma was found corona positive again on Monday evening. He was admitted to the district hospital late on Monday night due to sudden decrease in oxygen level. SDM was previously found to be corona positive on September 4. Tehsildar Anita Shekhar said that the entire tehsil premises has been sealed and sanitised. Work will be completely closed in the tehsil for two days.



A student's hands being sanitised before entering in the school in Prayagraj

Drive against eve-teasers launched

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n Prayagraj district, the eve-Lteasers will not be spared at any cost if they are caught teasing with girls especially during the pious festival Shardiya Narvratra. If someone will be caught while molesting or his name has come up in the case of indecent act, then the picture will be posted in his police sta-

Not only this, the police

will also take action and paste his picture in the locality. This is so that the girls living in the locality or village can know about the activities of that young man. For this, the police are going to run a wicked marking campaign' across the district. Villagers and local people will also be helped in this campaign.

At the same time, the police of the district are running a nine-day separate campaign in Navaratra for the

safety, honour and indepenpolice to be sensitive towards dence of women. The cases women. SSP Sarvashresth Tripathi against women will be settled said that under Mission within a month. This campaign is named 'Power Shakti, Navratra has a cam-Vivechana'. E-Jagran Abhiyan paign under a different schedwill be run to make women aware of cyber bullying crimes. Under this, a pam-

ule according to the nine days. The Shakti Vahini service has already started. Counselling will be conducted with the help of Family Counselling Centre by setting up a women's help desk and running a women's honour

BHU researcher among Green Talents winners

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

Nidhi Singh, a research scholar of Institute of Environment and Sustainable Development (IESD), Banaras Hindu University (BHU), is among the 25 winners of this year's Green Talents Competition and she has been selected to attend the premiere of a Virtual Science Forum for talented junior researchers in the field of sustainability science. The winners are engaged in topics ranging from climate the first time ever, the winners which, taken together in this include researchers from India, Benin, Japan and Malawi.

research focus areas are climate variability, human health, extreme temperature and air pollution. The jury was convinced by Nidhi's empirical



Nidhi Singh

approach that links the aspects way, have not been adequately researched yet. She is among PhD student Nidhi's the two winners from India and the other one is Parmita Ghosh, Remote Sensing Data Scientist, Corteva Agriscience and her focus areas are satellite remote sensing and data science, agri-

culture, and environmental and soil science. The jury was impressed by her passion in working interdisciplinary connecting her knowledge in remote sensing and agricultural engineering to help the world fight food scarcity.

The winners are set on a virtual tour in Germany and these outstanding green visionaries from all over the world will meet Germany's sustainability research elite during the first virtual science tour. At the end of the Virtual Science the 25 Green Talents will be honoured by Dr Michael Meister, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister of Education and Research, during a virtual award ceremony on October

The Green Talents programme is conducted under the patronage of the Federal Minister of Education and Research, Anja Karliczek. The award has been honouring talented researchers since 2009 and provides young scientists with a platform for sharing their views on green concepts to make our world a better place. This year, a high-ranking iury of German experts select ed 25 up-and-coming researchers among 589 applicants from 87 countries as the

Each award comprises one 'Green Talents International Forum for High Potentials in Sustainable Development'. Due to the unprecedented challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's Green Talents Science Forum will for the first time take place in a fully online format.

and sent to jail.

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ALLAHABAD village in Manda, came to her Tn a shocking incident a man who took his teennaged beloved living in trans-Yamuna of Meia area to Guiarat on some pretext killed her there en after dumping the body in the bushes there

tion from the Gujarat police about the murder, the Meja police interrogated the accused who confessed to the crime. After which he was arrested

Ramdas, a resident of Khurma

maternal grandmother in Neveria village of Meja. On the evening of September 27, she went missing in the mysterious circumstances. The family accusing him of taking the teenager to somewhere after alluring her. It was alleged that

escaped here in Prayagraj city. On receiving the informa-

Mausam (17), daughter of

lodged a report against other hand, the investigation the accused working in a private company in Gujarat used to have a bad intention on his daughter. According to officials, the police, who were in search, received information about the body of the missing

Man kills teenaged beloved

Vapi in Valsad, Gujarat. When the team reached

phlet of guidelines regarding

what to do and what not to do

will be distributed. Youths

who are molested will be

instructed through Chetna

Jagran who will also advise the

there along with the family, it was found that the body was thrown into the bushes after strangling her to death. On the been missing from the Gujaratbased company for a long time. Police said that on the basis of information received from the informer on Tuesday, accused Vijayshankar was arrested from Meja area only when he was trying to escape somewhere. During interrogation, he confessed that he killed the teenager and then ran away by throw-

ing the body into the bushes. According to police officials, during interrogation, the accused has stated that he went to Gujarat with the teenager but could not find a place to stay due to lack of ID. During this, tion about the FIR lodged against him. He asked the teenager to return home to escape but she was not ready to leave him. At this point, a scuffle ensued between the man taking advantage of the opportunity and smothered her to death. SP trans Yamauna Chakresh Mishra said that the accused has been sent to jail.

Major research on JEV by BHU team

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE VARANASI

Banaras Hindu University A(BHU) team led by the Head of Molecular Biology Unit (MBU), Institute of Medical Sciences (IMS), Prof Sunit Kumar Singh has reported that Japanese Encephalitis (JE) Virus suppresses the host immune response and replicates inside the microglial cells. The study has been published in an International Scientific Journal 'BBA - Gene Regulatory Mechanisms' in its recent edition. JE is one of the leading causes of viral encephalitis i.e. it causes severe inflammation in the brain by killing the neurons and activating the microglial cells.

The Japanese Encephalitis Virus (JÉV) is spread by the Culex mosquitoes. Symptoms



Prof. Sunit K Singh

mild-to severe like fever, headache, nausea. In severe conditions, it may lead to encephalitis, coma, tremors or convulsions and often lead to death. Children and old age people are more prone to JEV infection. In India, Assam, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, of JEV infection range from Bihar and Jharkhand are the

endemic regions. The pro-inflammatory

responses help in clearing the infection from the body, alerting the other immune-related cells to protect and warn from the invading pathogens. Prof Singh reported that a small molecule, microRNA-155 suppress the pellino 1 (PELI1) protein and inhibits the proinflammatory responses which helps in JEV immune evasion and viral replication. They have also demonstrated that by using the inhibitors against micoRNA-155, the host immune response can be restored to normal and JEV replication is suppressed. Therefore, this mechanism can be exploited for the develop-

ment of microRNA-based drugs against JEV infection. Earlier, Prof Singh has been elected as Fellow of the Indian Academy of Neurosciences (IAN). This prestigious fellowship has been awarded to him for his research contribu-Virus,

tion in understanding the molecular pathogenesis of viruses infecting the brain. Prof Singh's findings have helped immensely in understanding the molecular mechanism of many neuroviral infection caused by Japanese Encephalitis Virus, Chandipura Virus and Chikungunya Virus. This prestigious fellowship will be awarded to him next year in a formal function of the annual conference of IAN, scheduled to be held at Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Kolkata. Vice-Chancellor of BHU Prof Rakesh Bhatnagar, Rector Prof VK Shukla and others congratulated Prof Singh for this prestigious fellowship.

Rly employees demand bonus

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

Unhappy with the government for not making announcement of 'Diwali bonus' yet, the railway employees on Tuesday staged a protest at Varanasi Cantonment railway station and DRM office in Lahartara, here.

The railway employees gathered at the director's office of Varanasi Cantonment railway station and staged a demonstration blaming the

announcement of Diwali bonus till now. They work hard for the entire year to celebrate the festival of lights with the bonus what they get before this auspicious occasion, but the government has hurt them by not announcing the bonus yet, the agitated employees said.

Declaring Tuesday as Bonus Day, the railway employees remained absent from the offices and staged a protest at the office of Divisional Rail Manager, Varanasi Division, NER in Lahartara under the government for not making an banner of NE Railway

Mazdoor Union (NERMU). They get Diwali bonus each year before the beginning of auspicious occasion of Shardiya Navratra but the government has not announced the same even till now, the employees said. They demanded the government to make an announcement of Diwali bonus giving much relief to the employees and threatened to launch an agitation if the government failed in meeting the demand

at the earliest. The employees also raised their voice against the government initiative to hand over the railway into private hands. In the name of making improvement in the railway, the government is making its privatisation to benefit the capitalists, they said and demanded, the gov-ernment should roll back its privatisation policy in the larger interest of employees.

The annoyed employees also submitted a memorandum of their demand to the concerned authority. The officers assured the employees to apprise the senior officers of their demands.

Directive to install high security plates on vehicles

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Owners of about 13 lakh vehicles running on the roads of the district will now have to install high security plates on their vehicles. These number plates will be levied on agencies of vehicle companies. People will also have to pay a fee for the number plate.

Divisional Transport

Officer RK Singh said that there are about 13 lakh vehicles in the district, in which high

security number plates are to be installed. These number plates will be levied on agencies of vehicle companies. For this, agencies along with vehicle companies have also been directed by the government.

teenager on October 15 in

He said that when the vehicle owner goes to the agency to install a high security plate, the details of the same will be made available to the online Transport department. It is necessary to provide complete details online to the agency operator. With this, the department will continue to know the daily details of how many people finally got number plates.

The Transport department has also fixed the fee and time for installation of high security number plates. Only after the number plate is installed will all the work be done in the RTO office. For installing a high security number plate, a fee of ₹ 500 to Rs 1000 has been fixed for a four-wheeler and ₹ 200 to ₹500 for a two-wheeler. scribed time in 10 months.

Vehicles that preceded April 1, 2005 will have to replace the number plate in four months. For vehicles which are between April 1, 2005 and March 31, 2010, a period of six months has been prescribed.

Similarly, vehicles that are from the period of April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2015, will have to install a high security number plate in eight months and those from April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2019 have been given the pre-

ing for STS proposal for load-

NCR set to load 25 pc more freight

ALLAHABAD (PNS): North Central Railway is all set to load 25 per cent more freight in October 2020. General Manger Rajiv Chaudhry reviewed position of safety, 160 Kmph speed raising, freight loading and other important works over North Central Railway through video conferencing with PHODs of North Central Railway and Divisional Railway Managers Prayagraj, Jhansi and Agra. First of all, safety in train operation was reviewed. GM laid stress on alertness at all levels in safety related matters. He said that frontline staff like trackman, station staff, running staff and other officials going on line must keep a close vigil on trespassing locations and such cases be reported promptly for immediate measures to stop unauthorised crossing of railway tracks.Reviewing 160 kmph

Delhi-Howrah including Kanpur-Lucknow section and New Delhi-Mumbai section; Chaudhry instructed that adequate availability of material required for upgradation works shall be critical for timely completion of this important work and advised PHODs of concerned branches to monitor availability of high value and critical items at their level. To enhance safety and speed of trains over point and crossing zone at higher speed, existing track fitting in point and crossing zone is being replaced with thick web switches. Expediting this important track related work for speed raising, NCR has started provision of thick web switches at 04-05 locations simultaneously as compared to existing average of three per month. Later in the video conference freight loading perfor-

speed raising works in New mance of North Central Railway was reviewed. With continuous efforts of business development units, efficient train operations and customer centric marketing approach; freight loading on NCR is on upswing for the last four months. As on October 19, 2020, North Central Railway has loaded 8.9 lakh tonnes freight in this month registering record improvement of 27 per cent over loading of seven lakh tonnes freight in the same period of October last year. With rigorous marketing efforts, North Central Railway has already finalised nine Station to Station (STS) concessional rate proposals for new and incremental traffic and with three under process STS proposals NCR is leading railway among all zones in finalising STS proposals. North Central Railway is also work-

ing of ballast from Kabrai to Prayagraj which will improve loading substantially by transportation of ballast for dedicated freight corridor work. As on October 19, 2020, average speed of goods train on NČR was 45.02 kmph registering growth of 82.5 per cent over last year average speed of 24.69 Kmph for the period of April to October. In an important step towards ease of doing business a Freight Business Development (FBD) portal is also operationalised by railway since September 30, 2020. Freight customers can access this portal through link http://fois.indianrail.gov.in/FOI SWebPortal/index.jsp and get all information related to different freight policy matters, incentives and concessions given by railways in freight transportation.



The District Magistrate, City, Alok Tiwari, and DIG Parminder Singh taking part in the Sampurna Samadhan Diwas at Bal Bhawan, Phool Bagh on Tuesday.

A Mathura Crime Branch team on Tuesday arrested three criminals involved in loot of jewellery worth ₹ 4.50 lakh from a jeweller there from the CTS Colony under Kalyanpur police station of Kanpur Nagar and recovered

It may be recalled that in a broad daylight incident, motorcycle-borne unidentified miscreants had looted a bag constitution. taining jewellery worth ₹.4.50 lakh from a jeweller in Mathura

While scanning the CCTV footages, the Mathura Crime Branch team had spotted three youths escaping with the looted bag. One of them was identified by the police as Mohna. On being grilled, he informed the police about the involvement of his three aides -Amit Kumar, Surjit alias Patia and Vicky alias Chhotu of CTS Colony, Kalyanpur, Kanpur.

electronic surveillance, the team arrived at the CTS Colony and came to know that one of the accused, Surjit, was at his maternal place in Prayagraj. The team immediately proceeded for Prayagraj and arrested Surjit from there. The team then returned to Kanpur Nagar with Surjit and arrested Amit and Vicky from CTS Colony.

by them, the police recovered 22 gold chains from a dilapidated house and returned to Mathura with all the three

Three held in Kanpur for loot in Mathura

positive

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cases on Tuesday evening.

anpur Nagar reported 86

Chief Medical Officer Dr

More coronavirus positive

Anil K Mishra said that 86

for coronavirus infection

between Monday evening and

was reported till Tuesday

cured figure in the city was

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the looted ornaments.

All the accused were taken to Mathura.

on October 3.

Thereafter, with the help of

SUICIDE BID

After a row with her husband, a woman attempted to commit suicide by jumping into the Ganga river from the Jajmau flyover on Tuesday afternoon. Seeing her jumping into the river, some passers-by raised and alarm and the boatmen immediately rescued the

Covid recovery rate crosses 91 per cent-mark in Kanpur

Utmost care needed at this juncture: CMO

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KANPUR

Chief Medical Officer Dr ○Anil Mishra said it was very encouraging that the COVID-19 recovery rate in Kanpur Nagar had crossed the 91 per cent-mark.

He said it appeared that the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) was weakening gradually as was evident from the fast rising recovery rate. He said home isolation had also proved highly successful.

The CMO, however, added that this was not the time to improvement in the situation,

lower ones guard as utmost care was needed at this juncture to avert a second wave of novel coronavirus infection in the city that would be more

He said the district administration had been apprised of the depletion of medicine stock in LLR Hospital due to the

rush in the non-Covid OPD. Dr Mishra said that earlier non-Covid patients were avoiding to visit the LLR Hospital OPD for treatment in view of the COVID-19 patients admitted there but with the the OPDs were once again witnessing a huge rush, leading to shortage of medicines. He said with the district

administration aware of the medicine stock, very soon some alternative arrangements would be made.

The CMO said a special campaign was being launched to prevent the spread of dengue and curb the death rate.

He said the district administration, with the support of Kanpur Nagar Nigam, had launched a drive to spray antilarva chemicals all over the city. He said several fogging vehicles

had been deployed by the KNN and they would continue constant spraying of anti-larval chemicals all over the

Dr Mishra appealed to the people to remain aware and ensure there was no stagnant water around them. He said dengue mosquitoes bred in clean water and thus every household should ensure that there was no stagnant clean water in the surrounding.

He said people need to wear full sleeved clothes, use mosquito repellent or mos-

Kanpur to witness sound & light shows again

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Divisional Commissioner Raj Shekhar, while reviewing the Smart City work in Kanpur agar on Tuesday directed the municipal commissioner to prepare a feasibility plan for starting a heritage son et lumiere within the next 15 days at The Memorial Well, currently more popular as Nana Rao Park.

He said the conservation and protection work had to be carried out at the earliest, especially for The Memorial Well which had witnessed sacrifices during the freedom technical issues.

sioner to get the place exam-

and son et lumiere organising companies for putting up the the next two months. finest proposal.

The divisional commis-sioner assured the divisional observed that the Smart City Authority was carrying out five projects in this park that included laying of a cycle track, synthetic walking track, parking area, landscape works and beautification of the heritage monuments in the park.

He said the project was delayed by six months because of the COVID-19 induced lockdown and some other

struggle.

Shekhar directed the Raj Shekhar directed the Kanpur municipal commis- municipal commissioner to ensure completion of all pend-

ined by the Archaeological ing works of cycle track (500 Survey of India (ASI), INTAC metre), synthetic walking metre), synthetic walking track and landscape work in

The municipal commis-

these works would be completed before December 31, Divisional commissioner

Shekhar also directed the municipal commissioner to repair and restore the small court room with the help of ASI/INTAC as it was also a part of the freedom struggle events. He then visited the swimming pool site and directed major repairs and

Divisional commissioner said the Taran Tal had a great potential to become a state

level swimming pool .

He directed the proper

renovation be carried out in the next six months so that a modern swimming pool could be made available for the people of Kanpur Naga

The divisional commissioner interacted with the visitors and morning walkers. They pointed out that it being the largest and most important park of Kanpur Nagar where over 5,000 people visited daily the park needed additional quality public toilets, good parking area for morning visitors and also repair of the damaged roads and high mast

Shekhar said the whole park needed proper maintenance as well.

86 more test | Mahila help desks set up

CORRESPONDENT ■ MIRZAPUR

Under the Mission Shakti drive launched by the state government for safety, honour and self-reliance of women, Mirzapur police set up a Mahila help desk at each police station of the district on Monday. The desks were inaugurated by officers above the rank of SHOs by organising brief func-



the police stations were offered refreshments too and complaints were disposed of with sincerity. Addressing a gathering at Madihan police station CO (Operation) Subhash Rai said that being the as the area was a Naxal-infested one the role of women was very important and their cooperation might help in eradicating the menace. He directed the

cops to create an atmosphere through their working that women could help them which might

pave the way for effective policing.

INSPECTION: NPP Chairman Manoj Jaiswal directed the palika staff that no laxity would be tolerated on the issue of sanitation and lighting in Vindhyachal Temple area. During his

inspection on Monday, he visited Ganga ghats, streets, temple premises along with camps of different departments apart from palika and directed the officials concerned to ensure lighting as well as sanitation in the area.

Interacting with people he told them to feel free to inform him about any lapse on the part of Nagar Palika. He appealed to workers deployed in the area to work with a spirit of service to give a positive message to the devotees. After the inspecting the amenities he held a meeting with the staff to get a feedback.

Five involved in betting held

On the directive of SP Yashveer Singh and ASP Dr Awadhesh Singh police apprehended five accused involved in betting. They were identified as Krishna Kumar 🖥

Rajput alias Kiran Kumar, Mahendra Pratap Singh alias Seepu, Chandra Pratap Singh alias Chhotu, Sandeep Singh alias Golu and Karan Singh Chauhan from Ramnagar. Police confiscated ₹1,30,000, one LED TV (80 cm), seven mobile phones, one set-top box with a remote and one dairy carrying betting details. ASP Dr Awadhesh Singh said that on being tipped off by an informer the team comprising of SOG and Kotwali Orai police under the guidance of CO Santosh Kumar immediately reached the spot and arrested the accused. He appreciated SOG incharge S-I Praveen Yadav and inspector Sudhakar Mishra, Kotwali Orai

incharge for their efforts. The team which made the arrest comprised S-Is Ajay Kumar, Chandan Pandey and Ramveer Singh besides Ashutosh Kumar, Ashutosh Gautam, Archana, Rohit Rawat, Shailendra Chauhan, Karamveer, Gaurav Bajpai, Jagdish Chandra, Bhupendra Singh, Ashwini Pratap, Vinay Pratap Singh, Neetu Kumar, Shri Ram Prajapati, Puneet Kumar, Surjeet Kumar and Mukesh Purohit.

Minister thanks doctors

CORRESPONDENT ■ JALAUN

UP Minister of State for Science and Technology and Higher Education Neelima Katiyar said doctors are the real heroes. While attending a seminar on Rani Lakshmibai in Government Medical College, Jalaun, she thanked the doctors for their efforts during the Covid-19 crisis and also appreciated GMC principal Dr Dwijendra Nath for his management skills and for taking care of corona patients. The event started with the candle lighting ceremony and wel-

come speech by Dr Dwijendra Nath. He that total 60 deliveries of Covid-19 postive patients were done. In 40 cases both baby and the mother had recov-

ered from Covid-19. In remaining 20 cases the babies were found negative and their mothers positive. However, due to efforts of the medical team staff the mothers recovered from Covid, he said. More than 2,300 patients had recovered from Covid-19, he added. Dr Dwijendra Nath handed over a memento to minister Neelima Katiyar, MLA Gauri Shankar Verma, Kalpi MLA Narendra Jadaun and BJP district president Ramendra Singh. Among those present were state secretary BJP Yuva Morcha, Prashant Dwivedi, regional general secretary, BJP, Anil Yadav, Dr Manoj Verma and Dr Jitendra Mishra.

Iwo arrested

CORRESPONDENT ■ GORAKHPUR

The Ramgarh Tal police arrest-**⊥** ed two accused in connection with a loot case and recovered a pistol, a cartridge, a knife, a passbook and ₹800 from them. The police on being tipped off by an nformer arrested the duo from Rampur Tiraha, Hanuman temple, late on Sunday night.They were later identified as Vishal Nishad, a resident of Mohaddipur under the Cantt police station and Krishna Mohan, a resident of an area under the Pipraich police station. According to a report received here, that the two accused had looted one person at Alinagar Chauraha under the Kotwali police station. Seven cases were registered against Vishal at separate police stations and five against Krishna Mohan, of SHO Ramgarh Tal said. Police produced both the accused in the court from they were sent to jail.

Pledge administered to DLW personnel

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

iour the campaign was also sequence in the Block launched in Diesel Locomotive Works (DLW). Division of the DLW the Safety Department, cers and personnel to wear masks for preven-

tion of Covid, maintain social distancing and



The slogan of this cam-

take care of hand hygiene.

The aim of the campaign was to motivate its offi- DLW, Varanasi, under the Jan Andolan Abhiyan for prevention of Covid a pledge was administered to a large number officers and employees.

New Delhi-Jaynagar puja spl from today

CORRESPONDENT ■ GORAKHPUR

The railway administration L keeping the convenience of passengers in mind in view of the forthcoming festivals will in addition to 04092/04091 New Delhi-Jaynagar-New Delhi (biweekly), 04030/04029 Delhi-Muzaffarpur-Delhi (biweekly), 04624/04623 Amritsar-Saharsa-Amritsar (biweekly) puja special trains run 84412/84411 Delhi-Saharsa-Delhi biweekly Suvidha Superfast between October 20 and December 2. All coaches in these trains will be of reserved category and passengers traveling in them will have to follow the Covid-19 norms, CPRO PK Singh said.

NEW DELHI-JAYNAGAR PUJA SPL: The 04092 New Delhi-Jaynagar biweekly puja special from October 21 to November 28 every Wednesday and Saturday will leave New Delhi at 09:20 hrs, Moradabad at 12.33 hrs, Bareilly at 14:12 hrs, Lucknow at 18:30 hrs, Gonda at 20:45 hrs, Basti at 22:04 hrs, Gorakhpur at 23.30 hrs, Narkatiaganj to 03:22 hrs, Raxaul at 04.47 hrs, Sitamarhi at 06:25 hrs, Darbhanga at 08:25 hrs, Madhubani at 09:37 hrs and reach Jaynagar at 11:15 hrs. During the return journey the 04091 Jaynagar-New Delhi biweekly puja special will from October 22 to November 29 every Thursday and Sunday leave Jaynagar at 15:30 hrs, Madhubani at 16.07 hrs, Darbhanga at 17:25 hrs, Sitamarhi at 19.00 hrs, Raxaul at 21.00, Narkatiaganj at 22:40 hrs, the second day Gorakhpur at 04.15 hrs, Basti at 05.20 hrs, Gonda at 06.45 hrs, Lucknow at 09.00 hrs, Bareilly at 13.42

hrs, Moradabad at 15:40 hrs

and reach New Delhi at 19.30

hrs. A total of 20 coaches,

including two of generator-

cum-luggage van, five of general second class, seven of sleeper class, four of AC third and two of AC second class will be attached in the special train.

DELHI-MUZÁFFARPUR PUJA SPL: The 04030 Delhi-Muzaffarpur biweekly superfast puja special from October 21 to November 28 every Wednesday and Saturday leave Delhi at 13:45 hrs, Ghaziabad at 14.27 hrs, Moradabad at 16.25 hrs, Bareilly at 17.55 hrs, Lucknow (NR) at 21.45 hrs, the second day Gorakhpur at 02.50 hrs, Siwan at 04.27 hrs, Chhapra at 05.45 hrs, Hajipur at 06.52 hrs and reach Muzaffarpur at 08.00 hrs. During the return journey the 04029 Muzaffarpur-Delhi biweekly superfast puja special will from October 22 to November 29 every Thursday and Sunday leave Muzaffarpur at 16.15 hrs, Hajipur at 17.15 hrs, Chhapra at 18:25 hrs, Siwan at 19:15 hrs, Gorakhpur at 21.00 hrs, on the second day, Lucknow (NR) at 01.55 hrs, Bareilly at 05.45 hrs, Moradabad at 07.10 hrs, Ghaziabad at 09.32 hrs and reach Delhi at 10.30 hrs. A total of 20 coaches, including two of generator-cum-luggage van, five of general second class, seven of sleeper class, four of AC third and two of AC second will be attached in this special train.

AMRITSAR-ŜAHARSA PUJA SPL: The 04624 Amritsar-Saharsa biweekly superfast puja special from October 21 to November 28 every Wednesday and Saturday will leave Amritsar at 05.45 hrs, Jalandhar City at 07.00 hrs, Ludhiana City at 08:05 hrs, Ambala Cantt at 09:35 hrs, Saharanpur at 10:50 hrs, Moradabad at 13:55 hrs, Bareilly at 15.20 hrs, Lucknow at 18:52 hrs, on the second day

at 04.30 hrs, Muzaffarpur at 05:35 hrs, Samastipur at 06:30 hrs, Barauni at 07.40 hrs and reach Saharsa at 10.30 hrs. During the return journey 04623 Saharsa-Amritsar biweekly superfast puja special will from October 22 to November 29 every Thursday and Sunday leave Saharsa at 14.30 hrs, Barauni at 17.00 hrs, Samastipur at 18:05 hrs Muzaffarpur at 19.00 hrs, Hajipur at 19.55 hrs, Chhapra at 21.20 hrs, on second day Gorakhpur at 00.40 hrs. Lucknow at 06.10 hrs, Bareilly at 09.35 hrs, Moradabad at 11:10 hrs, Saharanpur at 14:15 hrs, Ambala Cantt at 15:45 hrs, Ludhiana at 17.40 hrs, Jalandhar City at 18.32 hrs and reach Amritsar at 19:45 hrs. A total of 22 coaches will be attached in the

DELHI-SAHARSA

SUVIDHA SPL: The 84412 Delhi-Saharsa Suvidha SF puja special will from October 21 to November 29 every Wednesday and Sunday leave at Delhi at 23:00 hrs, Ghaziabad at 23.47 hrs, on the second day Moradabad at 02.03 hrs, Bareilly at 03.23 hrs, Sitapur at 06:35 hrs, Gorakhpur at 11.35 hrs, Chhapra at 14.35 hrs, Hajipur at 15.42 hrs, Barauni at 17.30 hrs, Khagaria at 18.32 hrs and reach Saharsa at 19.45 hrs. During the return journey, the 84411 Saharsa-Delhi biweekly Suvidha SF puja special from October 22 to November 29 every Thursday and Monday leave Saharsa at 22.15 hrs and after stopping at Khagaria, Barauni, from Hajipur, Chhapra, Gorakhpur, Sitapur, Bareilly, Moradabad, Ghaziabad and reach Delhi at 19:20 hrs. A total of 20 coaches, including two of generatorcum-luggage van, five of gen-Gorakhpur at 00:15 hrs, Chhapra at 03.27 hrs, Hajipur sleeper class will be attached. eral second class and seven of

PMEGP initiatives for women entrepreneurs scheme for the uplift of the called TREAD, which aimed

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Director, MSME Development Institute, Kanpur, LBS Yadav, while addressing a webinar held in association with Mahila Manch, said in the times of COVID-19 when lakhs of people were affected economically, a platform was needed to provide emancipation to the women who were the worst hit.

He said women had immense talent but in the adverse situation it was difficult for them to hunt for a platform so that they could eke out their livelihood. He said the MSME Ministry had many initiatives meant exclusively for talented women.

He said gender equality becoming more and more vital, the MSME Ministry had decided to empower women and more than 1.38 lakh projects had been set up by the women under Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) since its inception.

He said in the present times there was need to give

MSME only 13.76 per cent of the total entrepreneurs in India were women which was close to merely eight million as opposed to male entrepreneurs who just crossed a whopping 60 million mark, these financial schemes launched at the state and Central level could do a great deal in boosting women entrepreneurship.

Yadav said it was quite unfortunate that most of the talented women entrepreneurs had little idea about the schemes and there were a few women who stepped out of their homes and chose to make the most out of these schemes and become economically independent. He said there was one Mudra Rozgar Yojana and a few

He said to run any busientrepreneurs ness successfully, one needed certain amount of expertise which would further help in building the enterprise in a better way to compete in the

He said for this the further momentum to this PMEGP initiated a scheme Chaturvedi.

men. at empowering women by He said it was true that providing credit to projects, conducting specific training and counselling, and disseminate knowledge for their busi-He said the scheme pro-

vided for a government grant of up to 30 percent of the total project cost as appraised by nding institutions. Discussing the Mahila Udyam Nidhi Scheme, he said

it was initiated primarily to offer financial assistance up to ₹ 10 lakh, to small-scale business models and this scheme aimed to help women set up new projects and promoted upgrading and modernisation of existing projects.

He said the other were

Annapurna scheme, Stree Shakti Package for Women Entrepreneurs, Bharatiya Mahila Business Bank Loan, Dena Shakti Scheme, Cent Kalyani Scheme, Udyogi Scheme and many more and advised them to avail themselves of the facilities provided by the government.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Mahila Manch secretary Neelam

Gang operating fake telephone exchange busted, two held



Accused of fake telephone exchange arrested by city police on Tuesday. Pioneer.

KANPUR (PNS): The Kanpur Nagar police busted a gang operating a fake telephone exchange to facilitate talks with people in the Gulf countries following arrest of two persons from Sujat Ganj (Chakeri) on Tuesday. Addressing media persons, Senior Superintendent of Police Pritinder Singh identified the accused as Mohd Shahnawaz and Mohd Javed.

Police recovered five call terminator machines and 151 SIM cards activated on fake IDs. They were involved in collecting the calls from Gulf countries and diverting them to local calls here, causing huge revenue loss to the Indian government. The calls made through voice over internet protocol (VOIP) were re-routed through the parallel tele-

phone exchange operating here. The SSP said efforts were on to collect other important information from the accused.

MURDER ACCUSED SURRENDER IN COURT

The wanted brothers Mehfooz and Saud Akhtar, accused in the Bahujan Samaj Party leader Pintu Senger murder case, gave the slip to cops and surrendered themselves before the chief judicial mag-istrate (CJM) on Tuesday. It may be recalled that

Pintu Senger was gunned down on June 20 when he was going to settle a dispute with his business partner Manoj Gupta at the house of former city president of Samajwadi Party, Chandresh Singh, in Chakeri police station area.

Kolkata Puja organisers seek relaxation

Review petition against HC order that made pandals out of bounds

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

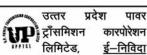
Aday after Calcutta High Court passed a rigorous order disciplining the Durga Puja organisers by making Puja pandals out of bounds for the general public, Kolkata's top Puja organisers on Tuesday filed a review petition in the same court seeking relaxation in severity of the order.

The matter will be heard on Wednesday, the petitioners

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY INTRODUCTION OF 25kV AC TRACTION "WARNING TO ROAD USERS"

is notified for the information of the Public that in connection with ntroduction of 25kV AC Electric Traction over the Taraon (Excl.) Nandganj (Incl.) section of North Eastern Railway, height gauges have peen erected at all the level crossings with clear maximum height 4.78m above road level with a view to prevent loads of excessive height from comin into contact or dangerous proximity to which shall be at a height of minimun 5.5m above the rail level at level crossings. Public are hereby notified to observe the height specified above for the purpose of loading vehicles and to see that the loads carried in road vehicles do not infringe the height gauges under any circumstances. The dangers of a load of excessive height are as follows: - (i) Danger to the height gauge and consequent obstruction to the road as well as the Railway line. (ii) Danger to the materials of equipment carried or the vehicle itself. (iii) Danger of fire and risk of life due to contact with or dangerous proximity to the

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Chetla Agrani, Suruchi NaktalaUdayan Sangha, Hindusthan Club, backed by State Ministers and seniorTrinamool Congress leaders like Firhad Hakim, Arup Biswas, ParthoChatterjee and Chandrima Bhattacharya.

Apart from them Forum For Durgotsav Committee an umbrella body ofabout 150 Puja organizers too filed a reviewed petition to be heard onWednesday. Though the ministers would not want to be quoted sources close to themthe order could cause grave hardships for the management committees interms of maintaining the crowds.

One of the spokespersons of the Forum said, "Most of the big Pujas areorganized inside small lanes particularly in North Kolkata where it isvery difficult to manage thousands of visitors who choke the pandalpremises... which is why we have to make plans to manage the crowd wellin advance ... this year we made special plans to ease the crowd.

bind as it has made the pandal and 10 metressurrounding it as

'no entry zones'. "This will add to the chaos because unlike in usual circumstances thevisitors will not be able to use entry-exit gates both of which are within no entry zones. So they will come near the pandal and returntaking the same route which will create a logjam ... imagine there are times when the each pandal records 5,000-10,000 visitors per hour.... Soinstead of social distance it will create chaos."

The organizers said the order could have an impact on business in Bengal which amounted to several thousand crores.

Delivering the Monday's order Bench of Justices Sanjib Banerjee and Arijit Banerjee said that the Puja pandals should be treated ascontainment zones and directed the State administration to mark 5metre area around small pandals and the 10 metre area around biggerpandals as the

limit till which the general people would be allowed togo

Even the entry of the club members was restricted inside the pandalseven as the Court said that not more than 25 members would be allowedinside. The Court directed the administration to collect the names of 25 persons each from the respective Durga Puja committees beyond whono one would be allowed to enter the Puja premises. These names and numbers of such persons have to be fixed and cannot change every day, the court said. The Court's decision came against a Public Interest Litigation filedby Advocate Sabyasachi Chatterjee and will be applicable to about37,000 Durga Puja pandals, big and small all across the State. Out ofthese there are about 3,500 Puja panalone. Incidentally a band of top Kolkata doctors requested the Government toscale down the festivites warning post

Pujas there could be a mas-

sivespike in corona cases.

Bengal has 4,000 MBBS seats: Mamata

PNS KOLKATA

Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday said that the number of seats in MBBS course had gone up to 4,000 in the State. This was effected after addition of 100 seats in Purulia Government MedicalCollege and Gouri Devi Medical

Banerjee tweeted, "I am pleased to announce that we now have 4,000MBBS seats for Bengal's vibrant medical students with the initiation of the first MBBS batch in Purulia Government MCH consisting of 100seats and the addition of 150 MBBS seats in Gouri Devi MedicalCollege."

The announcement comes within days of the NEET result

Mumbai: After initial hiccups

which saw the Western Railway

(WR) and Central Railway (CR)

refused to toe the line drawn by

the Maharashtra government,

the Indian Railways on Tuesday permitted the WR and CR to

allow all ladies to travel by sub-urban trains for a specified

number of hours during a day in Mumbai and Mumbai

Metropolitan Region (MMR)

made late in the afternoon,

In a formal announcement

from Ôctober 21.

Adityanath launches Bihar campaign; rakes up Ram, Kashmir, Pakistan

Ramgarh: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday forayed into battleground Bihar where he asked people to vote the NDA back to power, drawing upon Prime Minister Narendra Modis mass appeal and the BJPs ability to walk the talk on Ayodhya, Kashmir and Pakistan-spon-

sored terrorism. The BJP's star campaigner blazed through three assembly segments with back-to-back rallies on the first day of his campaign in the poll-bound State, commencing his speeches with roars of Vande Mataram and signing off with chants of Jai Shri Ram.

Yogi also made it a point to ask the voters to cast their ballots only for adhikrit (authorised) NDA candidates and help Nitish Kumar return as the chief minister in line with the stance adopted by the BJP in the wake of the revolt by LJP chief Chirag Paswan who has fielded a number of rebels from the saffron party and the

Railway Minister Piyush Goyal

announce that Railways will

allow women to travel on sub-

urban trains from 21 Oct

between 11 am to 3 pm & after

Downplaying the manner in which the WR and CR had

put spokes in the wheels of the

Maharashtra government

which wanted women to trav-

el by suburban trains for a spec-

ified number of hours during

a day in the MMR from

The lawyer told the bench

during the hearing around 20

accused in the riots cases were

out on interim bail on some

pretext and are now enjoying

the benefits of the high court's

ecution opposes grant of bail

in such cases as the accused do

not surrender after the bail

expires in view of the high

court order.Delhi government

standing counsel (criminal)

the bench that removing the

blanket order would go against

the spirit of the Supreme

Court's order to decongest jails

during the pandemic as

COVID-19 cases have not

gone down in the national

capital. He further said that the

decongestion of the prisons has

not led to any increase in

crimes or anarchy in the city.

September 28 had said it will

not permit misuse of its orders

and it will recall its extension

order if it was being misused.

(prisoners) are misusing it,

we will stop it and then let them suffer." 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

courts in view of the persisting

COVID-19 pandemic.

The bench said, "If they

The high court on

Rahul Mehra, appearing for the DG Prisons,

He also said that the pros-

blanket order.

"I am happy to

tweeted:

WR, CR to allow women to travel on suburban trains from today

I am glad to see that you have defeated corona under the leadership of Nitish Kumar. While leaving Lucknow, I had anticipated crowds of not more than two or three thousand. But here I am amazed to see turnout ten times of that, said

The firebrand Hindutva icon said that under Modis leadership the BJPs old promise of abrogation of Article 370 has been achieved in Kashmir and Pakistan made to realise that it can no longer sponsor terrorism on the Indian soil.

Ghar mein ghus ke maarenge (will kill you in your territory), he asserted, in an obvious reference to the Balakot air strikes.

Modi presided over the foundation laying ceremony for the Ram temple and brought to an end misgivings whether this thorny issue that stuck out like a sore thumb for five centuries will ever be addressed squarely, Yogi said.

October 17, Goyal said in the

second part of his tweet: "We

were always ready and with the

receipt of the letter from

Maharashtra government

today, we have allowed this travel".

in the evening, the Central and

Western Railway said: "Railways are currently oper-

ating 1406 special suburban services on Mumbai subur-

ban network of Central and

Western Railway. Central

In a joint statement issued

Under Modis rule terrorism has been wiped out and 95 per cent of naxals have been dealt with. We will ensure their Ram Naam Satya Hai (elimination) by the time the Ram temples construction is complete, he said evoking a wild applause.

The Uttar Pradesh chief minister, whose rallies were held in central Bihar, tormented by clashes between Maoist groups and private militias of landlords till a couple of decades ago, alleged that the electoral tie-up of the RJD-Congress combine with ultra-Left CPI(ML) indicates they want to bring back the old days of frequent "ghastly massacres.

This is Modis India, where even chants of Bharat Tere Tukde Honge (India may you go to pieces) inside the JNU campus will not be tolerated, said Adityanath referring to the students protests of 2016 which left many activists booked for

Railway has added 225 subur-

ban services making it total 706

added 194 services on Óctober

15, 2020 and will add 4 services

(ladies special) on October 21,

2020 .The WR will be running

704 suburban services on its

network including six ladies

special. Thus, Railways will be

operating 1410 special subur-

ban services with effect from

October 21, 2020," the joint

statement said.

Western Railway have

from October 19, 2020".



J&K DGP Dilbagh Singh consoles the family members of martyred police Inspector Mohd Ashraf Bhat at his native village in

Gold smuggling accused's leaked statement leaves Kerala Govt in a fix

Kochi: A day after the Kerala High Court stayed the move by the Customs Department to arrest M Sivsankar, former were regular visitors to the principal secretary to Chief Consulate. Surendran's visits Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, in were in connection with a job connection with the gold in UAE for his son while Jaleel ment given by Sarith, the prime accused in the gold smuggling scam, to the Enforcement Directorate has got leaked and this has put the Kerala Government in a dilemma. Sarith in his statement to the ED had said that two Kerala ministers were regular visitors to the UAE Consulate

Thiruvananthapuram. Sarith was a former staff of the UAE Consulate and had established rapport with most of the Kerala Ministers.

Mirchi Case.

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"Kadakampalli Surendran,

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has

L attached assets worth ₹22.42 crore in Iqbal

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members of Late gangster Iqbal Mirchi under

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The attached assets include seven immovable properties and balances in seven bank

minister for tourism and cooperation and K T Jaleel minister for higher education. wanted to import Ouran and dates from West Asia," Sarith had told the ED.

Ministers meeting the diplomats of other countries posted in India without taking the Central Government into confidence is seen as violation of protocol and improper.

But Surendran reacting to the report said that it was to seek the cooperation of the UAE in resolving the traffic problems in the capital city he had gone to the UAE Consulate. Sivsankar is engaged in a legal battle with the Customs Department

ED attaches assets of Iqbal Mirchi's family

Dated:14-10-2020

which is out to arrest him in connection with charges of money laundering. The consul who appeared for the Customs told the High Court of Kerala on Tuesday that Sivsankar was feigning sick to escape from questioning by the "His actions are all as per a script prepared to avoid the questioning by the Customs officials. Last Friday when he was summoned to the Customs office for questioning, he acted as if he had cardiac problems. It was found to be fake. Now he is claiming that he has back pain. The medical board has found that he is perfectly alright," said K Ramkumar, senior counsel. The Court is hearing an anticipatory bail filed by Sivsankar and had told the Customs not to arrest him

Time has come to stop blanket extension of bails, paroles for Covid-19 reason: Delhi HC

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The Delhi High Court on I Tuesday observed that its blanket order extending interim bails and paroles granted to prisoners in view of the Covid-19 pandemic should come to an end as the number of infected persons in jails here was only three.

According to the Director General (Prisons), over 6,700 prisoners are out on bail or parole and continue to remain uitside in view of the blanket order passed and extended from time-to-time by a full bench of the high court.

The DG Prisons also told the high court that the three jails - Tihar, Rohini and Mandoli - in the national capital together have a capacity of around 10,000, but presently there were 15,900 prisoners lodged in them.

The full bench headed by Chief Justice D N Patel on Tuesday said,

"Let us bring to an end the COVID chapter. Let these people surrender or go back to jail. We passed the order in view of the pandemic. Our order has nothing to do with overcrowding of the jails. We are not concerned by the nature of the crimes.

"The COVID chapter is over. The other reasons for grant or extension of bail and parole can continue. We will go back to the situation that prevailed in January-February this year," he added.

The bench also observed that the prison was taking care of the issue and those who had tested positive for COVID-19 in jails have been hospitalised.

The Chief Justice said the judges of the full bench, also including Justices Siddharth Mridul and Talwant Singh, will sit together and take a decision on whether to extend the blanket or not.

The observations by the orders extending interim bails/paroles would be applicable to everyone granted the relief before or after March 16.

that the two orders were being misused by the accused in the riots cases by seeking bail on grounds of family illness or some such other reasons, instead of seeking regular bail, and then getting the same extended on the basis of the high court's direction.

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SALE

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E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to public in general and in particular to Borrower (s) and Guaranto

(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the secured Creditor, the Symbolic Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Karnataka Bank Ltd, the Secured Creditor on 17.06.2019, will be sold on "As is Where is", "As is What is" and "Whatever there is" on 03.12.2020, for recovery of Rs. 1,47,92,748.60 [Rupees One Crore Forty Seven Lakhs Ninety Two Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Eight and Paisa Sixty Only] Under Term Loan Account No. 4537001600022201 along with future interest from 30.09.2018, plus costs, due to the Karnataka Bank Ltd, Lucknow Branch, Plot No.118, Burlington Square, Station Road, Vidhansabha Marg, Lucknow-226001, (Uttar Pradesh), the Secured creditor from (1) M/s Crystal and Chemicals Laboratories Pvt. Ltd. Represented by its Directors: (i) Mr. Paresh Rastogi (ii) Mr. Pankaj Rastogi (iii) Mr. Piyush Rastogi, 27/18 Raja Ram Mohan Rai Marg, Halwasiya Market, Lucknow-226001, Uttar Pradesh (2) Mr. Paresh Rastogi S/o Mr. Laxmi Chandra Rastogi, No.803, Rohtas Court, Gokhale Marg, Lucknow-226001 Uttar Pradesh (3) Mr. Pankaj Rastogi, S/o, Mr. Jawahar Lal Rastogi (4) Mr. Piyush Rastogi, S/o Mr. Laxmi Chandra Rastogi (5) Mr. Deepak Rastogi, S/o Mr. Nagendra Kumar Rastogi, No. 3, 4 & 5 are residing at: 14/1, Jopling Road, Lucknow-226001, Uttar Pradesh, being borrowers/guarantors/co-obligants.

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1.	40203161	Fresh Air Fan Plastic Body	870 Nos.	09.11.2020			
2.	40203162	Propeller type Fan, 03 Speed, 1350/1400 RPM	870 Nos.	02.11.2020			
3.	30202601	High Tensile Tight Lock Centre Buffer Coupler	66 Nos.	17.11.2020			
4.	30201572	POH Kit for 355 MM Dia Brake Cylinder	6675 Set	09.11.2020			
5.	20201399	Set of Metalised Carbon Strip Assly.	292 Set	02.11.2020			

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NIA files chargesheet against 10 in HM narco-terror case

Laundering Act, the ED said in a statement.

and one hotel in Mumbai, one under con-

and 3.5 acre land in Panchgani, it said.

including the latest attachment.

struction hotel, one farm house, two bungalows

to the tune of ₹776 crore including overseas

assets worth ₹203 crore. The total attachment

in this case is approximately ₹798 crore

These attached assets include one talkies

Earlier, the ED had attached assets valued

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■ Tuesday filed a 14,000-page chargesheet against 10 accused persons in the Hizb-ul-Mujahideen (HM) Narco-Terror Case before the NIÁ Special Court at Mohali, Punjab.

ious IPC Sections and provisions of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 and Indian Passports Act.

The chargesheeted accused including Hilal Ahmed Shergojri of Pulwama (J&K), Bikram Singh of Amritsar, Maninder Singh, both of Amritsar, Ranjit Singh and Jaswant Singh Gurdaspur, Ranjit Singh of Amritsar, Gagandeep Singh of Amritsar, Iqbal Singh of Amritsar (Absconding), Zafar Hussain Bhat of Anantnag (J&K), Presently in Pakistan (Absconding) and Riyaz Ahmed Naikoo of Pulwama (J&K)

This case arose out of PS Sadar Amritsar Case No: 135 dated April 25, 2020 pertaining to arrest of one Hilal Ahmed Shergojri and recovery of Rs 29 lakh from his possession, by Punjab Police on April 25, 2020.

bench came while hearing an application, moved by one of the prosecutors dealing with the northeast Delhi riots cases in the trial courts, seeking modification of the high court's July 13 and July 24 orders by which it had clarified that its

The application has alleged

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on

The chargesheet has been filed under var-



Centre mulls to delist plasma therapy for Covid treatment

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n what could come as a setback to the States which have invested in setting up infrastructure for conducting plasma therapy and launched plasma donation drives to treat coronavirus infected patients, the Centre is mulling to delete convalescent plasma as an investigational therapy from its treatment protocol guide-

Giving a hint in this regard, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) Director General Professor Balram Bhargava on Tuesday said "discussions are on in the national task force on Covid-

19 for deletion on plasma therapy from the national treatment guidelines".

Governments in various States like Delhi, Karnataka and Maharashtra had touted this as an effective strategy against Covid-19. The Centre's considera-

tion to ban the therapy comes after multiple international trials and the ICMR, which conducted the largest trial in the world, concluded that infusing blood plasma from a recovered patient showed no significant benefits on the eventual outcome of a Covid

In April itself, the Centre had opined that convalescent plasma therapy can create life-threatening compli-cations in a Covid-19 patient and is still experimental. Joint Secretary in Health Ministry, Lav Agarwal, had pointed out that the use of this therapy is "illegal" unless the medical facility administering it is part of a study being conducted by the ICMR.

Dr Bhargava said that we have "done the largest trial on plasma therapy in the world with 464 patients across 39 hospitals and with more than 350 authors. It has now been accepted in BMJ (the British Medical Journal) and we have received proof, it will appear very soon ... more than 10 pages of hardcore science talking about the role of plas-

Bhargava, further said, 'We have discussed this in the national task force and are discussing further now with the joint monitoring group that this (plasma therapy) may be deleted from the national guidelines. That is the discussions ongoing and more or less we are reaching towards that."

At a press briefing earlier also, Professor Bhargava had said that the study demonstrated no benefit in mortality in moderate to severe cases of Covid-19. "It also did not arrest the progression of Covid-19 from moderate to severe," he had

Digital health ID won't be mandatory for getting vaccine: Health Secy

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day after Prime Minister ANarendra Modi said digital health IDs will be used to systematically carry out the vacci-nation process, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan on Tuesday made it clear that the health ID will not be mandatory for a person to receive a Covid

vaccine. "The health IDs, being set up under the National Digital Health Mission, is still in nascent stages. Pilots were rolled out in some Union Territories on August 15," he said at a press con-

"National Digital Health Mission, as it exists today, does not make digital health ID mandatory to receive service under the digital ecosystem. To say it would become mandatory for vaccination is not the right interpretation. (But) health ID would be utilised," Bhushan said.

"In cases where the beneficiary does not have one, there are multiple IDs which can be utilised, almost like a electoral scenario where multiple IDs are prescribed beforehand so that nobody is deprived of their voting right on the day of elections or on the day of vaccinations," he

Onion price soars to ₹73 per kg in Chennai

Retail onion prices on Tuesday surged to ₹73 per kg in Chennai —the highest among the metro cities - as supply disruption due to rains in producing areas have flared up bulb rates across the country. Onion prices ruled at Rs 51 per kg in Delhi, at ₹65 per kg in Kolkata and at ₹67 per kg in Mumbai on Tuesday, a data of Ministry of Consumer Affairs showed. The prices remained to be high in the coming days due to short supply from southern and western states. Currently, stored onion of rabi crop is being sold in the market. Normally, prices come under pressure during this time

29 candidates from the BJP have

declared criminal cases and 13 (45 per

cent) have declared serious criminal

cases against themselves in their affi-

about 24 (59 per cent) out of 41 can-

didates analysed from the LJP have

declared criminal cases against them-

selves and 20 (49 per cent) have

declared serious criminal cases against

per cent) out of 35 candidates of the

JD(U) and eight (31 per cent) out of

About 12 (57 per cent) out of 21 candidates from the Congress, 15 (43

themselves in their affidavits.

The poll body report said that

in consuming areas but rains have created havoc in key producing areas, adding to supply woes.

Experts and traders are of the view that heavy rainfall in south and western regions has led to supply disruption and impacted the arrival of the kharif crop which will begin in full swing in the coming weeks. Farmers, though worried about the low production, are happy about the high price they fetch for what they are bring to the

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03:50	04:15	Prayagraj Jn.	23:00	23:30	
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Covid reinfection likely if antibodies reduce in convalescents within 5 months: ICMR PNS NEW DELHI Disease Control (USA), you tion if antibodies start deplet-

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In the wake of cases of a few Coronovirus re-infection cases being reported in the country, the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) on Tuesday said that if antibodies reduce in any person in five months post recovering from the virus, then there is a possibility of Covid-19 reinfection.

It also did not rule out reinfection of the Covid-19 recovered patients by the virus once the antibodies of the viral disease starts depleting. "According to the Centre for

Of the 1,064 candidates contesting in the phase I of the Bihar

Assembly elections, 375 or 35 per cent

have given their financial assets worth

crores of rupees while five candidates

have declared zero assets. The aver-

age of assets per candidate contesting

in the phase I Bihar polls is ₹1.99

crore. Besides, 328 candidates have

criminal cases registered against them while 23 percent or 244 candidates

have declared serious criminal cases

non-bailable offences with over five

years of imprisonment (against them-

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call it a reinfection (of Covid-19) if the person is reinfected after 90 days from turning negative to the Sars-CoV-2 after testing positive to it.

"However, there are multiple studies which suggest that the antibodies that develop after Covid-19 sustain for up to five months," said Balram Bhargava, Director-General of ICMR, while answering a query in the weekly press briefing of the Union Health Ministry.

"Since the disease is new, we do not have any further people can recontract the infec-

ing from the body," he added.

Bhargava also stressed that one should not become complacent, and follow all precautionary measures such as wearing mask, staying cautious and not relying on antibodies to astray the re-contraction.

"Even after contracting the virus, one must not avoid using a mask," he cautioned. Bhargava also informed

that the ICMR is conducting an assessment on the subject of reinfection as commissioned by the Union Health information about it. However, Ministry, and its result will be

Bihar polls: 35% candidates have assets worth crores, five zero

The Association for Democratic ₹3.10 crore and 26 BSP candidates davits. About 21 (72 per cent) out of criminal cases against themselves.

three cases of reinfection have been reported in the country -- two from Mumbai and one from Ahmedabad. The apex body of medical research had also stated that the cut-off date for depletion of antibodies set by it for the assessment is 100 days from the infection.

There are various cut-off days that are being referred to for reinfection. Though the public is going by up to 110 days, we are taking 100 days as the cut-off period because the antibodies last until then," Bhargava had said.

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cent) out of 35 candidates from JDU,

24 (83 per cent) out of 29 candidates

from BJP, 30 (73 per cent) out of 41

candidates from LJP, 14 (67 per cent)

out of 21 candidates from Congress

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According to the report, 30 (73

worth more than Rs one crore.

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New DRDO procurement manual OK'd

Reforms (ADR) which has analysed

self-sworn affidavits of 1064 out of

1066 candidates in the fray, revealed

that 375 (35 per cent) are crorepatis.

While 93 (9 per cent) candidates have

declared assets worth ₹5 crore and

above, 123 (12 per cent) candidates

have declared assets worth ₹2 crore to

₹5 crore. According to the ADR, the

average assets per candidate for 35 JD(U) candidates is ₹8.12 crore while

the average ₹ 6.98 crore. The average assets for 21 Congress candidates is ₹

6.03 crore. For LJP candidates, the

average assets of 41 candidates is esti-

mateď ₹4.62 crore while the 29 BJP

PNS NEW DELHI

Tn a move to encourage greater I participation of the Indian startups and small and medium scale industries in research and development, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday approved the new Defence Research & D e v e l o p m e n t Organisation(DRDO)Procurement Manual(PM) 2020.

Announcing this here, the DRDO also said this step will ensure self-reliance in the defence industry. "The new DRDO PM-2020 will facilitate the indigenous

processes and ensure their participation in design and development activities," Rajnath said after the release. It will help towards realising the objective of 'A

tmanirbhar Bharat', he said. The DRDO PM was last modified

Bid security declaration option for earnest money deposit, increase of threshold limit for advance payment, placement of order on lowest bidder 2 (L2) in case L1 (lowest bidder) backs out are some of the salient features of the new manual, which will assist the indus-

defence Industry by simplifying the try for the speedy execution of projects, the DRDO said.

The PM-2020 also exempts bid security and performance security up to Rs 10 lakh and no negotiations required for commercial offthe-shelf items or services wherever price discovery is happening hrough market forces.

In addition, performance security for service contracts is linked to the payment cycle instead of total contract value. Many of the internal procedures have been further simplified for faster engagement with industry, the DRDO added.



Researchers find 3 new species of damselfly

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

team of researchers from National Acentre for Biological Sciences (NCBS), Bengaluru, and Zoological Survey of India, Chennai, have stumbled upon three new species of colorful damselfly --blue-legged reedtail, Myristica reedtail and Shola reedtail from Western Ghats in South India.

Smaller and more slender than dragonflies, damselflies are weak fliers and usually spotted near water, found typically resting with the wings folded back along the body. They are touted as one of the most beautiful insects and are completely harmless to humans, do not sting or bite. The discovery of these three new species has pushed the number of species of damselflies in the region to 12.

Shantanu Joshi, researcher from the NCBS said that he spotted the damselfly at a Myristica swamp, a unique habitat endemic to the Western Ghats. "It was very small in size, flying among the roots of trees," he said according to Research Matters, a science news portal. On comparing them with the available descriptions of other damselflies, the researchers later realized that they had found a new species of dam-

selfly belonging to the genus Protosticta. The study is published in the journal

In India, species of damselfly from the genus Protosticta have only been found in the Western Ghats and the Eastern Himalaya. "In recent decades, scientists worldwide have discovered certain hotspots or centres of endemism such as the Western Ghats, which offer an excellent opportunity for evolution of new species," said Shantanu, as per the portal. The other team members were K A Subramanian, R Babu, Krushnamegh Kunte and Duttaprasad

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Dat	te & Time of Auction: 11.11.2020 , 02:00 PM to	06:00 PM Status of Po	ossession- Co	onstructive
Sr/ No.	Name & Address of the Borrowers/ Guarantors & Date of Demand & Possession Notice/Amount of Debt	Description of the Property	Reserve Price (RP)/ Earnest Money (EM)(Rs.) Bid Increase Amount.	Date & Time of Property Inspection & Deposit of EMD
1-	Borrowers: M/s Farhan Iron & Welding Works Through its proprietor Sabina Khatoon W/o Gufran Ahmad Address-: Mohalla Pushkerpuram (Jasmarh), Station Road, PO Rudauli, District Faizabad Guarantors: -Gufran Ahmad S/o Anwar Hussain Address-: Mohalla Pushkarpuram, Station Road	All part and parcel of the propertry consisting of equitable mortgage of residential plot situated at Village Mangal Bazar, Ward No. 9, Pure Husain Khan, PO Rudauli, District Faizabad in the name of Sabina Khatoon W/o Gufran Ahmad. Total	Reserve Price Rs. 4,28,400/- (EM) Rs.	21.10.2020 to 10.11.2020 Between 10:00 AM from 4:00 PM
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Australia aboard

India has invited Australia to the Malabar naval exercises with the US and Japan. A reinforced Quad is ready to take Beijing head on



or long, India had not been too keen on firming up the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue with Australia militarily. While it had committed to the security alliance in principle to rein in China in the Indo-Pacific region and been comfortable with the US and Japan, it had been wary of Australia's role — considering the latter's deep dependence on Chinese markets — and its ability to override economic imperatives. After all, China continues to be Australia's largest trading partner and accounts for 32.6 per cent of its exports. Besides, China sources iron ore, coal and gas from Australia because of its geographical proximity and mined quality, preferring the latter over

Brazil. India was sceptical about Australia doing anything to jeopardise this mutually beneficial relationship. Besides, both India and Australia, being in the neighbourhood, didn't exactly want to rile up China or risk a hit-back by overtly upping the dragon's anxieties. Therefore, India had never included Australia in the Malabar naval exercises, a series of simulated war games and combat manoeuvres it has been conducting with the US and Japan since 2017. Last year, the exercises were upgraded to complex maritime operations focussing on anti-submarine warfare, anti-air and anti-surface attacks, maritime interception and other tactical manoeuvres. But in a post-pandemic scenario, which has been entirely the fallout of China's negligence and its neo-imperialism in a world flattened by the virus in more ways than one, new allies are realising that without standing together as a bulwark, there's no chance of standing up to China's might, the only nation to notch up positive growth in distressed times and in a position to dictate its terms again. Now both want competitive advantages at China's expense. So India has finally announced Australia's participation in the Malabar exercise along with the US and Japan, the Quad's first full military-level engagement. This is significant geo-politically because four of the biggest democracies with stakes in the region are collectively committed to preserving open waters and hold off China's misadventures to monopolise them ruthlessly. The initiative allows interoperability between the four partners, which means accessing and using each other's strengths and bases to pursue their common mission of maritime democracy. This makes Quad formidable. For far too long, the group has been under criticism for being amorphous, united by posturing than real intent and being half-hearted about taking on China in a real theatre of geo-strategic capabilities. The full-fledged military alliance gives a robustness of entity, one which can now embolden Quad plus nations to coalesce together against Chinese assertiveness and debt-trap diplomacy. Except the US, nobody in the group had directly dared to call out China. With a military-level agreement, there should not be trust issues anymore. And if mutual interests and concerns find congruence, then over time it could become what the US calls a NATO-like presence in Asia that could contain China's expansionist designs and one-sided behaviour. Most significantly, the military alliance could also be strengthened to forging an economic coalition of sorts, for example setting up a Quad Free Trade Agreement (FTA) to attract investment and set up an alternative supply chain network that would reduce the dependence on China. Australia has been keen to be part of the Malabar exercises for quite some time to acquire strategic depth with India and further sharpen its maritime capabilities. Virus-hit badly, it had, with US encouragement, spearheaded a petition for a neutral, global investigation into COVID-19's origins and China's role in it. China, which now sees both India and Australia as US stooges in the region, immediately hit back, imposing an 80 per cent tariff on Australian barley and banning beef imports. Ever since, Australia has been looking to find allies where it can diversify markets and find support. One of the results was the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, agreed upon by Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on June 4, 2020. The military exercises seem to be a corollary of this understanding.

With this consolidation, Beijing could have a tough time monitoring the entire South China Sea, which it claims as its own. Its intention is to encircle the region, particularly India, with a "string of pearls" or islands friendly to it and keep a hawkish overlordship of the littoral States. India, which has realised that China won't budge on Ladakh, is now seriously considering getting down to "a poke for a poke" strategy. It is now firming up more military pacts, like the Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement for Geo-Spatial Cooperation (BECA) with the US during the $2\!+\!2$ dialogue between the Defence and Foreign Ministers of the two countries later this month. This will amplify India's maritime vigilance capabilities significantly. The US can share advanced satellite and topographical data for longrange navigation and missile-targeting with India. We can now use US unmanned aerial vehicles for reconnaissance. Besides, after years, India is also keen on formal trade negotiations with Taiwan. This is tricky territory as India would have to sidestep issues that China might raise regarding bilateral trade agreements and pledges made under fair practices. India doesn't formally recognise Taiwan, with the two Governments maintaining unofficial diplomatic missions. But a trade pact, if it does materialise bypassing Chinese resistance, would help us reduce our supply chain dependency and attract massive investments. Galwan may have been the trigger that China has wrongly pressed. For it has forced India to develop its own protective "ring of fire" in the region.

Restarting Jet

With only a few details public and no dates set for resuming fights, there is no guarantee that this will succeed



he bid to take over the remaining assets and brand of Jet Airways by Dubai-based real estate entrepreneur Murari Jalan and American private equity firm Kalrock Capital has been accepted by the lenders. Even though they will have to accept a massive 90 per cent haircut on their outstandings from the airline, the fact that they will get something is a lot better than what they faced with Kingfisher. Former employees of the now grounded airline as well as other unsecured creditors, everyone from those who provided taxi and catering services to passengers with tickets for flights that never took off, are hoping that the new management will clear their

dues as well. Unfortunately, while the new management might absorb some old employees and even executives, it does not hold any obligation to clear these unsecured dues. The new owners could clear some dues in order to build goodwill but of the estimated ₹40,000 crore owed by Jet Airways to various creditors and employees at the time it suspended operations in April 2019, much of it will never be seen again.

This deal is being spoken about as a success of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) that was introduced by the Government in 2016. Some even suspect that the Government pushed this deal through to highlight that the IBC can be a success as several other high-profile cases are stuck. That said, the proof of the pudding is in the eating and the proof of an airline is in the flying. With few details public, there are no firm dates on when this 'new' Jet Airways can fly again. As the aviation market globally is in the doldrums, one also questions whether this is a smart time to launch an airline when customer demand is less than half of what it was this time last year. Yes, it will be easier than it would have been in February to get slots and even lease new planes but the new management should not have misplaced optimism about "customer loyalty." Restarting a brand, any brand, and particularly a service brand after a period of not operating is not easy and customers are extremely fickle. And with the likelihood of one, maybe even two airlines in India potentially falling victim to the pandemic, thanks to stretched balance sheets, things might actually get very difficult for the new ownership. That said, we wish them all the best and hope that they can succeed, and hope is a very powerful thing these days.

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Long haul in Ladakh

With no face-to-face discussion taking place between the two nations, a grand bargain cannot be expected in the near future



ASHOK KUMAR MEHTA

n the absence of a face-to-face meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping, likely due to the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) and BRICS summits at Moscow going virtual, it is External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, who is talking to China through interactions with think tanks and media over his book, The India Way, completed before the current standoff in east

The last and only high-level face-to-face meeting was at Moscow on September 10 between Jaishankar and his counterpart, Wang Yi, which sealed the stalemate along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) on troop withdrawals with a standstill agreement following India's pre-emptive occupation of seven Chushul heights on the Kailash range that rattled the People's Liberation Army (PLA). The eighth round of Military Commander's talks, which have become military-diplomatic with the inclusion of Foreign Ministry mandarins from both sides, expected next week, is unlikely to revive the comatose Disengagement and De-escalation Process (DDP) that has created buffer zones and prevented Indian forces from patrolling up to their claimed LAC. The PLA has unilaterally promulgated its 1959 claim line, annexing 1,000 sq km through multiple intrusions in April and May which India, in denial, has not acknowledged. The Chinese negotiators have creatively avoided the use of acronyms like ĹAC (instead use "border areas") and the Restoration of Status Quo Ante (RSQA) (instead use "permanent disengagement"). Six months on, both sides are hunkering down for a harsh winter with China

smiling.
So what precisely is Jaishankar telling China? First, that the peace and tranquillity in border areas have been deeply disturbed by the deployment of 50,000 Chinese ical security challenge. Second, the strategic framework and security protocols crafted for peace and tranquility since the 1980s are no longer working. Third, the tragic Galwan clash and firing shots in the air occurred for the first time in 45 years. Fourth, India is not asking for resolution of the complex boundary question but only a peaceful border, which is a pre-requisite for



India doesn't have a reasonable explanation for the change in Chinese behaviour even after two informal summits. These are extremely reasonable urgings, even conceding concessions to China, as expediting the boundary question was always upfront. Collectively, this message reflects India's faith in dialogue and diplomacy despite Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Bipin Rawat's threat — accompanied with a fusillade of missile tests — of military option if diplomacy failed.

Let's be clear, war was never on the table. Neither side wants conflict, especially China, which has got what it had sought by cheating, through unarmed combat and firing shots in the air. The Chinese statement on complete disengagement at friction points (PLA intrusions) and need for early de-escalation (Moscow declaration) are mere words unlikely to be translated into deeds so that as both sides acknowledge, "differences do not become disputes." But the LAC and border areas are already disputed. Beijing has is India building infrastructure in disputed areas and making Ladakh a Union Territory, when another reason is the loss of face at Doklam, where Indian soldiers prevented PLA from constructing a road through a disputed area. New Delhi has rejected Chinese statements on nonrecognition of Ladakh and Arunachal Pradesh with asser-



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Another issue Jaishankar revealed is about a recent Chinese confidential proposal, which has been considered by the China Study Group. Kite flyers advocate de-escalation taking priority over disengagement before the onset of winter. China wants both sides to withdraw tanks and artillery, which will deprive India of terrain and equipment advantage for mechanised warfare, especially around the critical Depsang plains area where PLA has made its deepest intrusion, opposite the strategic Daulat Beg Öldie airbase and garrison, which China views as a launchpad against Aksai Chin. An additional reason for not withdrawing is the difficulty in bringing back tanks and guns over snow-covered passes. With trust completely shattered by PLA breaking existing protocols, no Indian commander will risk forfeiting a battlefield asset unless de-escalation is inclusive of "complete and full disengagement" amounting to RSQA. Tanks and guns at above 15,000 ft at minus 40 degrees centigrade

With Bihar elections around the corner, the game of denial and bragging by the Government over LAC has started. Home Minister Amit Shah, the trigger for the stand-off, is claiming no one can snatch an inch of land when large swathes have already been snatched. Wonder what Modi, who cleared China of any

perfidy, will say during the elec-

tion campaign.

The American onslaught against China, led by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, is gaining momentum in sync with Donald Trump's election campaign. Pompeo and his team have called China all sorts of names and accused it of bad behaviour. The US National Security Advisor, Robert O'Brien, has said talks and agreements will not work to change Chinese behaviour.

Meanwhile, China is on a high

alert on multiple fronts with all its five theatre commands in a state of war readiness. Jinping visited the Marine Corps that he set up on taking over as the Commander-in-Chief. The second face-to-face ministerial meeting of Quad was held in Tokyo this month and while Pompeo called China aggressor, Jaishankar steered clear of taking any position of alignment. The UŚ-India 2+2, the third ministerial dialogue, will start next week in New Delhi, when India will sign the fourth and final foundational agreement — Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement (BECA) - which is about geospatial information on employing armed drones (to be procured from the US) and Cruise and Ballistic missiles. BECA will deepen interoperability and facilitate access to US defence technology. India's deci-sions on BECA and finally including Australia, after 13 years, in the Malabar naval drill, which includes the US and Japan, indicate that strategic choices are being made and risks being taken in ensuring strategic autonomy does not turn into strategic ambiguity a Jaishankar prescription. On the other hand, Wang has already reacted to Quad and its likely militarisation. Initially, he called it "bubble and foam and nothing more" and is now calling it 'Indo-Pacific NATO" from Asian NATO earlier. For China, the expanded Malabar exercise is a critical step India has taken in confirming Chinese suspicion that India has become a US ally.

That the occupation of Chushul heights and expansion of Malabar let India negotiate from a position of strength is wishful thinking. On the LAC, India is alone. Any Chinese proposal on de-escalation with-RSQA will be unacceptable. With only virtual summits on the calendar, no grand bargain can be expected even as soldiers bat-

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

UNDBITE

The CBI and ED are being used to pressurise and such acts will only help to destroy these agencies. These agencies are not personal institutions of the Prime Minister.

Congress leader



Virgil van Dijk's injury is a massive blow for us. It's been a tough couple of days but I'll be there as much as I possibly can for him.

Liverpool captain



Sudan has agreed to pay \$335 million to the terror victims and their families. Once deposited, I will lift Sudan from the State sponsors of terrorism list.

US President



The health situation in Wallonia and in Brussels is the worst in the whole of Europe. It's no one's fault, but improving the situation is everyone's duty.

Belgian Health Minister Frank Vandenbroucke



LETTERS

PIL to increase pension for senior citizens

Police reforms

Sir — Weeks after the nationwide uproar against the Hathras rapemurder case of a 19-year-old Dalit woman, the Capital city saw another hurried cremation of a 17-year old Dalit, who was found dead in north Delhi's Model Town. While the police insist it was a suicide and refused to register a First Information Report (FIR), the family allege that she was raped and murdered.

With every case, the police is losing its credibility. Commoners, who no longer trust the police either implicitly or explicitly, still look at it for some succour in the hour of crisis. Only when the police is able to balance the public, and the upholders of law and order, can it effectively discharge its duties towards society. The biggest danger that the Índian police poses to society is when personnel refuse to let go of their prejudices. The pre-conceived notions on poverty, caste and religion have proved to be most inimical to the interests of society. Long working hours and inhuman working conditions are precursors to police resorting to swift justice. Better funding, continuous and augmented training, implementing efficacious mon-

he pandemic has been challenging for all but certain sections have had it worse. And the senior citizens are among them. Recently, a Public Interest

Litigation (PIL) was filed in Karnataka High Court to protect the life and dignity of senior citizens, especially during the COVID-19 crisis. The petitioners have sought a direction to increase their monthly pension as directed by the Supreme Court and a release of their pension amount, which is due from January 2020.

The Government had set the pension amount for the Sandhya Suraksha Yojana and the Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme for people above 65 years at ₹1,000 and for those between 60 and 64 years, at ₹600. The State and district treasuries are assigned with the responsibility of implementing the increased pension. However, senior citizens do not receive their pension within the second week of every month. Despite the orders that the disbursement of social security pensions to senior citizens was to remain functional, pensions have not been received since January 2020.



A division Bench has issued a notice to the Union and State Government, and the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike in response to the PIL. The Centre needs to formulate a process that will ensure the timely release of pension. Also, it is time to revise the pension amount under the above schemes

Bhagwan Thadani

itoring system and separating the police from the political grip may go some way in stemming the rot. If we don't start reforming the system soon, the very fabric of democracy will be in danger. Also, the number of cases of caste and gender atrocities registered might gradually fall as people lose

faith in the system. Ganapathi Bhat

Upgraded BrahMos Sir — On October 18, India test-

fired its BrahMos supersonic missile from a ship as part of the drill to be operationally ready. The past few weeks have seen India conducting a series of successful tests of various missiles to shore up its defence. In order to secure the de-facto border with China in Ladakh and Arunachal

Pradesh, India has already deployed a sizeable number of the original BrahMos missiles. The highly versatile missile, being a "prime strike weapon", will ensure a warship's invincibility by engaging naval surface targets. It will definitely prove to be a resurgence for the country's military capability and combat preparedness to deal with any sort of conflict at the Indo-

China border. In a fast-paced, highly intense military conflict situation, BrahMos will be in a position of encompassing an 'across the spectrum" warfare capability in all-weather, both day and night conditions. Yugal Kishore Sharma

Hunger in India

Sir — As in the past, India's abysmal rank in the Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2020 is unlikely to be taken as a reality check either by the Government or the wider society. Similar reports in the past have not galvanised the Government into taking tangible action to the needed level to mitigate starvation. Hunger persists not because of lack of resources or food production but because of the lack of political will to raise the nutritional levels of people universallv. The eradication of starvation is certainly not an unachievable goal. It will require the reversal of policies heavily skewed towards the affluent classes.

Urvi Jain

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Win the trust of Kashmiris back

Some experts say that unless we go back to the 1996 model, the problem in J&K will continue



KALYANI SHANKAR

t was unusual for the arch-rivals and former chief ministers Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah of the National Conference (NC) and Mehbooba Mufti of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) to pose together for a photo last week in Srinagar. It was Mehbooba's father and former Chief Minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed, who had said that it was the coming together of the North Pole and the South Pole when his party had an alliance with the BJP to form the Government in 2017. Now the Abdullahs and the Muftis, the two influential families of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K), have come together on account of their political compulsions.

Signifying the beginning of the political process, the six non-BJP parties have come together to demand the "return to the people of J&K the rights they held before August 5, 2019." Faroog Abdullah claimed that "our battle is a constitutional battle." He also clarified that "at the same time, we feel the political issue of the State has to be resolved as quickly as possible" and "that can be resolved only through dialogue with all the stakeholders who are involved in the problem of J&K."

Analysts say that this new alliance could be a formidable political combination if it works. However, it is a very big "If" as Kashmiris have never stuck together. On August 4, 2019, the new alliance, named Gupkar, vowed to protect Kashmir's special status. One year later, on August 22 this year, they met again to renew the pledge. The formal alliance was announced after Mehbooba was released after 14 months of detention last week. Besides the two NC leaders and the PDP chief, Jammu and Kashmir People's Conference supremo Sajjad Ghani Lone as well as leaders of the Awami National Conference and People's Movement were present. The only national party to join the alliance so far is the Communist Party of India (Marxist). The Congress, which had signed the declaration this August, stayed away even though it had received an invitation.

The new alliance is still evolving. The parties have come together for a broader cause as it gives them a platform. They are not likeminded politically but they have no option but to unite. The organisational structure of the alliance will be discussed in the next meeting. The first major step is unity and the rest will be decided as it evolves, say insiders who hope that this combination would win in the next elections if they put up joint candidates.

There were no political activities in J&K after August 5, 2019, once the Parliament enacted a law revoking the special status for it and bifurcated the State. The Government also replaced Article 35A to define "permanent residents" of J&K. New Delhi had claimed that these measures would help bring peace and development to J&K after three decades of conflict. Post abrogation of Article 370, J&K has been in a state of siege and lockdown. The political leaders of the main parties were detained and the lockdown, too, has directly impacted all facets of life. Schools and colleges are closed. The tourism industry is dead. The health sector has taken a massive hit and has been overburdened with COVID cases. It was indeed a double whammy for them.

But now, when all the leaders of J&K have been freed by the Centre and they have formed an alliance, the big question is, will the coalition find acceptance among the people of J&K? They have lost faith in the Central Government, the political parties and the State Governments that had ruled them till they were bifurcated and turned into a Union Territory. Many are convinced that the demand for restoration of special status would only become an electoral plank for the People's Alliance. Hence, the test before the Abdullahs and Mehbooba will be to gain back the trust of the people and also strengthen their political parties. The next Assembly polls and delimitation are linked

and no one knows when the elections will be held. Meanwhile, the Centre's initiative to create and hold direct elections to the district councils is a new experiment. The plan is to divide each district into 14 territorial constituencies and hold direct polls for the councils, which will replace the District Development Boards. The MLAs will be members of this council but their powers will be diluted. If this works, it will be grass root-level governance.

No doubt there is an urgent need to address the Kashmir problem at the domestic and international level. It is a good move to start the political process and probably both these initiatives could help achieve that. However, the political parties and the Centre need to bridge the trust deficit. Holding Assembly elections and processes for the restoration of statehood might also help heal the wounds. New Delhi has to think if it wants to revive the democratic process. Some experts say that unless we go back to the 1996 model, the problem in Kashmir will continue. Above all, the Government should resume the dialogue process with Pakistan as it is linked with bringing back normalcy in J&K.

(The writer is a senior journalist)

POINTCOUNTERPOINT

AT THE TIME WHEN THIS (PORN) VIDEO MESSAGE WAS SENT, I WAS NOWHERE NEAR MY PHONE AND I WAS FAST ASLEEP. MY PHONE WAS HACKED. —GOA DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER CHANDRAKANT KAVLEKAR





GOA'S DEPUTY CM IS FORWARDING PORN VIDEOS. YOU'D BE DELUDED IF YOU THINK THEY WILL WORK TOWARDS CREATING A SAFE WORLD FOR WOMEN. -CONGRESS NATIONAL COORDINATOR, DIGITAL COMM

Time for Military 4.5

Military technology takes time to pass reliability tests but this gestation period can be shortened by thinking ahead. Chief among these innovations are the IoMT and IoBT



¬rom a technological standpoint, we are living in a glorious age, the time of the Fourth Industrial Revolution, one marked by the transformative power of data and machine learning (ML). But the military has always been just a beat behind industry historically. Compounding this is the fact that military war fighting machines — particularly command and control systems — are complex and driven by reliability, speed and security. Today it is critical that the armed forces pull a half-level ahead to set the technological tone for the industry and create Military 4.5. It is a roadmap that will guide the innovation we need to keep the nation and its allies ready and compatible to keep themselves safe

Military technology takes time to pass reliability tests but this gestation period can be shortened by thinking ahead. Chief among these innovations is the creation of the Internet of Military Things (IoMT) and the Internet of Battle Things (IoBT). Most of us are familiar with the IoMT's civilian counterpart, the Internet of Things. Loosely described, it is the notion that machines can be made smarter. it is the notion that machines can be made smarter and do much more for their human users, all through the application of sensors for the transmission and analysis of data. But the military version will be quite different from its consumer counterpart with thermostats that adjust a home's energy levels or refrigerators that note when food will expire. The IoMT and the IoBT will be extended, hardened and more quickly advanced to help the armed forces make better decisions in a literal fraction of a second, win the missions necessary to defend the borders, promote force safety, warn and fix equipment well before it fails. The IoMT would enable hooking on to the larger network of organs engaged in related missions, working on national security by selecting secure domains by just the flick of a button and disconnect with the same ease. If IoMT is the mother that moves all things military in the war zone, ubiquitously, beginning at the apex/strategic level, the IoBT would be its subordinate that moves the "fighting things" (e.g., man and machine). The IoBT would work the fighting component on the battlefield in a physical manifestation of fighting battles of contact and proximity, typically in the tactical battle area.

We are well on our way to bringing the IoMT ther along — but we need try. It should challenge itself to bring military hardware to comply with the digital needs of the systems to work as part of a defined combat domain. Combat systems have to work on data compatibility within the domain to infuse Artificial Intelligence (AI). Equipment manufacturers must know how much flexibility the user must be given to exploit the machine. Certain machines would have better programmability and others would require less, dependent on how much customisation is needed by its user. In a nutshell, not all equipment would be "plug and play" ready when received from the industry. The second industrial process, mostly in-house, would be needed to enable the equipment to become "plug

Find ways to better connect military machines: In the field, all the military's machines — tanks, logistics, convoys, helicopters, fighter jets, command and control, medevac and so on — must work together as a harmonious, synchronous whole. This is the networked military, formally known as C5I2-STAR2 (Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Cyber, Intelligence and Information — Surveillance,



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MOMENT OF LATENCY CHALLENGE WE LAY

Target Acquisition, Reconnaissance and Robotics). To understand the IoMT and IoBT, let us look at C512 and STAR2 as separate segments. To network war-fighting machines to the next level, we require the FLOW. AS ONE CAN sensors and underlying infrastructure IMAGINE, IN THE that make it possible for these disaggregat-FIELD A DELAY OF ed parts to work together in a seamless, automatic, even robotic way.

The first segment, C512, is to get the

necessary inputs for decision-making; programme the higher to middle echelons; activate the battle fighting elements through the Command and Control mechanism based on the secure digital networks.

The second segment, STAR2, lies in moving battle platforms and machines. Surveillance and Target Acquisition INTEGRATE ALLIED requires sensors to be integrated for the WEAPONS, TROOPS AND FORCES — ON A

VERY FINE TIME

decide the effects to deliver to the acquired

the pre-planned parameters. This would be the frontline cutting edge, powering the soldiers and machines to win - AND THAT IS THE battle engagements. Such technology would have to touch every part of the BEFORE THE machine and operation (e.g., communications, security, weapons systems, flight controls, targeting systems). Inter-operability is critical and all systems must be totally interfaced. This does not exist today to the extent required. Sensors for military applications will not only be a multi-trillion dollar business but shall also bring more value in enriching the IoT concept.

Invest in and invent new materials: Companies and entrepreneurs adept at material and computer science will have an incredible competitive advantage if they turn their sights to military technology. Every part of the IoMT must be digitally controlled, down to the smallest sensors. If tanks are shot at, for example, they must be able to deflect projectiles, harden targetted surfaces or even be self-repaired. That means the need for light, self-healing, tough, amphibious materials that are eminently smart and survivable. They must work in all domains and also operate with impunity through contaminated zones such as Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) environment. This would prepare the military to fight hybrid wars under the CBRN overhang. The industry must help the armed forces to be faster in all respects, whether it is making an urgent repair in the field, gaining instantaneous situational awareness, or outmaneuvering an aggressive adversary. Non-traditional industry partners should feel encouraged to explore the possibilities of working with the military. The armed forces' leadership sees the creativity, energy and speed of the commercial sector and is increasingly interested in the potential of partnering to leap ahead.

Give us predictive capability: Sensors open the door to knowing much more about the machines we rely on. If the industry can help us take a fresh look at the way our machines work, we can do more with them and save budget in the process. Any military machine, such as a fighting tank or an attack helicopter should possess a nervous system, a sensory system. Sensors would be part built-in surveillance, acting as eyes and ears, part a decision-aiding system, part engagement of the target system and part evasive capapility, protecting from an attack, and so on.

Sensors could also tell us if and when a critical part will fail so we can pull it from the field and repair it. They could give us data on fuel usage and other factors, allowing us to predict the costs of field operations. They could predict what would happen in various engagement scenarios, empowering us with data that let us prioritise innovations that increase survivability, range, flight time, communications power, and so on.

Create reliable electromagnetic field **communications:** We must have greater

spectrum efficiency, created through connectivity that relies not on fibre optics but through the undetectable electromagnetic field and space. Today, our communication capabilities over long distances still produce some latency, more so, when large volumes of data start to flow. As one can imagine, in the field, a delay of even a second or two can produce disastrous consequences. We need technology that drives total spectral efficiency so we can synchronise machines — and integrate allied weapons, troops and forces — on a very fine time sequence. There cannot be even a moment of latency — and that is the challenge we lay before the industry. There are heavy electronic emissions and signatures in the battlefield. Electronic Warfare (EW) sensors would need to deal with an overload of EW inputs. The targets which generate heavy signatures would be engaged by automated target acquisition pro-

The defender must invest heavily in Imagine terabytes worth of data flowing into a few square kilometres of tactical battle area. With billions of IP addresses present in the same area, IP concealment or group addresses may have to be encrypted. Quantum technology would be at play to break and protect codes. Such operations can simply become too complicated for human control. This would necessitate getting the IoMT operating C5I2 segment to perform more efficiently to get hold of the complex STAR2 segment that runs the IoBT. MIL 4.5 is the future of military technological advantage. But it won't be possible without the IoMT, which will underpin every aspect of operations.

With the military leadership's guidance and the industry's ability to deliver advances in sensors, telemetry, network centricity and more, we will achieve new heights of security.

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What is our happiness quotient?

The Govt must now consider indicators that are laggards, especially those that can help contribute to greater levels of well-being



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rganisations and individuals are inherently goal-driven and are consciously or unconsciously optimising towards these targets. At an institutional level, companies work towards particular targets such as revenue, customer acquisition or other metrics that they may deem fit, based on each firm's need at the time. To come to these conclusions, the decision-makers within the organisation generally rely on data, such as the stage of institutional growth, market factors such as size, competition, available financing options and an array of other considerations.

At an individual level, people tend to focus on enhancing productivity, contentment, or professional success based on the stage of life, state of mind and personal proclivities and prefer-

ences inter alia. The idea of pushing for specific outcomes is one that permeates every aspect of our lives, whether we realise it or not. As students, we focus on grades (often at the expense of knowledge); as investors, we push for wealth maximisation; as employees we optimise based on the expectations of our reporting managers; and in our personal lives, we make strides to satisfy the needs of those who depend on us, while aligning our happiness with the same.

Though the concept of optimising oneself towards realising a goal has been around for a while, social media has broadened the discourse and ideas around it manifold. One would not have to look beyond Twitter and LinkedIn, where high performing business leaders, investors, life coaches, spiritual gurus, constantly add to the discourse of optimising for suc-

While founders and venture capitalists focus on advancement at an organisational level, life coaches and self-help gurus fill the Twitter-verse and LinkedIn space with tips and

tricks to be adopted at the individual

As we progress in our personal lives and at an organisational level, the question is, what should we be optimising for at a societal level? The answer lies within the Preamble to the Constitution of India — justice, liberty, equality and promotion of fraternity. All are essential components of maintaining the social fabric of the nation. But just as institutions and individuals understand the need to progress for different outcomes based on their stage of growth, Governments too, need to be mindful of the realities and prevailing narratives surrounding them, and advance accordingly.

From an economic perspective, one would not be remiss to say that the last three decades have seen governments in India pushing for development and the average growth rate since liberalisation has been about 6.5 per cent. And while the economic success of India in the past few decades must be celebrated, indicators of well-being in the country show that making strides for macroeconomic success is not synonymous with personal well-being. The National Mental Health Survey 2015-16 revealed that nearly 15 per cent Indian adults need active intervention for one or more mental health issue and one in 20 of our citizens suffer from depression. It is estimated that in 2012, Îndia had over 2,58,000 suicides, with the age group of 15-49 years being the worst affected.

According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), India is the most depressed country in the world with approximately 6.5 per cent of the population suffering from some form of a serious mental disorder, with no discernible rural-urban differences. Though figures may vary, based on the surveying method, one thing is clear: Indians are clearly unhappy. As such, it should be clear that while the economic growth machine is running, it is now necessary for the Government to start considering indicators that are laggards, especially those that can help contribute to greater levels of well-being.

In the past, learnings from religions such as Buddhism on well-being may have been shunned because of their sectarian nature, but thankful-

ly, modern psychology, atheistic mindfulness and the field of humanistic positive psychology are now validating what was previously considered merely religious dogma through empirical research. This, and other developments in the field of emotional intelligence, can be leveraged to create a scientific pathway for the Government to re-prioritise and optimise for happiness and the well-being

of its constituents. The introduction of positive psychology practices, such as savouring, gratitude and so on, and socio-emotional learning into educational curricula are seeds that are likely to give exponential returns over a generation. By focussing on and prioritising emotional understanding and regulation early on, schools can equip children with the tools needed to create a comfort zone with thoughts and emotions, rather than view them

antagonistically. In the short to medium-run, linking administrative outcomes to improvements in India's ranking in the World Happiness Report, which currently stands at 144 out of 156, can yield fast results. Such expedited suc-

cesses are not unheard of. Soon after coming to power in 2014, Prime Minister Narendra Modi made improving India's ranking on the Ease of Doing Business Index a priority, and this led to administrative optimisation to this end. The result, India's ranking on the index jumped from 139 in 2010 to 63 in 2019.

Happiness has likely never been a priority because along with being low on the voting agenda, there has been no defined method to optimise for it. While the first may not change, the route to enhancement is now clearer and backed by science. For the ruling dispensation, the shift to this would not be seismic, but a logical expansion of our own philosophy,

which too, it uniquely indigenous. While Buddhism spoke of enlightenment in the abstract, psychology has been able to track and break down the causes of success of these methods. By pushing for the science based on an Indian philosophy, the Government can show its commitment to empirical methods while

boasting of its cultural past. (The writer is a public policy consultant with Chase India)





ARE A SURE THING Governments' failure to

recognise the land rights of indigenous communities and their role in protecting biodiversity could lead to more Corona-like pandemics. About 60 per cent of known infectious diseases in humans and 75 per cent of all emerging infectious diseases are zoonotic, largely due to the increased interaction between humans, animals and the environment. Most efforts to control zoonotic diseases have been reactive rather than proactive.

(Ceylon Today editorial)

India's economic recovery 'broadened' in Sept: ICRA

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ndia's economic recovery has L"broadened and strengthened" in September from the pandemic-induced lows seen in April 2020, ratings agency ICRA said on Tuesday.

ICRA said that as many as nine of the tracked 15 nonfinancial high frequency indicators recorded growth in September 2020, while five posted a narrower year-onyear (YoY) contraction in that month.

However, the agency cautioned that the sustainability of the upturn is unlikely to be universal, and that while fatigue may drive festive season sales, the momentum may subse-

quently subside. Aditi Nayar, Principal Economist, ICRA, said: "The recovery in GST e-way bills, electricity, petrol and diesel in September 2020 provides a meaningful signal of a broader economic revival. The improvement in some of the



output, reflects a combination of pent-up demand, healthy rural sentiment, and inventory build-up, ahead of the upcoming festive season."

'This trend may persist in the coming one-to-two months, before settling at more sedate levels after the festive season is over. Sharp favourable base effects have contributed to the high performance of some outliers, such as the output of Coal India Ltd (CIL), which are likely to be unsustainable."

Moreover, she cautioned about the sustainability of the

trend especially regarding the improvement in non-oil merchandise exports, in the light of a fresh wave of Covid-19 infections in many trading

"Overall, we await signals of the durability of the nascent upturn that emerged in ptember 2020," Nayar said.

The healthy 9.6 per cent increase in the generation of GST e-way bills on a YoY basis in September 2020, in contrast to the contraction of 3.5 per cent in August 2020, signals a wider revival in economic

Govt working on giving flexibility to Air India bidders to decide on debt: DIPAM Secretary

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Tn a bid to resurrect Air India $oldsymbol{1}$ privatisation, the government is planning to give flexibility to potential investors to decide on the humongous debt with the national carrier, a top official has said.

The flexibility to potential investors on the quantum of the Rs 60,074 crore debt that they want to absorb will replace the current condition of the buyer taking over more than a third of the debt and transferring the rest to a special purpose vehicle, Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) Secretary Tuhin Kanta Pandey said.

The potential investors in Air India have given feedback that due to the uncertainty created by COVID-19 in the aviation sector the debt should not be fixed at the Expression of Interest (EoI) stage, he added.

As per the Air India EoI floated by DIPAM in January, of the airline's total debt of Rs 60,074 crore as of March 31, 2019, the buyer would be required to absorb Rs 23,286.5



crore, while the rest would be transferred to Air India Assets Holding Ltd (AIAHL), a special

purpose vehicle. The government is seeking to sell 100 per cent of its stake in the state-owned national airline, including Air India's 100 per cent shareholding in AI Express Ltd and 50 per cent in Air India SATS Airport

Services Private Ltd. "On Air India, we would try and sort out the investor issues with respect to debt... We will see whetĥer we can give flexibility at least at the EoI stage and let the debt be determined through the market rather than freezing it upfront.

This is what we are examining,"

interview.

He said a decision on this would be soon taken by Air India Specific Alternative Mechanism (AISAM) and if there is a change in the Preliminary Information Memorandum (PIM), the potential investors would be given time to raise queries. "There is a lot of uncer-

tainty in the aviation sector due to COVID and accordingly we should structure the transaction. We should not fix everything at the EoI stage. That's the feedback we are getting. The point is what debt is sustainable. There is a point of view that it can be decided by the market rather than we upfront deciding," he noted.

Retail inflation eases marginally for farm, rural workers in Sept

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The retail inflation for farm **▲** workers and rural labourers eased only marginally to 6.25 per cent and 6.1 per cent, respectively in September as food prices remained high.

The retail inflation for farm workers and rural labourers is measured in terms of Consumer Price Index-Agricultural Labourers (CPI-AL) and Consumer Price Index-Rural Labourers (CPI-

Point-to-point rate of inflation based on CPI-AL and CPI-RL decreased to 6.25 per cent and 6.10 per cent in September from 6.32 per cent and 6.28 per cent, respectively in August, a labour ministry statement said.

The rise in index varied from state to state. In case of agricultural labourers, it recorded an increase of 1-23 points in 20 states, it said.

Tamil Nadu with 1,234

points topped the index table whereas Himachal Pradesh with 816 points stood at the bottom.

In case of rural workers, it recorded an increase of 2-20 points in 20 states. Tamil Nadu with 1,218 points topped the index table whereas Himachal Pradesh with 863 points was at

the bottom.

The maximum increase in CPI numbers for agricultural labourers was experienced by Himachal Pradesh (+23 points) and in case of rural labourers, it was Jammu & Kashmir (+20 points) mainly due to rise in prices of wheat-atta, pulses, mustard-oil, milk, onion, chillies-dry, garlic, ginger, barber charges, bus fare, vegetables and fruits etc. The All-India CPI Numbers for Agricultural Labourers and Rural Labourers for September 2020 increased by 11 points and 10 points to stand at 1,037 and 1,043 point, respectively, the statement

Markets tick higher for 3rd day; IT stocks sparkle

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Equity benchmarks Sensex the global markets.

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gainer in the Sensex pack, rallying 4.19 per cent, followed by Tech Mahindra, Asian Paints, Bharti Airtel, HDFC Bank, L&T, Infosys, TCS, M&M and Nestle India.

On the other hand, ONGC, PowerGrid, NTPC, Reliance Industries, HDFC, Tata Steel, ICICI Bank and

Kotak Bank were among the major laggards, tumbling up to per cent.

HUL ended 0.31 per cent lower after the FMCG major

reported an 8.58 per cent increase in consolidated net profit to Rs 1,974 crore for the September quarter.

Global markets staged a

modest recovery overnight fall on Wall Street, even as sentiment remained risk-averse ahead of the US elections

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HINDZINC	221.50	224.80	217.40	224.80	3.90			
AMBUJACEM	249.90	254.90	247.05	251.75	4.15			
SBICARD	883.95	901.80	873.00	897.55	14.35			
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CADILAHC	420.00	430.95	417.35	428.00	5.30			
TORNTPHARM	2673.10	2728.50	2649.00	2704.05	30.95			
BERGEPAINT	610.90	619.00	606.95	617.65	6.95			
ACC	1582.10	1622.10	1562.00	1577.50	14.85			
HDFCAMC	2329.90	2354.00	2309.00	2349.00	20.05			
MARICO	365.90	368.65	363.10	367.65	3.15			
SIEMENS	1275.15	1297.70	1270.35	1287.50	10.75			
INDIGO	1350.00	1379.95	1345.55	1375.00	8.70			
GODREJCP	688.50	692.50	676.25	691.25	4.15			
BIOCON	438.90	444.15	437.10	439.65	1.75			
HAVELLS	705.55	712.55	699.35	708.10	2.10			
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MUTHOOTFIN	1206.65	1233.85	1205.15	1224.70	2.85			
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ALKEM	2651.40	2704.95	2630.00	2652.55	1.15			
CONCOR	382.05	387.25	378.25	383.00	0.05			
BOSCHLTD	11903.75	11998.00	11755.00	11900.05	-3.60			
IGL	376.00	380.35	373.70	376.70	-0.10			
UBL	956.10	970.55	951.65	965.40	-0.30			
ABBOTINDIA	15890.00	15890.10	15731.00	15800.00	-8.35			
MCDOWELL-N	514.00	518.25	511.55	513.40	-0.85			
AUROPHARMA	799.50	812.60	795.50	799.00	-1.60			
NAUKRI	3477.00	3515.00	3442.35	3466.00	-10.20			
ICICIGI	1254.10	1260.50	1234.00	1250.00	-4.10			
PIDILITIND	1542.00	1551.35	1519.55	1529.90	-6.10			
LUPIN	1015.00	1029.75	1003.20	1009.00	-5.20			
BAJAJHLDNG	2364.00	2376.40	2341.00	2350.00	-13.65			
ICICIPRULI	423.00	426.10	418.55	420.50	-2.75			
PEL	1319.10	1353.80	1310.35	1315.50	-8.60			
PGHH	10096.05	10168.70	10000.00	10080.00	-69.55			
PETRONET	224.00	224.95	217.50	221.35	-1.55			
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OFSS	3306.10	3315.40	3225.00	3257.00	-45.75			
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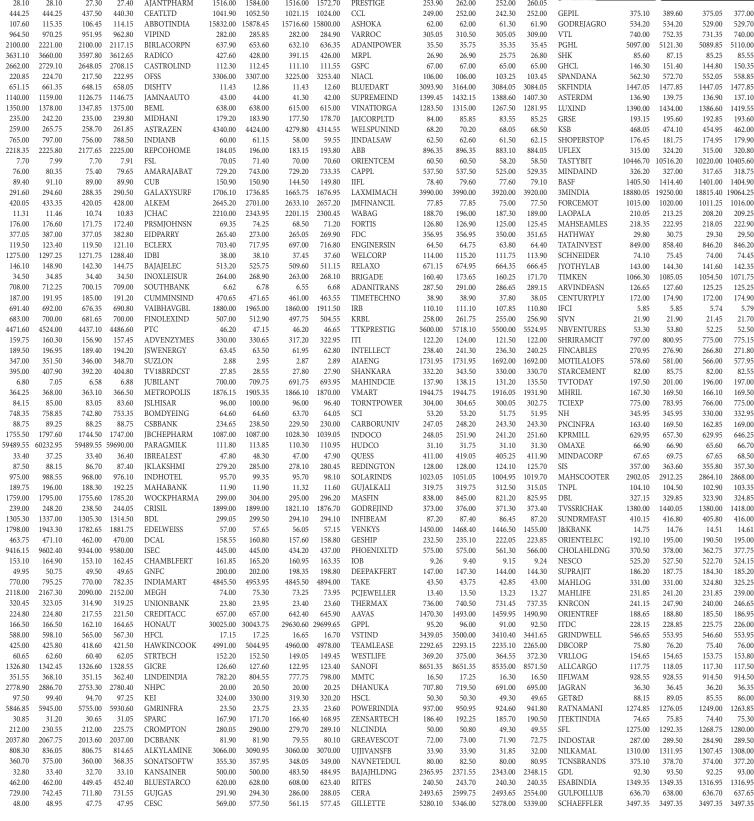
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China protests US' Spl **Coordinator for Tibet**

that it had lodged a diplomatic protest with the US over the appointment of Robert Destro as a Special Coordinator for Tibetan issues and his meeting with Lobsang Sangay, the head of the Tibetan Government in

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo on October 15 named senior diplomat Destro as Special Coordinator for Tibetan issues, who, among other matters, would focus on advancing dialogue between the Communist government in China and the Dalai Lama.

Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy and Human Rights and Labour Robert Destro will also serve as the US Special Coordinator for Tibetan issues, Pompeo told reporters in Washington.

Destro will focus on advancing dialogue between the Communist-run government in Beijing and the Dalai Lama, protecting the distinct religious cultural and linguistic identity of Tibetans, improving respect for their human rights and much, much more, Pompeo said.

Destro's appointment, saying it amounted to political manipulation aimed at destabilising

After Destro's appointment, Sangay met him and discussed the situation in Tibet.

Asked about the Destro-Sangay meeting, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian told a media briefing here: "Xizang's (Tibet's) affairs (are) purely China's internal affairs. No external forces shall interfere in them".

Unlike in the past, the Chinese officials in recent times have been referring to Tibet only as Xizang.

"Appointing the so-called special coordinator for Tibetan issues is a political move to interfere in China's internal affairs and sabotage Xizang's stability. It is China's consistent position we firmly oppose that and we will not acknowledge that. We have lodged stern representation to the US side," he said.

On Destro-Sangay meeting, Zhao said, "the so-called Tibetan government in exile is a separatist political organisa-

Tibetan independence. It violates China's constitution and law and it is not recognised by any nation worldwide".

"Lobsang Sangay as its head is out and out anti-China separatist. China firmly opposes him engaging in anti-China separatist activities in whatever status and whatever pretext in any country. We firmly oppose officials of other countries having any kind of contact with him," he said.

"Destro, by meeting with this person, violated the commitment and policies' stance of US side of not supporting Xizang's independence and not acknowledging this govern-ment in exile", he said.

He said this will send very wrong signal to Tibet's independence forces. "We urge the US side to stop interfering in China's internal affairs and sabotaging Xizang's development and stability and refrain from offering any support to the separatist forces. China will take all measures to safeguard its own interests", Zhao

Trump to debate with Biden despite 'unfair' rule changes

Washington: US President Donald Trump has confirmed his participation in the presidential debate with his Democratic challenger Joe Biden later this week, even as he raised objections about "unfair" changes in the format.

Trump, 74, and Biden, 77, are slated to face their final presidential debate at Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee on October 22.

non-partisan Commission on Presidential Debates (CPD) on Monday announced new rules under which it will mute microphones for two minutes of the rival speakers so as to give them uninterrupted opening

"I'll participate, I just think it is very unfair," Trump told reporters aboard Air Force One

"I will participate, but it's very unfair that they changed the topics and it is very unfair that again we have an anchor who is totally biased," the president said, responding to a



question on changes in the debate rules by CPD.

In a letter to CPD on Monday, Trump 2020 cam-paign manager Bill Stepien expressed concern over the announced topics for what was always billed as the 'Foreign Policy Debate' in the series of events agreed to by both the Trump and the Biden campaigns many months ago.

"The topics announced by moderator Kristen Welker (fighting COVID-19, American families, race in America, climate change, national security, and leadership) are serious and worthy of discussion, but only a few of them even touch on foreign policy," he said, asserting that almost all of the topics were discussed at length during the first

Pak fails to protect religious minorities from forced conversions: Parliamentary committee

Islamabad: A parliamentary committee in Pakistan has said that the country has not fulfilled its responsibility to protect religious minorities from forced conversions, according to a media report on Tuesday.

The parliamentary committee on forced religious conversions headed by Senator Anwarul Haq Kakar recently visited parts of Sindh where forced conversions of young Hindu girls have been reported. During a media interaction

"the state has not fulfilled its responsibility to protect religious minorities from forced conversions", The Dawn News reported. He, however, noted that

most of the cases of conversions "have some degree of willingness".

the committee at length

Replying to a question, Kakar said there are several definitions of forced conversion, and the subject was debated by

seek a better lifestyle is also considered forced conversion, economic reasons can be considered exploitation and not force, as eventually it is after consent," he said, adding that there is a thin line between consent and exploitation.

Kakar said people who "encourage girls from the Hindu community to move out and marry according to their own wishes are not as liberal about their own daughters".

China takes note of Australia joining Malabar naval drills

Beijing: China on Tuesday said it has "taken note" of India's announcement that Australia will join the annual Malabar naval exercises along with the US and Japan, underlining that military cooperation should be "conducive" to regional peace and stability.

India on Monday announced that Australia will join the upcoming Malabar exercise which effectively means that all the four-mem-ber countries of the 'Quad' or Quadrilateral coalition will be participating in the mega drill.

The US and Japan are the other countries that participate in the annual exercise, which is

likely to take place next month in the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea.

Commenting on the announcement, Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian told a media briefing here that China has "taken note of this development."

"We always believe that military cooperation between countries should be conducive to regional peace and stability," he said in a brief reaction.

India's decision to heed to Australia's request to be part of the mega naval drill comes in the midst of growing strain in ties with China over the border row in eastern Ladakh. PTI | meeting.

Pak's Maryam Nawaz booked for holding anti-govt rally

 $F_{\text{Nawaz Sharif's daughter}}^{\text{ormer Prime Minister}}$ and Opposition Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz's vicepresident Maryam Nawaz was on Tuesday booked along with over 2,000 party members for holding an anti-government rally in Lahore where she called Prime Minister Imran Khan a "coward, selected and puppet" who hides behind the

Army.

The rally by the 11-member opposition alliance Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) was held here on October 16 before the Gujranwala public

session to debate protests

session to deal with the political pressures from ongoing antigovernment protests.

The Cabinet at its weekly meeting approved the request, which calls for a non-voting session on October 26-27.

The request for the session came from House speaker Chuan Leekpai, who said Monday that both government and opposition parties sup-

Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha had already said earlier that he supports the

There is a deadlock between the government and the student-led protesters, who want Prayuth to step down, the con-

Bangkok: Thailand's Cabinet on Tuesday approved a request to recall Parliament for a special reforms to the monarchy to have it conform to democratic

> The protesters charge that Prayuth, an army commander who led a 2014 coup, was returned to power unfairly in last year's general election because laws had been changed

to favor a pro-military party. The protesters say a constitution written and passed under military rule is undemocratic.

But their more recent demand for checks and balances on the monarchy has deeply angered conservative Thais and broken a taboo, since the monarchy is considered sacrosanct and tough laws protecting it from insult mean its role is not usually discussed openly. AP

Thai Cabinet approves Parl | Indonesians take to the streets to protest new labour law Indonesia more advanced, the fact is that the people are screaming because of the poli-

Protests against Indonesia's new jobs law were held in cities across the country on Tuesday, with demonstrators calling on the president to revoke the legislation they say will erode labor rights and weaken environmental protec-More than 1,000 students

and workers gathered near the Presidential Palace in Jakarta to express their anger at the legislation, which was passed on

Protests were also held elsewhere in the country, including in Bandung, Surabaya and Makassar.

There were no immediate reports of the violence that marred earlier protests against

The new legislation, which amends 79 existing laws and regulations, is expected to bring radical changes to Indonesia's labor system and natural resources management. President Joko Widodo's administration says it is needed to ease bureaucracy, attract more investment and create jobs at a time when Southeast Asia's largest economy is reeling from the coronavirus pandemic.

While the legislation was greeted by the business community, critics allege it will do more harm than good.

Those gathered Tuesday, the first anniversary of Widodo's second term, voiced their frustration at the president's overall performance.

"Instead of making

jobs law, she has been disappointed with the president's

performance. 'Over the past year we saw those in power getting more opposite to the people," Elitos said.

cies that do not take side of the majority of the Indonesian people," Remy Hastian, the coordinator of the National

Association of University

Student Executive Bodies, said

revoke the jobs law and replace

it with less sweeping regula-

tions, said Nining Elitos, chair-

woman Congress Alliance of

Elitos said that beyond the

Indonesian Labor Unions.

The president should

in a statement.

Lawsuit challenges Trump admin's new H-1B visa rules

Washington: Several individuals and organisations, including the US Chambers of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers, have filed a lawsuit against the Trump administration's recent rules related to the H-1B visa, terming them "arbitrary" and 'haphazard" regulations that will undermine high skilled

immigration into America. Early this month, the

administration announced new restrictions on H-1B non-immigrant visa programme which it said is aimed at protecting American workers, restoring integrity and to better guarantee that H-1B petitions are approved only for qualified beneficiaries and petitioners, a move which is likely to affect thousands of Indian IT professionals.

The interim final rule

announced by the Department of Homeland Security will narrow the definition of "speciality occupation" as Congress intended by closing the overbroad definition that allowed companies to game the system.

It will also require companies to make "real" offers to "real employees," by closing loopholes and preventing the displacement of the American workers. *PTI*

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Out of this, 67 are at various stages of completion. "In the second phase, 150 more such plants in 30 States and UTs would be installed, he said, adding India was in a "comfortable position" in terms of oxygen availability.

"There has been no shortage of oxygen in the last 10 months. There is no paucity at present also. We are in an extremely comfortable position," Bhushan added.

The number of patients on oxygen support, which includes those in ICU, ventilator and oxygen supported beds, increased from 43,022 on September 1 to 75,000 in the third week of that month. The number then started declining and as of Tuesday it was over 57,000, he said.

er as compared to September 1. However, it should not be a reason to worry as our capacity is much higher," the Health Secretary said adding that 775 Cryogenic Oxygen Tanks (total 7438 MT) have been installed in hospitals.

'Though there has been a dip, it is still high-

"We are also creating control room in different places to monitor efficient and adequate availability of medical oxygen in States/UTs," he

Elucidating further, Bhushan said on an average, 2,397 metric tonnes of medical oxygen was consumed daily from September 2 to 8, and even then 15,282 metric tonnes of oxygen was in stock at the end of the week.

Oxygen production capacity has been enhanced from 5,913 metric tonnes in April to 6,862 metric tonnes in September. It will be further increased to 7,191 metric tonnes by October-end," the Health Secretary said.

Bhushan further said that India's Covid-19 cases per million population reported in the last seven days stood at 310, while the global aver-

INDIA-TAIWAN LIKELY TRADE TALKS A RELOOK AT ONE **CHINA POLICY**

Earlier this month, the Modi Government approved \$6.65 billion incentives for 16 firms, including Taiwan's three major partners of Apple — Foxconn Technology Group, Wistron Corp and Pegatron Corp — to boost domestic smartphone production over the next five years. Incidentally, Apple launched its online store in

India last month. Though in the last three years, Wistron and Foxconn began assembling a few iPhone models in India, but sources said the incentives to them will now change the whole dynamic. Overall, the 16 firms will create more than 200,000 direct employment opportunities for Indians. Around 60 per cent of the products manufactured in India will be exported.

Sources said that incentives to the three Taiwanese firms have led the government to con-

sider holding formal talks about a trade deal with Amendment) Bill, 2020. the Taiwanese government. India and Taiwan, trade in technology and electronics.

India and Taiwan have already signed a bilateral investment agreement in 2018. But a formal trade deal amidst tensions with China can lead to further breakdown of the New Delhi-Beijing relationship and may also result in complications at the World Trade Organization. However, sources said, a lot will depend on the US backing to Taiwan.

PUNJAB FIRST STATE TO PASS ACT AGAINST CENTRE'S FARM LAWS

The House cleared the Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Special Provisions and Punjab Amendment Bill, 2020; The Essential Commodities (Special Provisions and Punjab Amendment) Bill, 2020; and the Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services (Special Provisions and Punjab Amendment) Bill 2020 "to protect the State's farmers and agriculture by restoring various safeguards aimed at preventing damage apprehended by the farming community as a result of the cen-

tral legislations". One of the three "counter-Bill", The Farmers' (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services (Special Provisions and Punjab Amendment) Bill, 2020, has the provision on punishment for sale or purchase below MSP. t provides that no sale or purchase is done below MSP and violation of the same shall

invite imprisonment and fine. 'The Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) (Special Provisions and Punjab Amendment) Bill, 2020' seeks to amend sections 1(2), 14 and 15 the Centre's Act to ensure that sale or purchase of wheat or paddy in the State is not allowed below the MSP. The amendment Bill also seeks to provide for punishment for harassment of farmers or payment of less price to the farmers by inserting new sections.

Both these Bills are aimed at preventing the "damage" apprehended by the State farmers with the enactment of the Central Act by restoring various safeguards, including MSP mechanism through the regulatory framework of the APMC laws, in order to secure and protect the interests and livelihood of farmers and farm labourers as also all others

engaged in agriculture and related activities. Meanwhile, to protect the consumers from hoarding and black-marketing of agricultural produce to secure, and protect the interests and livelihood of farmers and farm labourers as also all others engaged in agriculture and related activities, the State Government has brought in The Essential Commodities (Special Provisions and Punjab

Commodities Act, 1955. It seeks to ensure status quo ante as on June 4, 2020, with regard to implementation of the Central Act namely, 'The Essential Commodities (Amendment)

The fourth Bill introduced by the Chief Minister provides relief to the farmers from attachment of their land not exceeding 2.5 acres. 'The Code of Civil Procedure (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 2020' seeks to insert a provision for exemption of agriculture land not exceeding 2.5 acres from Section 60 of The Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, which provides for attachment or decree of various properties - moveable and immoveable.

Given the farmers' apprehension about attachment or decree of their land as a consequence of enforcement of farming contracts or otherwise, the State Government is seeking, through this Bill, to give full exemption to small farmers and others from attachment or decree of land up to 2.5 acres.

Tabling the "counter-Bills", the Chief Minister declared that he was "not afraid of resigning" and would not let "farmers suffer or be ruined", while appealing to all the Opposition parties to unanimously pass the Bills. Even after the unanimous passage of the counter-Bills, these now require the Governor VP Singh Badnore's assent before they become

The Chief Minister, who along with the representatives of all Opposition parties -AAP, SAD, LIP - has handed over the copies of the counter-Bills to the Governor later in the evening, said all the legislators would be meeting the President between November 2 and 5 to seek his intervention.

4 ULTRAS SHOT IN TWO **J&K ENCOUNTERS**

Meanwhile, three LeT terrorists were neutralised by the security forces in Hakripora area of Pulwama during the day-long operation. Local reports suggested a handful of local residents in the area tried to disrupt the operations but were prevented by the paramilitary forces to come closer to the encounter site.

Earlier, Director General of Police Dilbagh Singh along with several other senior police officers visited the residence of martyred Inspector Mohd Ashraf Bhat in Bijbehara area of Anantnag and conveyed heartfelt condolences and assured all help to the martyr's family.

RAHUL DEPLORES 'ITEM' BARB, NATH BRUSHES 'OPINION' OFF

He also wrote to Chouhan after the latter shot off a letter to Congress chief Sonia Gandhi asking her to take action against Nath. Situation remains tense at the LAC.

"It would have been better if you would have The Bill seeks to amend the Centre's Act written to your party president over derogaparty," Nath wrote to Chouhan.

Following this, Chouhan replied: "I

believe you should tender an honest apolo-

gy... Learn to love people of the State. Despite ou not belonging to MP, its people are trying to accept you. Earlier, Chouhan told mediapersons that Nath was defending himself instead of apologising. "He is trying hard to justify his remarks saying 'this is item no.1, this is item no.2'. Can he call a senior party leader item?

He still has not remembered the name of

Imarti Devi. She was a Minister in his Cabinet. Why is he feeling ashamed to call out her name? What is this arrogance," said Chouhan, "What happened to you former CM Kamal Nath? You are 74-yr-old and I can't repeat what you said about BJP's Imarti Devi...When we objected, he shamelessly called everyone an item including him-

self...If anyone calls their mother and sister 'item', will you tolerate it," Chouhan asked. For her part, commenting on the entire episode, the NCW chief said, "It's (item remark) very demeaning and later, he (Nath) said that he was reading from a list, I want to ask him, in the same list where was he standing? Which item he was?"

'This is disgraceful for him. It shows the character of the person saying it. Instead of saying sorry, he is giving a useless explanation. His party should take strict action against him," Sharma added.

On Sunday, while campaigning in Dabra, Nath had targeted Imarti Devi, saying the Congress candidate Suresh Raje was a "simple person" unlike his opponent who is an

Nath has not apologised for the comment so far. Instead, he tried to explain it away as an ordinary term, which he used as he could not remember her name.

CHINA APPEALS FOR EARLY RELEASE OF SOLDIER

The Indian Army in a statement on Monday said the Corporal was apprehended after he had strayed across the LAC. The statement also said a request was received from the PLA about the whereabouts of the missing soldier.

"As per established protocols, he will be returned to Chinese officials at the Chushul-Moldo meeting point after completion of formalities," the Army said. Sources said the PLA soldier was interrogated on how he crossed over to the Indian side

Both Indian and Chinese Armies have deployed over 50,000 troops each along the LAC in eastern Ladakh, including in the Demchok sector following escalation of the five-monthlong military standoff that began in early May.

Delhi suffers as farm fire rages in neighbourhood

SHEKHAR SINGH NEW DELHI

As Delhi's air pollution has risen to an alarming level, the infamous "paddy straw" burning by the farmers of Haryana, Western Uttar Pradesh and Punjab has aggravated the ever-deteriorating pollution level

national Capital and its peripheral areas. In Haryana paddy straw

were being burnt at Karnal, Kurukshetra, Panipat and Yamunanagar areas, whereas Sirsa, Fatehabad, Jind and Kaithal are yet to start weeding out stub-ble. Farmers prefer burning stubble at night in the false hope that satellite won't catch

images at night.

Due to Covid-19 this year, there is a shortage of labourers mainly supplied from Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh in Haryana and Punjab and farmers alleged that opting stubble burning is cheaper for them as they can't afford subsidised machines used for weeding out straw.

The Pioneer carried out a fact check in the fields of Haryana to know the reasons behind paddy straw burning by the farmers year after year. The Pioneer team visited Haryana and met farmers in Karnal, Kaithal, Kurukshetra and Ambala districts who told the daily that stubble burning was largely because the subsidy for machines wasn't covering the costs of the equipment and the labour involved.

Farmers said burning paddy straw was still much cheaper and easier to burn the residue.

According to Arvind Kumar, a farmer at Pundri village near Kurukshetra, farmers know about the repercussions of burning crop stubble and that's why vou won't come across a single farmer who really wants to con-

tinue with the practice.
"But the cost of disposing of crop residue is so prohibitive that

most farmers are forced to set the stubble on fire. The fact that Government officials want us to use expensive machines clearly shows that they are far removed from reality and in Haryana 70

Shobit, a farmer in Indri near Karnal, said sharp fall in the prices of their produce and the rising cost of diesel, widely used in tractors and farm equipment has halted their work and forced them to get indulged in this decades old practice.

per cent owns land less than 10

Meanwhile, the department of agriculture authorities in Haryana claimed that there is a steep fall in paddy burning this

According to data from September 25 till October 15, 274 fire locations were traced in Ambala, 168 in Fatehabad, 73 in Hisar, 148 in Jind, 335 in Kaithal, 468 in Karnal, 441 in Kurukshetra, 134 Yamunanagar, 24 in Panipat, 15 in Panchkula, 29 in Palwal, 39 in

Sirsa and 36 in Sonipat. "Last year there were 1,123 cases of stubble burning till November in Karnal and this year till October 14 there were 370 cases whereas 70 per cent of paddy has been harvested while the remaining 30 per cent which is basmati rice will be harvest in coming days," said Aditya Dabas, Deputy Director, Agriculture department in Karnal.

Dabas also claimed that farmers this year are also stocking their crop residue (paddy straw) in their villages collectively to sell it to fodder companies which are available on the Haryana Government website. Meanwhile another farmer

from Yamunanagar, who doesn't wish to be named said farmers prefer to burn stubble and pay penalty rather than weed out the stubbles and the reason for this is that the cost of stubble burning is cheaper as penalty works out to be around Rs 2,500 per

For a safe and secure future

There is a dire need for skilled cyber security professionals as with every passing day, new online attacks are being coined that are more harmful than the previous ones. TRIPTI MISHRA tells you how one can make it a lucrative option

ybersecurity is a domain that is maturingand expandingin leaps and bounds. Cyber security has gained a lot of attention, from portrayals in series and movies to job opportunities, crash courses and academic courses everywhere. One might wonder why this happened but the answer is not all that difficult. As we all know, the technological industry has taken huge strides in the 21st century with inventions that brought the tury with inventions that brought the whole world to our fingertips. But while it has made our life undeniably easier, it also opened up a world of possibilities for criminals who could make use of the information the world put up online for the wrong reasons. And that is where cyber security comes in.

Cyber security can be loosely defined as the protection of data that exists online and that is a very vague definition of a huge term that encompasses techniques and tools that are very hard to master. The enticing part is that if a person is able to master the techniques and tools or even have a moderate understanding of how to make use of it, the cyber industry will welcome you with open arms. With the pandemic, there is an increased risk of data breaches, leaks, and cybercrime, which can prove detrimental to organisations, across sectors. The need for skilled cyber security professionals is dire as with every passing day, new attacks are being coined that are more harmful than the previous. These rising threats require skilled cybersecurity professionals to help ensure safety for individuals as well as organisations.

There are numerous prospects to begin and progressas a career in cybersecurity. After all, cyber security is no longer a matter of 'if', but a matter of 'when'. Let us now take a look at some of the career options available for someone who is really passionate and interested in cyber

IT Security Consultant

This is a position that can be referred to as a stepping stone within the industry, security consultants are usually hired by small businesses that cannot yet afford to handle their security issues or even by large MNC's to act as an unbiased perspective for their security issues. They meet up with clients and on being provided a layout of their security structure, advises them on how to protect their assets in the most cost-efficient way.



To be hired as a security consultant, the applicant requires a Bachelor's degree in CS, cyber security or related fields and few professional certifications may be a plus point. Security Systems Administrator

A security systems' administrator

usually takes care of the security infrastructure in companies; installation, maintenance, troubleshooting different security systems including data and network. They are also usually involved in drawing up organisational security procedures. To work as a security systems administrator, the applicant needs to hold an Associate egree in a CS field at the minimum. IT Security Engineer

Security engineering gives a particular way of designing to deal with network protection, explicitly in regards to the plan of security frameworks to counter possibly cataclysmic issues. They are usually associated with maintaining the systems, performing security checks to distinguish possible weaknesses along with creating logs to keep track of any mishaps. Employers usually require a Bachelor's degree in engineering or CS while they are looking to hire a security engineer. A few years of experience is preferred.

Ethical Hacker/Penetration

Ethical Hacker/Penetration Tester looks out for loopholes andweaknesses in IT systems. Penetration testing is a method deployed by security professionals on systems to proactively find any vulnerabilities. The testers hack (with authorisation) into the system's infrastructure to weed out any system vulnerabilities, issues with any of the application software's, configuration issues, zero-day vulnerabilities and more. The aim behind penetration testing is to look at a system from an intruder's perspective and discover all the issues before the attacker can cause any real damage. A bachelor's degree in cyber security or closely related subjects along with other professional certifications are usually possessed by an aspiring pen-

Compliance and Auditing
To step into this domain of cyber

security, zero programming skillsare required. Learn about underlying technology and business models. One must understand how businesses

operate so they can protect them and ensure new regulations don't hinder company innovation. Gain some real time exposure by working with company officials and managers by grabbing some internships. Study industry best practices, like those from the NIST, SANS or Center for Internet Security, as well as regulated standards like HIPAA, PCI-DSS, ISO 27001, SOX, etc. to understand how tomake your organisation compliant without egatively impacting productivity.

Forensics Analyst/Investigator Forensics analysts focus on cybercrime, an ever-growing phenomenon. They work with law enforcement personnel and agencies in both pubic and private sector organisations. Computer forensic analysts must keep a well detailed records of their investigations, and often provide evidence in court. This role needs you to be meticulous with how you handle evidence and even requires training the first responders on how to deal with electronic evidences such as computers, hard drives or portable drives.

Incident Analyst/Responder Incident analysts/responders are an asset to an organisation and are

mostly professionals who have undergone Cyber Security incident response training. Their responsibility entails quickly resolving threat issues and taking necessary steps to prevent any fur-ther such attacks.

Chief Information Security

One of the higher positions that is up for grabs within the cyber field, a CISO typically supervises an organisation's IT security division. They are directly accountable for organising and directing all the security related issues and needs of the security related. issues and needs of the company. They interact with upper management to come up with detailed plans to ensure the cyber security of the company. CISO's typically hold a bachelor's in cyber security along with a few years of experience and large companies prefer that they hold a master's degree in cyber security.

These are just a few titles among hundreds that are available within the InfoSec industry. If you have the passion, with the accurate training and practice, even you can become a skilled cyber security professional.

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Training is everything. The peach was once a bitter almond; cauliflower is nothing but cabbage with a college education."

Mark Twain

'NEP's focus is on research'

The NEP is complete, comprehensive, visionary and plays a vital role in shaping the future of India, says PROF D NARAYANA RAO

A fter extensive discussions with a large number of people from different sectors, teachers, educationists, policy makers, institutions and voluntary organisations, the Government of India approved the National Education Policy 2020, drafted by a committee headed by Dr Kasturirangan. The NEP-2020 is a significant milestone in the history of Indian Education. The NEP is complete, comprehensive, farsighted, visionary and plays a vital role in shaping the future of India.

The National Education Policy (NEP) laid the foundation for a New India' of the 21st century, the

under the NEP"

Prime Minister, Narendra Modi said during his inaugural speech of a conclave on "Transformational Reforms in Higher Education

Prof D Narayana Rao

Pro Vice Chancellor,

SRM University, AP

The New Education policy places a welcome emphasis on a holistic, student-centric, flexible system that aims to transform India into a vibrant knowledge and Science & Technology - based society. The NEP is an appropriate balance of Indian ethos, Indian culture, pride and acceptance of the best ideas and learning practices from across the globe. The vision of NEP-2020 is truly global and at the same time Indian.

The policy gives a fillip to holistic education by envisioning the much needed and long awaited convergence of science and arts streams. NEP's sharp focus is on research, multi-disciplinary approaches and use of technology, and professional upgradation of teachers' competence to transform the landscape of Indian education. Undoubtedly, the NEP is poised to yield outstanding results in the fields of higher education, research and innovations, Science & Technology development in the country.

Many of you are aware that there had been no changes in the education system for many years, resulting in the promotion of a herd mentality' in the Indian society instead of the values of the curiosity and the imagination.

Higher Education is a critical contributor to sustainable livelihood and economic development of the nation. Higher education also plays a large and equally important role in developing India. Higher education aims to serve as a hub for developing ideas and innovations that enlighten individuals and help propel the country forward socially, scientifically, technologically and economically.

It is a fact that science and technology is the established currency in the geo-political world. Any country that has made advances in prosperity has invariably depended on Science and Technology. England became a world power; it was because of the industrial revolution. U.S became a superpower, it was primarily because of its technology, whether it is in transportation, agriculture, high-tech industry, medicine etc. I am very optimistic and confident that implementation of the NEP-2020 definitely contributes to technology development and quality education and will lay the foundation for New India of the 21st century.

Sustaillable Galeel

The road to sustainable careers has to be traversed by Governments, employers and employees together, says ABHISHEK AGARWAL

A new concept, sustainable careers has been a part of various discussions since 2015. With so much upheaval recently, everyone is concerned about the employee-employer relationship and the role of Government to ensure the safety of employment. If we talk about the 2000s, then these years have witnessed the dotcom bubble burst, 2008 global recession, coronavirus, etc. Ups and downs are inevitable, but these developments affected millions and left the world to devise ways to minimise the emotional and financial loss to people.

If we look at the current sce-

nario, around 41 lakh people lost jobs in India according to a report by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB). However, there were not many job losses from the IT sector, which in a way has taken up the role of providing a sustainable career to the employees. With work from home option extended to the employees, the sector fared well by capturing the

increased demand for digital. First, look at the way the employment practices and the way people work has changed over the



the intensification of work and employment becoming precarious; this leads to a vicious cycle where uncertainty in jobs can lead to destabilisation of the economy as people uncertain of future hold back from taking financial decisions and it also affects their productivity. The technological changes taking place require workforce to keep themselves updated, which means continuous learning like never before. It does require commitment from the workforce but it is years. Many people complain about not completely possible unless

employers assure security in return. A recent The7thFold's Employee Wellbeing Survey 2020 says 50 per cent employees in India are worried about an uncertain future due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and 36 per cent employees are suffering from mental health issues. The survey further said that 40 per cent are stressed by personal finances and 40 per cent by career growth. In the light of these facts, the idea of sustainable careers gains urgency. So, how do you pro-

vide sustainable careers? The road to sustainable careers

has to be traversed by Governments, employers, and employees together. Employees have to work on the employability through constant learning and showing flexibility, improve job performance through up-to-date skills and psychological resources, and be able to maintain work-life balance by being able to accommodate personal needs effectively. The Government, along with the employers, has to invest in upskilling and development opportunities; come up with legislation and support systems that provide a sense of security for employees. Employers also have to pitch in with development opportunities, security in employment, and support system for non-work issues of the employees. Individuals also have to be responsible and understand that, apart from the employer and the government, it is their responsibil-

to invest in employability. All stakeholders have to work together to ensure that careers are sustainable. In the current scenario, it is crucial to work towards it to keep companies and the economy competitive and build a healthy soci-

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Technology holds key

Going for full-fledged automation in education has been criticised by many, but automation brings a lot of flexibility, efficiency and also helps in understanding the student's requirement better, says DR RAMAKRISHNAN RAMAN

The B-Schools have been using The B-Schools maye been and technology to impart education and the covid pandemic has made them use it in an extensive manner. Right from teaching, learning to feedback and assessment, many B-Schools now use the tools information technology to automate processes. Going for full-fledged automation in education has been criticised by many, but automation brings a lot of flexibility, efficiency and also helps in understanding the student's requirement better. Many Indian B-Schools have almost accepted that blended (a mix of online and off-line) is going to be the future. Some important influences of technology in B-School's processes are noteworthy.

Use of Big data to gain insights: Some B-Schools are using big data analytics to draw insights on patterns of students who are highly successful in creating startups or even getting great offers from corporate. Some B-Schools are using the past data to create predictive models which are helping them to select the right candidates for the management program offered by the B-School. There are others who are using the insights to understand the area of academic strength and weakness of students, so that it can be addressed **Use of Artificial Intelligence**

in assessment: As assessments have gone fully online, some B-Schools are using tools of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to understand the behavioural aspects of students which is helping in making assessment intelligent and also personalised. Thanks to AI — aspects related to which student spent how much time on a question and its relation to the difficulty level gives immense insights to make assessment intelligent and also helps in fine tuning the question paper to become better. These tools also give options to make the questions and the question paper customised to the individual based on his/her ability to answer a question.

Gamification of education: Gamification of education is a developing approach for increasing learners' motivation and engagement by incorporating game design elements in educational environments. With the growing popularity of gamification some Indian B-Schools have started using gamification in teaching learning and also in assessing the students. B-Schools have started using gamification for learning as this educational approach to motivate students to

learn by using video game design and game elements in learning environments. The objective is to maximise enjoyment and engagement through capturing the interest of students and inspiring them to learn with zeal.

Learning Management Systems: While there are some Bschools which are using the video conferring tools like zoom, webex etc, many Indian B-Schools have adopted Learning Management Systems (LMS) and have automated their academic processes. Presently many B-School are using LMSs to focus on online learning delivery, the fact is that LMS supports a range of uses like- acting as a platform for online content sharing (both asynchronous based and synchronous), helping in classroom management for instructorled training or a flipped classroom, helps in administration, documentation, tracking, reporting and in a plethora of academic processes. In short B-Schools are using technology to identify the needs of individuals, track student development. Technology is helping B-Schools to simplify access to educational resources and improving the learning experience.

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MBA programme

The IIM Udaipur Invites
Applications for oneyear MBA in Global Supply Chain Management for experienced professionals only. The CAT Scores of 2018 onward are being additionally considered for this year admissions.

The online application cycle will end on October 31, 2020.

The announcement of results will be on November

The registration at IIMU will be on May 5,

The eligibility is a minimum of Class XII of school education and three years of university education with a Bachelor's degree or equivalent in any discipline; Valid GMAT/GRE score; and three years of full-time work experience as of March 31,

For more information updates, visit, https://www.iimu.ac.in/oneyear-mba-gscm/.

Pratham launches ELC-20

PNS NEW DELHI

In order to hear out the expert opinions and discuss regarding the various issues and opportunities available in the education sector in India, Pratham Test prep, has organ-ised Education Leaders Confluence-2020

ELC-20 being a platform to bring thought leadership to the fore for the future of Indian education systems. Among the three major events scheduled, the inaugural session of the event 'The Principal Round Table' was successfully commenced on October 19.

The discussion was graced by a set of eminent panelists — principals from various schools, who with their immense knowledge and knowhow made this session a fruitful and enriching event.

The live session was conducted swiftly by Saurabh Nanda, an international educator, who carries a vast experience in student counselling and mentoring. The session majorly focused on discussions on the topic Future of Blended Learning in Indian

"While India is the third largest education system in the world and on the verge of becoming the second largest, yet it suffers from a void in thought leadership especially in school level education. Pertaining to the gaps between the policy making, customisation and implementation, it is our endeavor to provide a platform to highlight the real issues and perspectives of the Indian Education," Ankit Kapoor, Managing

Director, Pratham Test Prep, says.

The learning process in India is changing. It is making headway in digitising the learning process, and it is not only in India but also the world over where we can see such changes being incorporated.

The blend of the traditional and the modern will equip our students to take on new challenges and conquer the world!" Therefore, it is of utmost importance we should understand and strike out a balance between the two which safeguards the interest of the children and allows being futureready," said Vanita Sehgal, Executive Director, The Delhi Public School Society, HRDC.

Admissions open for BBA programme

PNS NEW DELHI

The JK Business School (JKBS) is inviting applications for its BBA programme for the batch of 2020. JKBS is affiliated to Gurugram University, a State University of Haryana; the course completion will provide a degree of Bachelor in Business Administration.

The interested candidates are requested to fill the application form in online format

latest by October 31, 2020. The three-year degree program with contemporary and

imparts requisite knowledge, skills, and expertise along with the ability to lead and manage multiple business functions. The programme focuses on industry specialisations like Marketing, Finance, Human Resources, International Business and others. Eligibility: Admissions

exhaustive course curriculum

are given on the basis of merit at Class XII level (with minimum 50% in any stream).

How to apply: Log on to https://admission.nopaperforms.com/jk-business-

Liberal Arts is trending but there are a variety of subject combinations and specialisations creating confusion in the minds of the students. DR AMRITA DASS lists a few newage options that will offer lucrative options in the coming days

Think out-of-the-box

n our new normal, volatile and unpredictable world, Liberal Arts is trending; there is an exponential digitisation of jobs post-COVID-19; and industries are increasingly relying on human empathy-driven AI interventions and creativity.

Today, there's such a wide variety of subject combinations, specialisations and careers on offer that it is confusing not just for students but sometimes also for educators

To add to this, the New Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which encourages holistic multidisciplinary education, is set for implementation.

This is great news for students because to acquire the in-demand knowledge and skills for a successful career, interdisciplinary studies are highly recommended. With the implementation of NEP 2020, students will not only get to study the subjects of their choice and excel in them but also pursue their dream careers thereafter. Let's take a look at some of the

newage specialisations. Cognitive Science: Love to study both biology and psychology? This combination could yield

many specialisations like

Cognitive Science. A scientific study of the human mind, this trending field combines the knowledge of psychology, computer science, linguistics, philosophy and neuroscience. There's immense scope in AI systems that aim to mimic human thought processes. Such an expert can find job opportunities in the fields of education, psychology, artificial intelligence, data analysis, product design, marketing, research and consulting. The average salary in India ranges from ₹4.5 lakh-₹9 lakh per annum and abroad it's

\$72,000 per annum.

Behavioural Finance or Behavioural Economics: The impact of the complexities of human behaviour on both global and local market trends and the stock exchanges has led to the emergence of these fascinating fields. By studying psychology along with economics, finance, accountancy or maths, one can take informed decisions to maximise profits. Banking, finance, investment, planning, consulting, teaching and research are some major areas of employment. In India, ₹9.6 lakh to ₹15 lakh per annum is the expected salary (One-three years experience). The

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ence behind flavours? Then Molecular Gastronomy could very well be your calling. A sub-discipline of food science, this speimplementation. cialisation is about the art and the science of flavours. Its focus is on This is great gourmet cuisine and on providing a sublime gastronomical experinews for students A basic understanding of the because to acquire

sciences along with undergrad studies in home science, food sciences or culinary arts is highly recommended. Job opportunities abound in the hotel, restaurant, catering and food industry, which is taking pride in alluring customers with new molecular gastronomy-oriented menus. The average salary would be the same as that of an Executive Chef of a leading hotel chain, — ₹9 lakh per annum. The average salary abroad is around \$55,000 per annum.

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Genetics Law: Today, you don't need to choose between a career as a legal expert and a bioscientist. A degree in Genetics Law can take you beyond the lab to the

An LLB qualification with a specialisation in Genetics Law will enable you to handle complex cases concerning disputes related to gene manipulation, intellectual property, environmental law and more. Employment opportunities are on the rise in law firms, research labs, government departments, hospitals, etc. The average salary, in India, ranges from Rs 4.5 lakh to Rs 12 lakh p.a. Average salary abroad is approx. US \$100,000 p.a.

Cliodynamics: This is a futuristic trans-disciplinary specialisation, which combines history and other social sciences with mathematics and statistics for a more accurate prediction of future trends. The demand for Cliodynamicists is slated to boom in our increasingly volatile and unpredictable world.

Research, teaching and consulting in private and government organisations as well as NGOs will be some of the major arenas of employment. Salaries will be in the top 10% bracket of various prestigious organisations.

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'Rejig colleges before reopening'

After academic institutes open, quality education will not be the only mandate. Creating a COVID-safe environment for students, faculty, and staff will be a priority, says SHAHEEM RAHIMAN

Tn a post lockdown era, the preparedness for reopening of academic rejig on multiple levels. And, quality education will no longer be the only mandate. Creating a COVID-safe environment for students, feeulty, and staff ronment for students, faculty, and staff will be one of the many priorities across academic establishments.

In India, overflowing classrooms is a common sight. With the pandemic showing no sign of slowing down, creating a safe educational experience will first require efficient strategizing

and planning.
Staggered occupancy with spaced out seating needs to be accounted for. Although, scheduling parallel batches and mapping them to the availability of faculty members will be a formidable task. Ín addition to social distancing norms, universities will also have to implement regular sanitation, on-campus testing, and decontamination procedures on priority.

Moreover, outstation students, staff, faculty, and visitors traveling to and from COVID-19 affected areas present a major area of concern. The potential for rapid transmission in a congregate setting within campus environments is extremely high. While current predictions maintain that it's unlikely that all students, faculty members, and staff will return to campus simultaneously, quarantine protocols and safe commute options will have to be established for all. The scale of planning, managing, and implementing this in itself will be a mammoth undertaking.

Travel restrictions and staggered semesters present a plethora of questions for university administrators. How will international students bypass travel restrictions? And, should students prefer to continue with remote learning, how are universities expected to optimize the overhead costs of a semifunctional campus?

Seemingly viable alternatives are swiftly catapulting into challenging situations for senior leadership. However, switching to virtual, off-campus modes of teaching has created a multitude of speculations regarding the necessity of charging full fees for services students



Shaheem Rahiman CFO Atria University

cannot use on campus. Demands around refunds for residential fees are also on the rise. Forcing many universities to deliberate on revised fee structures that are more aligned to the new education model.

The sudden onset of a worldwide lockdown has left students, particularly those aspiring to begin higher education, in an unapprehend situation.

Most companies have canceled their internship-programmes. Universities will need to come up with viable, online, or offline alternatives to reduce the risk of students losing out on real-world learning, hands-on training, and field projects.

With recruiters rescinding offers and deferring joining dates owing to the crisis, universities will struggle with final-year student placements. Due to the rapid decline in the global economy, organisations will be functioning at a cost-saving mode for the next couple of years, which means fewer jobs. Therefore, most academic institutes will have to level up to remain agile and flexible in the face of unforeseen hurdles. Universities, faculty, and students will have to work in tandem to successfully ride over this crisis.

he ongoing pandemic and the subsequent lockdowns have widened the demand and supply gap in the world.

And, the gap can be filled only with technical expertise and soft skills. This demand has been making engineering institutions a hot bed for developing and nurturing entrepreneurship among their students, who want to build a self-dependent sustainable

life style for the new normal world.

Incubators play a key role in managing and providing a safe space for students to test their ideas and fail safely to try again. The iteration rate may be around 60-70% as of now, where these many students are not pursuing the startups post graduation.

possibilities and also gives them the taste of amount of possibility they can have, if this is done right. However, there are still 30% students, who stick to entrepreneurship and 1% of them lead a successful startup in coming times.

Engineering institutions provide various incalculable resources to them to build what

resources through incubators to their students to build a success startups which are not limited to access to labs, research set-ups servers for IT based solutions also a huge audience as students and staff to test and pilot any product or service you build. These institutions provide highly educated and trained faculty as mentors to these startups, working space, and sometime

may change their lives. Due to the supply gap in job opportunities, entrepreneurship has now become need of hour. The knowledge of entrepreneurship has opened many new avenues for the graduate students, who probably have spent their family's fortune in earning this degree.

Engineering institutions are changing their rules to assist students in this effort. Colleges provide attendance relaxation if registered with incubator, deferred placement opportunity if you fail in start-up in one-two after graduation, access to

resources at free of cost which will cost huge outside institution. These resources are like mentors, labs, workspace and much more. A start-up in operation has to invest at least ₹30,000-₹40,000 per month in various costs, which as part of institutional incubator is taken care of. This revenue saving also motivate students to try their hands on entrepreneurship as early as possible.

Many of the successful startups from engineering institution also become a longterm recruiter for the institutions if they extend the best support and keep founder

motivated and engaged from institutions

This servers institution also many benefits, not just a new recruiter for years to come but also other benefits like IP benefits, royalty through incubator, benefit in institution ranking, attraction for new admission, and also more funds from Govt Bodies for promoting entrepreneurship further. Engineering institutions across the country doesn't have a choice any more but it is the necessity to promote entrepreneurship and startups to give students choice to decide what kind of life they want to lead. More successful startup from colleges will also mean students becoming employment generator at a very

young age, which is a benefit for economy of our country

Currently we measure success of a startup based on the amount of investment they raise which is not the case in all the startups. Many startups don't raise huge amounts but can create huge impact in small time. These startups are majorly in the areas which are a challenge for larger population such as water, energy, access to education. As a next step many engineering institutions have to look beyond apps and tech based startups to invest more in real issues of society to create more impact than just looking for more investment.

> The writer is Arihant Jain, CEO, AIC-JK Lakshmipat University

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STUDY ABROAD ——

Virtual educational tourism for school goers

A learning tool developed at Peru helps school students gain a better understanding of different people and cultures

School students will get the chance to visit Peru and learn about its people and culture thanks to an experiential learning tool developed at Te Herenga Waka — Victoria University of

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The tool was built using virtual reality gaming software but a new web-based version means schools can access it without specialised equipment.

Students will be able to take a virtual visit to Machu Picchu Pueblo in Peru where they will find out about the country and explore the costs and benefits of tourism from a sustainability point of view, says Dr Christian Schott of the University's

School of Management. He developed the tool with a multi-disciplinary team, including staff from the University's Faculty of Education who provided guidance for schools on using it for teaching and learning.

The purpose of the tool is to enable students to gain a better understanding and build connections with different people and cultures, without the environmental cost.

"It allows students to experience many aspects of a distant place and world, without having to travel there and have the greenhouse gas impacts that go with that," says Dr Schott, adding that it is particularly relevant at a time when students cannot leave the country or in some cases attend school because of COVID-19 restrictions.

An earlier version of the tool developed by Dr Schott and members of his team focused on an island in the Yasawa group in Fiji and has been successfully used in his teaching for a number of years.

"We took the research findings from that to guide our development of the Machu Picchu Pueblo learning tool Equipment constraints and other challenges for secondary schools have led us to develop a version of this virtual reality tool that is usable on computers without the need for virtual reality headsets. We want to enable all students to access this learning, not just those in

high decile schools."

IN BRIEF

ACADEMIC FLEXIBILITY TO STUDENTS AT IIT MADRAS

he Indian Institute of Technology Madras has one of the best academic curriculum in the world and offers an academic flexibility that is unrivalled, even among the IITs. IIT Madras has the extraordinary distinction of being the only Indian Institute to have been ranked as No1 Engineering Institution for five consecutive years in National Institutional Ranking Framework.

The students have the freedom to choose nearly 50 per cent of the courses that they will be studying, with only some restrictions. Out of the electives, students are free to choose about eight courses

(Free Electives) from any of the 16 departments. The students can get 72 credits from pursuing courses.

If a student chooses four such courses in one contiguous area, they will be conferred a minor in that field. For example, if a student chooses four courses in Economics, IIT Madras will confer a Minor in Economics to that student. There are large number of minor courses being offered by IIT Madras.

The detailed curriculum and syllabi for each program can be found here: https://www.iitm.ac.in/academics/acad emic-curricula.

ISA MODEL FOR MAKER PROGRAMME

Solutions LLP, has come up with a unique and gamechanging concept. The company has introduced an Income Sharing Agreement (ISA) model which provides an opportunity for the students to pursue training under the BridgeLabz CodinClub and

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pay when they score a job. The revolutionary model prevents financial constraints from hampering the skill development of learners, structuring the fee payment after gaining employment. The 30-day boot

camp helps bring the learners to a basic coding proficiency level, of which the initial five days are focused on what and how the students will learn. Depending on their consent, the students can pay for the boot camp and continue the remaining journey

Best coding talent will be identified and mentoring will be offered to undergo further training under the ISA model.

SOF OLYMPIAD TO BE CONDUCTED ONLINE THIS YEAR

he Science Olympiad Foundation (SOF) that organises of Olympiad exams for school students in the world, have announced that the exams will be conducted online during the current academic year.

Considering the safety and health concern of students as paramount, all students will be able to appear in exams from their homes. Every year around a million students appear in the SOF

Olympiad exam. Mahabir Singh, the founder director of SOF said: " Extensive use of Artificial Intelligence, remote proctoring, video recording of exam and various other tools will be used to ensure integrity of exams. He also informed that during 2019-20, over 56000 schools from 32 countries registered for the 6 Olympiad exams and millions of students appeared in them. Awards, gifts, prizes and scholarships were awarded to the winning schools and students from each class, state and also at the International



In the middle we are a lot more reactive to what's happened before. I am happy to play both roles, wherever the team requires



Jos is unbelievable player at the top. He has the ability to do things that ABD and Pollards and (Hardik) Pandyas do. Those players win you games at back-end



You don't want to chop and change. Insecurity is something you don't want to prevail in the dressing room. Also the youngsters, we didn't see the spark to push the guys



We have been really consistent over the years with our selection. It is fare to say that looking at the table now, this team has run out of a bit of juice

KKR aim to settle scores with RCB

PTI ■ ABU DHABI

Kolkata Knight Riders have finally found their mojo with the late inclusion of

tearaway pacer Lockie Ferguson and they would look to avenge their first leg rout by the starstudded Royal Challengers Bangalore when the two sides clash in the IPL here on Wednesday

It needed KKR nine games, and a change of captaincy, to realise the true potential of the World Cup star pacer for runners-up New Zealand, and when the Eoin Morgan-led side finally brought him in, he blew away Sunrisers Hyderabad with his relentless pace and variations.

Ferguson made all the difference to KKR's yet another ordinary show, returning with sensational figures of 3/15 (four overs) and 2/2 from three balls in Super-Over.

The imposing bowler, who returned with just two wickets from five games for KKR last season, was on the go from his first ball when he claimed his Kiwi skipper Kane Williamson, brilliantly mixing up his raw pace with slow deliveries to nail

the opposition. It's a welcome inclusion for the Morgan-led KKR (10 points) who are placed fourth with five matches left and Ferguson will be their key man to take them to the playoffs at a time when their star Aussie recruit Cummins (three wickets from

much of an impact of late. AB de Villiers' incredible assault of 73 not out from 33 balls, which had led

nine match-

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to an 82-run defeat



their minds. It will be interesting to see how Morgan

Ferguson against the likes of De Villiers, RCB skipper Virat Kohli and opener Aaron

Ferguson's inclusion gave the much-needed impetus to the side, but KKR are still struggling with their star all-rounder Andre Russell who capped yet another flop show with the bat.

Their go-to man in the last edition, Russell has just 92 runs from nine matches at an average of 11.50. The opposition bowlers seem to have found out his weakness for short deliveries.

If his abysmal form was not enough, the Jamaican has also picked up some niggles on the field and it would not be a bad ploy to give him a breather.

In spin, it remains to be seen whether they bring in Sunil Narine, whose action has been

Kuldeep Yadav, who too was included against SRH after being benched for eight matchlooked decent along with their regular spinner Varun Chakravarthy. RCB, on the other hand, are ahead of KKR by two points and occupy the third place in the table after their

seven-wicket win over Rajasthan Royals.

De Villiers has been in ominous form for them and single-handedly won the game with an unbeaten 55 from 22 balls in their 178-run chase against the Royals. Skipper

Virat Kohli will also look to convert his starts as they look brighten their playoff hopes with a double

against KKR.

Shikhar becomes first batsman to hit back-to-back 100s in IPL history

PTI DUBAI

hikhar Dhawan's historic hundred went in vain as Kings XI Punjab outplayed table leaders Delhi Capitals by five wickets for their third straight win to keep their play-off hopes alive in the Indian Premier League here on Tuesday.

Dhawan became the first batsman to hit back-to-back IPL hundreds with his unbeaten 106 off 61 balls being the sole bright spot in Delhi's 164 for five.

For a change, it ended up being a straightforward chase for KXIP despite a rare failure from their opening pair of K L Rahul (15) and Mayank Agarwal (5), who had done the bulk of the scoring for the team in the earlier games. Nicholas Pooran (53 off 28) came up with another blinder of a knock and Glenn Maxwell (32 off 24) finally found some form to set up the win.

Jimmy Neesham (10 not out off 8) hit the winning six as KXIP got home in 19 overs.

With KXIP's in-form top three gone cheaply, it was a stiff test for their shaky middle-order which came good on the night.



Delhi Capitals opener Shikhar Dhawan celebrates after scoring his second IPL hundred

Rahul mishit one to mid-on while Agarwal got run out after a big mix-up with Pooran.

Gayle once again looked in ominous touch but departed soon after hammering Tushar Deshpande in his opening over that went for 26 runs. R Ashwin found the Jamaican's stumps with a slider. With KXIP at 63 for 3 inside the powerplay, it was left to Pooran and Maxwell to bail the team out. Pooran eased the pressure

with another display of clean hitting. His blitzkrieg propelled KXIP to 101 for three in first 10 overs with only 64 to get from the last 60 balls.

The West Indian was not able to see the team through but Maxwell finally got some runs under his belt to take the team close to victory.

Earlier, Shikhar Dhawan's

sensational effort took Delhi Capitals to 164 for five after his team opted to bat. His memorable innings included 12 fours and three sixes. It seemed he was batting on

a different surface with the sec-

ond highest score of the innings coming from skipper Shreyas Iyer and Rishabh Pant, who made 4 each KXIP bowled well at the back end of the innings to restrict DC

to below 180 with lead pacer Mohammed Shami (2/28) being the stand out performer. Fresh off a hundred in the last

game, Dhawan began by slog sweeping offie Glenn Maxwell in the opening over.

Shaw, who failed to get off the mark in the preview two games, perished cheaply once again, trying to smash Jimmy Neesham over extra cover when he was in no position to play that aerial

Iyer too did not last long after getting off the mark with a lofted cover drive that went for a six with Delhi reaching 83 for two in

At the other end, Dhawan grew in confidence and an example of that was the way he drove a full ball from Shami over mid-

The southpaw crossed the 5000-run mark in the IPL by sweeping leggie Ravi Bishnoi for six over deep square-leg, becoming the fifth batsmen to do so in the tournament's history.

He got to his century, anoth er landmark, with a double off left-arm pacer Arshdeep Singh.

However, he did not get the required support from the other end as Delhi ended with a below-



Rajasthan Royals' South African batsman David Miller paid tribute to Bollywood movie Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge on completing @rajasthanroyals



Sunrisers Hyderabad captain David Warner bats with right hand during team's training session



Curran brothers Tom and Sam pose for photo after IPL match between CSK and Rajasthan Royals on Monday @rajasthanrovals

REPLACING DK NOT A RIGHT MOVE

Former Indian pacer Ajit Agarkar feels replacing Dinesh Karthik with Eoin Morgan as captain of KKR was a very strange and wrong move. "I don't think replacing Dinesh Karthik after seven games when you're sitting fourth in the table is the right move in my opinion. It does add to the disruption of the team and you could see the way they performed against Mumbai Indians, even though it was a tough game," said Agarkar while speaking on Star Sports' show Fanweek. "I don't think it was a right move. You make plans with a certain captain through the course of the year and in spite of sitting fourth on the table, it was a very strange move for me," he added.

'CSK CAN STILL QUALIFY TO PLAYOFFS'

Despite CSK's below-par campaign so far, former India all-rounder Irfan Pathan has backed the Yellow Army to make the playoffs this season. After winning just three out of their first 10 games, CSK have slumped to the bottom of the points table. Irfan, however, believes CSK players possess the potential to mark a return and bounce back from the bottom. "If anyone can bounce back — from the seventh or eighth position, this is the team, CSK. CSK know very well how to handle the players, they make the players very comfortable. I was part of that squad in 2015. It's all about the players,'

Irfan said on Star Sports.

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bring in fresh players. Apart from CSK, neither Mumbai Indians nor the injuryfor the next season. This year the

not many days ago,

IANS NEW DELHI confirmed.

Despite Chennai Super Kings struggling to put up a winning combination and their middle-order batting failing, the franchise has decided not to use the mid-season transfer window to

window. All the three teams have

The main reason why teams have been reluctant to use the midseason transfer window is because it doesn't allow a team to pit the loaned player against his parent team. Also, the player loaned out must return to the parent franchise

hit Delhi Capitals have used the BCCI has allowed capped players too to feature in the mid-season transfer window.

Struggling CSK, like other teams, skip transfer window

Both MI and DC are performing well so their decision didn't come as a surprise. Among other teams, Kolkata Knight Riders, Kings XI Punjab and Royal Challengers Bangalore too have gained momentum winning their previous games and they seemed

KL is my Test, 50-over & T20 batsman: Lara

to have found the right combina-CSK have managed to win just

three out of their 10 matches and lie at the bottom of the points table. It was expected that they would use the window to bring in

an India batsman to strengthen the middle-order which is already missing someone of Suresh Raina's experience.

What spark did you see in Jadhav, Chawla: Srikkanth asks Dhoni

ris Srikkanth, the former Kris Stikkanin, the Islandia captain and selection committee chief, has slammed Mahendra Singh Dhoni's "ridiculous" calls for Chennai Super Kings in the ongoing IPL and asked what "spark" did he see in the under-performing Kedar Jadhav.

Srikkanth was referring to Dhoni's remark that the youngsters in the Chennai Super Kings squad did not show the spark needed to challenge the seniors and break into the playing XI.

"I will never accept what Dhoni is saying about this process," Srikkanth told Star Sports Tamil.

"This process he keeps talk-



ing about is meaningless. You keep talking about process, process... But the process of selection itself is wrong.

"What is Dhoni's deal? He says Jagadeesan (uncapped wicketkeeper-batsman) doesn't have spark, but does 'scooter' Jadhav have that spark? This is ridiculous. I will not accept this answer today. All this talk of process, and Chennai's tournament itself is over," he added.

Jagadeesan has played just one match so far. Srikkanth, who was the

team mentor and brand ambassador of CSK in the inaugural edition of the IPL, also questioned Pivush Chawla's selection.

"Dhoni now says that since the pressure is off, he'll give the

youngsters a chance. Come on, yaar. I don't understand this rubbish about the process at all.

"Karn Sharma at least took wickets. Chawla simply goes through the motions of bowling, coming on when the game is already lost. There is no doubt Dhoni is great, but I cannot agree with him or accept this." Dhoni's remarks, after the

game, were met with severe criticism on the social media. "Fair enough, this season we weren't really there," Dhoni said

at the presentation ceremony. "Also the youngsters, we didn't see the spark to push the guys. But what this result has

done is give those youngsters a

chance in the rest of the tourna-

PNS NEW DELHI

Windies legend Brian Lara was full of praises for Kings XI Punjab skipper 🌠 KL Rahul, saying he is really impressed by him and love the way he bats. Lara said he would want KL Rahul on his Test, ODI and T20 teams. Rahul continues to be in excellent form and remains in front in the race for the Orange Cap with 540 runs from 9 games.

In fact, since April 2018, KL Rahul (1792) has accumulated the most number of runs, including a record 19 fifties, in the IPL.

The second in this list, veteran India opener Shikhar Dhawan (465 runs this ongoing season), is 310 runs away with 1482 runs.

"He's my test batsman, he's my 50-over batsman and he's my T20 batsman," Brian Lara said on Star

"As a captain, he has done very well. I love the way he bats, love the way he puts them together. Yes he struggled to finish off matches towards the beginning but now he's looking to improve that too," Lara said.

This is not the first time Lara has heaped praise on KL Rahul. The former West Indies batsman had earlier termed Rahul as his favourite batsman and hailed his technique.

Siraj, Shardul to fight for fifth pacer's slot for Aus Tests

Hyderabad's Mohammed Siraj will fight it out with Mumbai's Shardul Thakur to claim the fifth bowler's spot in the Test format for the upcoming Australia tour while Gujarat leftarm spinner Axar Patel is also likely to be in contention for a place in India's consolidated

With the two white ball series (T20Is and ODIs) slated before the marquee four-Test rubber, the selection committee under Sunil Joshi's chairmanship is expected to pick a jumbo squad for all three formats when it meets later this week.

With two senior pacers Bhuvneshwar Kumar (thigh injury) and Ishant Sharma (side strain) all but ruled out, Navdeep Saini will certainly be the fourth pacer after Mohammed Shami, Jasprit Bumrah and Umesh

The fifth pacer's slot in Test matches may go to Siraj, who has done well in longer version for India A and his Ranji Trophy

Shardul Thakur, who can swing the new ball, will also jostle for that place. He had a nightmarish Test debut against West Indies when he suffered a muscle pull while bowling his very first over. "Siraj has really done well for

I think he is a better red ball bowler and could be very handy in Australian conditions," former chairman of selectors MSK Prasad told *PTI* on Tuesday. According to Prasad, the new selection committee could

India A over the past few seasons.

look at Shivam Mavi who he thinks has it in him to become an all-format bowler in near future. "Mavi could be given exposure as an extra pacer at least in

white ball and may be groomed

later for red ball," Prasad opined. Shardul and his CSK teammate Deepak Chahar will certainly be a part of the white ball format side where Umesh Yadav is unlikely to find a place. As far as wicketkeepers are

concerned, there will be four in KL Rahul will be the first choice in white ball cricket with

Sanju Samson (only T20s) also joining him. Wriddhiman Saha, as usual, will be Pant's understudy in the Tests. Similarly, India have a chock-a-bloc opening slot with

Rohit Sharma, Mayank Agarwal, Prithvi Shaw, Shubman Gill available for all formats. With Rahul and Shikhar Dhawan there for limited overs matches, India have six players capable of facing the new ball.

The middle order will largely depend on skipper Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, Manish Pandey and Hardik Pandya (all white ball). W i t h Hardik

Hardik not bowling, Shivam Dube could be the back-up allrounder in white ball. The spinners in limAhmedabad to host pink ball Test against Eng PTI ■ KOLKATA had been speculations that the series could be

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Ahmedabad will host the day-night pink ball Test during England's big-ticket tour of India early next year, BCCI president Sourav Ganguly said on Tuesday.

England are slated to visit India from January-March for five Tests and a limited overs series. "Ahmedabad will hold the day-night Test," Ganguly said. Owing to a surge in Covid-19 case

shifted to the UAE, where the IPL 2020 is currently underway. But the BCCI is determined to host England in the country and is already exploring all possible options, including creating bio-secure bubbles. Ahmedabad, Dharamsala and Kolkata are

"We have made some tentative plans but

likely to be the three venues for the Test series,

but Ganguly said they are yet to take a final

nothing has been decided as of now. We still have four months' time," said Ganguly. The BCCI president said their priority is

the upcoming Australia tour, the team selection for which will happen in a few days. "Before England, we have Australia series load in India in the coming up. There will be team selection haprecent past, there pening in a few days."

T20s), Yuzvendra Chahal, be R Ashwin, Jadeja and if Kuldeep Yadav and Ravindra required Kuldeep Yadav. Jadeja. Axar Patel's performance Hanuma Vihari, Cheteshwar Pujara and Ajinkya Rahane are may not go unnoticed. He is doing well in the ongoing IPL for Test specialists in the line-up. the Delhi Capitals. In Tests, it will

Zimbabwe coach Rajput 'exempted' from Pak tour

Karachi: Zimbabwe cricket coach Lalchand Rajput has not travelled with the team for a tour of Pakistan after the Indian embassy in Harare requested his exemption from the limited-overs series.

A statement from Zimbabwe Cricket said that Rajput won't be a part of the tour following the request from the Indian embassy. In Rajput's absence, bowling coach Douglas Hondo would take charge of the team dur-"@Lalchandrajput7 will miss the @TheRealPCB tour

after the Embassy of India in Harare wrote to @ZimCricketv asking that he be exempted from visiting Pakistan. The Embassy of Pakistan in Harare had issued a visa to Rajput," the ZC tweet-

> "With @Lalchandrajput7 unavailable, @ZimCricketv has appointed bowling coach Douglas Hondo to take charge of the team for the three ODIs and as many T20Is games against @TheRealPCB." The Zimbabwean team is sched-

uled to play three ODIs against Pakistan in Rawalpindi, starting October 30, before moving to Lahore for three T20Is. The visiting team arrived in Pakistan on Tuesday. ESPNCricinfo reported that the

exemption for Rajput was sought citing "travel guidelines of the (Indian) Government for its citizens". PTI