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India, US focus on China threat

Both exert China must respect rule of law; US assures help to deal with LAC face-off, Chinese assertiveness in Indo-Pacific, South China Sea

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In an obvious reference to China's expansionist and aggressive behaviour, India and the US on Tuesday made it clear that Beijing must respect the rule of law and sovereignty. The US also assured India of all help in the backdrop of the ongoing face-off at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh and the growing Chinese assertiveness in the Indo-Pacific region and the South China Sea.

This strong and terse message came after the extensive 2+2 dialogue between the two countries here. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar discussed the entire range of strategic issues with their respective counterparts Mark Esper and Mike Pompeo. The two visiting US dignitaries also called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval.

Rajnath and Jaishankar put forth India's assertions strongly but refrained from naming China during their statements. However, Pompeo was forthcoming and blunt in blaming Beijing as he said the coronavirus pandemic that "came from Wuhan" has set off a "robust discussion" about the Chinese Communist Party.

Giving details of his discussions during the 2+2 conference and bilateral meeting with Esper a day earlier, Rajnath said at the joint Press conference after the dialogue that the two sides shared assessment of the security situation across the Indo-Pacific.

"In that process, we reaffirmed our commitment to peace, stability and prosperity of all countries in this region. We also agreed that upholding the rules based international order, respecting the rule of law and freedom of navigation in the international seas and upholding the territorial integrity and sovereignty of all states are essential. Our defence cooperation is intended to further these objectives," he said. India and the US also welcomed Australia joining the forthcoming Malabar exercise.

Pompeo maintained, "Our leaders and our citizens see with increasing clarity that the CCP is no friend to democracy, the rule of law, transparency nor the freedom of navigation, the foundation of a free and open and prosperous Indo-Pacific. I'm glad to say India and the US are taking all steps to strengthen cooperation against all threats and not just those posed by the CCP. Last year, we've expanded our cooperation on cyber issues, our navies have held joint exercises in Indian ocean."

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In a joint statement later, the two nations reaffirmed their commitment to fight the scourge of terrorism and resolved to jointly face the challenge posed by the coronavirus pandemic. The two countries discussed ways to further strengthen four pillars of the Strategic Energy Partnership (SEP) covering Oil & Gas, Power and Energy Efficiency, Renewables and Sustainable Growth. Pompeo said the US "stands with India to deal with any threat."

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi with US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and US Defence Secretary Dr Mark T Esper during a meeting, in New Delhi on Tuesday. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, National Security Adviser Ajit Doval and US Ambassador to India Ken Juster are also seen

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Govt working for welfare of poor, PM tells vendors

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Reaffirming the commitment of his government towards welfare of the poor, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that all schemes of the government are being formulated with a focus on development of the poor and deprived sections of society.

Asserting that his government never did politics in the name of poor, he said: "We believe in honesty, self-respect, and willpower of the poor. Our vendor brothers and sisters have suffered a lot during the COVID-19 pandemic. Now it is our duty to empower them. We will leave no stone unturned for betterment of the life and business of the poor."

The PM had a virtual dialogue with the street vendors of Uttar Pradesh who are beneficiaries of SVANidhi scheme on Tuesday and said he was extremely elated having spoken to the street vendors and as it provided him immense satisfaction.

"All praise for the perseverance, self-confidence, business sense, management, the concern for their families, and the proper planning," the PM said and added it even inspired us all to wade through these trying times.

He said, "Many people had

raised doubts on the capabilities of the government to deal with the Corona crisis but we managed to pass the test with flying colours only because we focused on the poor welfare programmes during the lockdown."

"It was the hard work and self-esteem of all the sections which got recognition all around," he added.

PM Modi minced no words to come down heavily on corrupt political entities who, according to him, always did politics in the name of the poor but never did any worthwhile for their cause. "It is the first time since independence that the welfare schemes were floated with such a sense of urgency," he pointed out.

The Uttar Pradesh Government came in for praise from the Prime Minister for ranking first in all three categories of SVANidhi scheme — application, sanction, and disbursement of loans.

He underlined the importance of strict adherence to the Corona protocol and said that the successful fight against this global pandemic will reach a logical end only if continued with the all required precautions.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced that every street

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5 States buck national Covid decline trend

At 4,853, Delhi sees highest single-day hike, while national daily count lowest in 3 months

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There is a contrasting trend being witnessed in India. While India has been registering a consistent decline in the Covid-19 death rate in the past five weeks with the new confirmed cases in the last 24 hours falling below 40,000 for the first time in three months, States like Kerala, West Bengal, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Delhi are reporting high number of cases, which the Government on Tuesday said is the second wave of the infection.

At 4,853, Delhi recorded its highest single-day coronavirus cases on Tuesday. Delhi is inching towards its third peak while an unprecedented rise is being witnessed in Kerala and West Bengal.

The Centre expressed apprehensions that winters, ongoing festivals as well as the slowing down of the containment strategies could be playing a role.

"We are fortunate that today we are showing a decline of the (Covid-19) pandemic, except in two or three States. This decline is particularly noteworthy because in other countries of the northern hemisphere there is a severe increase in the intensity of pandemic," chairperson of the National Task Force on Covid-19, VK Paul, said at a Press briefing here on Tuesday while comparing India's status with the world.

"The situation related to the pandemic in the world is particularly concerning and it has been seen that countries of much greater economic capability and per capita income, and having a good health system, can succumb to a huge second peak," he said.

"This must be a lesson for all of us," Paul, who is also the NITI Aayog member for

health, said as he pointed out that rising cases in three States and a few UTs has remained a matter of worry.

Around 49.4 per cent of new Covid-19 cases in the last

24 hours were reported from Kerala, West Bengal, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Delhi.

Similarly, 58 per cent new Covid-19 deaths in the last 24

hours were reported from Maharashtra, West Bengal, Delhi, Chhattisgarh and Karnataka, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said.

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Covid-19 IN INDIA TOTAL**CASES: 79,79,139****DEATHS: 1,19,871****RECOVERED:****72,43,180****ACTIVE: 6,14,720**

STATES	TOTAL CASES	DEATHS	RECOVERED
Maharashtra	16,48,665	43,348	14,70,660
Andhra Pradesh	8,11,825	6,625	7,77,900
Karnataka	8,09,638	10,991	7,27,298
Tamil Nadu	7,14,235	10,983	6,75,518
Uttar Pradesh	4,74,054	6,940	4,40,847
Kerala	4,02,675	1,377	3,09,032
Delhi	3,64,341	6,356	3,30,112
West Bengal	3,57,779	6,604	3,14,003
Odisha	2,83,942	1,325	2,68,115
Telangana	2,31,834	1,311	2,11,912
Bihar	2,13,383	1,065	2,03,244
Assam	2,04,789	914	1,91,027
Rajasthan	1,89,844	1,867	1,72,028
Chhattisgarh	1,77,608	1,861	1,53,654
Gujarat	1,69,073	3,698	1,51,988
Madhya Pradesh	1,67,969	2,890	1,54,222

CAPSULE

NMC SR DOCTORS GO ON INDEFINITE STRIKE

New Delhi: Patients of North Corporation-run hospitals faced hardship as the senior doctors there went on an indefinite strike on Tuesday, a day after they had gone on casual leave en masse over pending salaries.

SALLAHUDIN, BHATKAL BROS NAMED ULTRAS

New Delhi: Continuing to deal with terrorism with an "iron hand", the government on Tuesday designated 18 more individuals as "terrorists" including chief of the banned Hizbul Mujahideen Syed Sallahudin, founders of Indian Mujahideen Bhatkal brothers and a close lieutenant of underworld don Dawood Ibrahim, Chhota Shakeel, taking the total number of such proscribed persons to 31.

BIHAR: 1 DEAD IN FIRING DURING IDOL IMMERSION

Munger: One person was killed and over two dozen people, including security personnel, were injured in firing and stone-pelting during goddess Durga idol immersion in Munger.

315 students get Covid positive in Mizoram after schools reopen

Setback to school resumption plan; ICMR says kids can be spreaders or super spreaders

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In a setback to various State Governments' planning to open schools post Diwali, the Centre on Tuesday said children can be spreaders or super spreaders. The observation came following reports of at least 315 active cases among children in Mizoram, prompting the Northeastern State to close down the schools.

Talking to reporters here on Tuesday at a Press briefing, Dr Balram Bhargava, DG of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) said, "Children were thought to be protected but we now have some evidence which states



that children can be spreaders and even super spreaders."

He was replying to a question about the Mizoram decision to close down the schools after 315 school students were found to be infected with the virus.

The Mizoram Government closed all schools from October 26 after a number of Class 10 and 12 students, who had been attending classes since October 16, tested positive for coronavirus.

When asked if the children were suffering with Kawasaki disease, he said in negative and explained that "This (Kawasaki) is a rare condition and common among males. Kawasaki disease is an autoimmune disease that affects

children who are less than 5 years of age. It is less common in India. I don't think we have had any experience of Kawasaki with Covid-19 in India so far."

He further said overall the figure in India is that below the age of 17 years, only 8 per cent are found to be Covid-19 positive, and below the age of 5 years, that figure would be much less.

While, school students found Covid-positive have been probably first of such kind instance in the country on record, a study carried out by researchers from the Princeton Environmental Institute (PEI), Johns Hopkins University and the University of California Berkeley in collaboration with public health officials in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu showed that children and young adults have more propensity to transmit novel coronavirus, especially within households.

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SC: HC to monitor Hathras probe, CRPF to provide security to victims

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI investigation in Hathras case, in which a Dalit girl was allegedly brutally raped and died of injuries, is to be monitored by the Allahabad High Court and the CRPF would provide security to the victim's family and witnesses in the case, the Supreme Court said Tuesday.

The issue of transferring the trial out of Uttar Pradesh would be considered if the need arises in future, apex court said, observing that all aspects of the matter are left open to be considered by the high court.

A bench headed by Chief Justice S A Bobde noted in its verdict that Lucknow bench of Allahabad High Court has taken note of Hathras incident and passed order directing registration of suo motu petition.

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Now, any Indian can buy non-agri land in J&K

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Lifting the barrier on the purchase of non-agricultural land, the Ministry of Home Affairs on Monday notified the new land laws for the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir triggering widespread condemnation from various Kashmir-based political parties who termed it as a huge betrayal and step towards putting "J&K up for sale".

Significantly, the new land laws were notified on the same day when the erstwhile State of Jammu & Kashmir had acceded to the Union Territory of India on October 26, 1947.

As per the new notification, the Centre has set no precondition like the requirement of Permanent Resident Certificate or Domicile Certificate on the purchase of land in Jammu & Kashmir, as existed under Article 370 for the outsiders.

Govt lifts domicile condition in UT



The MHA in its release stated that the order will be called the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir Reorganisation (Adaptation of Central Laws) Third Order, 2020. It added that it will come into effect immediately.

The Centre also notified that the "permanent resident of the State" clause has been omitted now.

Before the Abrogation of Article 370 and Article 35-A in August last year, non-residents could not buy any immovable property in Jammu & Kashmir. Responding to the negative campaign spearheaded by the vested interests, including leaders of different Kashmir based political parties, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha swiftly clarified that the new land laws being introduced in the Union Territory will not impact agricultural land.

"I want to say this forcefully and with full responsibility that agricultural land has been kept reserved for farmers; no outsider will come on those lands. The industrial areas that we have defined, we want that like rest of the country, here too industries come so that Jammu & Kashmir also develops and employment is generated," the LG said.

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Bihar campaign gets acerbic as leaders hit below the belt

Nitish targets Lalu's family, Tejashwi hits back, drags in PM

DEEPAK UPRETI ■ NEW DELHI

The air is toxic as the tongue has gone acerbic in Bihar that on Wednesday goes to poll for the first of the three-phased elections. The captains of political parties in their quest to damn and damage each other to the hilt are hitting below the belt, leaving aside their "gentleman façade". And in the process, Prime Minister Narendra Modi too is being dragged in.

Turning the big battle for Bihar more personal this week, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, otherwise known for attacking his rivals from within the dignified confines, took potshots at rival Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) supremo Lalu Prasad Yadav for having nine children, in his pursuit for a son.



Though the Chief Minister didn't mention the Yadavs in his jibe, he did not leave much to the imagination of his poll audience when he said, "They have eight-nine children. They have no faith in daughters. After so many daughters, they had a son. You all can see — this is the kind of Bihar they want to make."

Nitish Kumar could say so about Lalu's "numbers" as his own family is small and inconspicuous.



Kumar that Narendra Modi also has several siblings and by commenting on my family, he is targeting the Prime Minister also. "Using such language, Nitish Kumar has insulted women and my mother's sentiments. They don't speak on the main issues, like inflation, corruption, unemployment," Tejashwi, who has been targeting Nitish by calling him "mentally and physically tired," said.

Siding with its ally, the Congress said Nitish's conduct

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BJP committed to ‘sabka saath, vikas’

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday said the mantra of ‘Sabka Saath, Sabka Vishwas’ was truly exemplified by the policies of Bharatiya Janata Party government in the state which focused on poor and deprived sections without any discrimination on caste, religion or region basis. “We fulfilled all our promises irrespective of any bias and dovetailed our developmental and welfare schemes to the last

person on the rung,” he said while addressing election meetings in the assembly constituencies of Ghatampur and Bangarmau, which are going to bypolls on November 3.

The Chief Minister said the able leadership of the Prime Minister helped the state government in taking care of the poor during lockdown as well as dealing with the global pandemic in the best possible way in terms of health and other infrastructural developments. “*Humne janta ki jaan aur jahaan dono bachane ka karya safalta purvak kiya* (We managed to save lives and livelihood of the people),” he said while thanking the Prime Minister for his encouragement and support.

He said that the food grain scheme during the lockdown, sustenance allowance and free ration to migrants, Kisan Samman Nidhi to over two crore farmers, financial assistance to 87 lakh widows and Divyang have been some of the endeavours the state government which came as a soothing balm for the public which was harassed due to Corona lockdown. “Only today we distributed loans of ₹ 10000 to over 2.74 lakh street vendors of the state under an ambitious scheme of SVANidhi which will go a long way to improve the lot of the section which remained deprived for long,” he pointed out. “The previous governments used to say that the first right on the resources of the country are of a particular community. But BJP has shown that the party has no such biases and discrimination and the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) has been irrespective of caste or religion.”

The UP CM said that with the steely resolve his government dealt with the mafia elements of the state, showed the intentions of the governance.

‘Mission Shakti’ showed encouraging results

Lucknow(PNS): Ensuring safety and dignity of women and girls under ‘Mission Shakti’ campaign launched by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on October 17, has far shown encouraging results as a series of actions were taken against unscrupulous elements during the drive by UP-112, Women Powerline 1090, and Anti-Romeo Squad. The women powerline number 1090 received a total of 933 calls on a single day on October 25 in which action was taken on 543 calls by the women powerline itself and other 468 calls were sent to the respective departments for follow-up. Additional Chief Secretary, Home, Awanish Kumar Awasthi, stated that out of 933 calls, 335 cases were informed on telephone, 108 cases were through the internet, 2 cases were of stalking, 9 were of prank calls. Out of 468 complaints, 303 cases have been sent to Dial 112 while action on 165 cases will be taken by the police department. He also said that six complaints by 1090 have been taken under FFR (Family, Friends and Relatives) counseling. Appreciating the ‘Mission

Shakti’ campaign, Awasthi stated that this special awareness drive is boosting the morale of women and children and empowering them by making them aware of their rights. He said that from October 17 to 25, a total of 6,932 complaints (5994 of Domestic violence and 938 of eve-teasing) were recorded and stern actions against the guilty were also taken.

The Special Mission Shakti drive was extremely successful in terms of action against the perpetrators of crime against women. A total of 9,166 persons were booked under sections 107/116 of CrPC and 4653 under section 151 of IPC. Also, Goonda Act was slapped on 1,524 anti-social elements during the drive taken up during Navratri. The most-ambitious ‘Safe City Project’ for women and girls, the ‘Pink Patrol vehicles’ with women police personnel were deployed in the state. Besides, as many as 25 double-storeyed pink police booths are set up to inculcate a feeling of pride and safety for women. Data Analytic Centre Workshop has been established at Women Powerline and 80 new terminals have been installed

and operated at the call centers.

Besides the above, Adityanath has also announced that all the districts of the state will now have anti-human trafficking police stations to check trafficking of women and children. These police stations will be set up in all districts of the state for effective action in trafficking cases. Government spokesman claimed that 40 new anti-human trafficking units will be set up to function as police stations. So far, there are 35 anti-human trafficking units in the state which were set up in 2011 and 2016 by the then governments. These police stations will have the power to register FIRs, carry out investigations and take required legal action, said the government spokesperson. The police stations are being set up on the directives of the central government and funds for them have been allotted by the Centre. According to the spokesman, the Centre has provided ₹ 15 lakh each for the 40 new police stations, amounting to ₹ 6 crore in total, and ₹ 12 lakh each for the existing 35 police stations, amounting to ₹ 4.20 crore.

even a common grass root worker may get an election ticket and may even be elevated to the post of PM or CM,” he said while lambasting the politics of Samajwadi Party, Congress and Bahujan Samaj Party which he said centered around caste and family.

The Chief Minister said a lot of work has been done in the constituencies of Ghatampur and Bangarmau which will be continued as development is always a continuous process.

RS polls: Samajwadi Party extends support to independent candidate

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The Rajya Sabha elections in the state took an interesting turn on Tuesday as the Samajwadi Party extended support to independent candidate Prakash Bajaj, who filed his nominations just before the 3 pm deadline. Against the 10 seats for the biennial elections of Rajya Sabha, there are 11 candidates in fray, necessitating polling for the last seat which was being eyed by Bahujan Samaj Party, despite lacking the numbers. The SP, by extending support to an independent candidate, has thrown a spanner in the path of BSP candidate. Voting is scheduled for October 9.

The nomination papers of Bajaj — a Varanasi-based lawyer — were filed with the support of 10 SP legislators. SP took a last-minute decision after securing a seat for senior party leader and national general secretary Ram Gopal Yadav, who is the party’s official candidate. While Prakash Bajaj is a lawyer, his father Pradeep Bajaj was associated with the Janata Party.

For getting elected, each candidate will have to get at least 37 first preference votes. This way, the SP, which has strength of 48 MLAs in the UP assembly, has 11 additional votes to spare. One of its MLAs, Nitin Agarwal, has switched loyalties to the BJP after his father Naresh Agarwal deserted the SP and joined the BJP in 2018.

The BJP, on the other hand did not field an additional candidate despite having eight surplus votes — with a strength of 304 MLAs in the UP assembly, the BJP would need the support of 296 candidates to get its eight candidates elected. With nine MLAs of its ally Apna Dal (Sone Lal), the BJP would have mustered 17 additional votes. Besides this, the MLAs like Rakesh Singh and Aditi Singh of Congress, Anil Singh and Ram Veer Upadhyay of BSP have also switched loyalty to the BJP. Ramveer Upadhyay’s son Chirag Upadhyay had also joined the BJP earlier this month.

BJP sources said that fielding or supporting a ninth candidate was not in its plan. “We

Sherwani back in SP fold

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Samajwadi Party got a major boost on Tuesday when former Congress leader and a close associate of Rajiv Gandhi, Saleem Sherwani joined the SP. A host of former MLAs and coordinators from the Bahujan Samaj Party also joined SP at the party headquarters in Lucknow.

SP president Akhilesh Yadav said the joining of the senior congress and BSP leaders has given strength to the party for the 2022 UP assembly elections.

Five-time Congress MP from Budaun, Sherwani is former Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare and has had a short stint as minister of state for External Affairs (1997 to 1998) in United front government headed by HD Deve Gowda.

Sherwani left the Congress party in the aftermath of the Babri Masjid demolition and joined the Samajwadi Party. He, however, left SP and went back to Congress in 2009 when he was allegedly denied ticket from Budaun to accommodate Dharmendra Yadav from the seat.

SP president Akhilesh Yadav welcomed Saleem

Sherwani and other leaders to the party. Along with this, he targeted the Yogi government over handling Corona. Akhilesh Yadav said that the government has curbed the spread of pandemic by reducing the number of corona tests. He also said that the joining of the senior leaders was in “preparation for 2022 assembly elections”.

“Such coming together of political leaders and political beliefs will define not only the future of the state but that of the country in the days to come,” Akhilesh said.

Commenting on the present political situation in the country, the SP chief said “prevailing political atmosphere in the country and in UP, in particular, is only politics of hate and conspiracy to pitch one brother against another”.

Saleem Sherwani said, “the BJP is pursuing divisive politics and the politics of lies. At such a juncture I took it upon myself to stand with Akhilesh Yadav who believes in brotherhood, peace, prosperity of the country. I want to conclude by saying that we should proudly say that we are Muslims and Hindus but we should also add a word ‘Hindustani’ Muslim and ‘Hindustani’ Hindu.”

Meanwhile, the 8 candidates of the BJP filed their papers on Tuesday. The BJP retained its three sitting Rajya Sabha members from UP — Union minister Hardeep Singh Puri, former Ballia MP Neeraj Shekhar, son of late Prime Minister Chandrasekhar and party general secretary Arun Singh — whose term would expire on November 25.

Among others, the BJP settled for former UP Minister Haridwar Dubey, three-time MLA Seema Dwivedi, and former director general of police Brij Lal, a Dalit. The line-up includes two OBCs — former Auraiya district chief of BJP Geeta Shakya as well as BL Verma, the current UP BJP vice president and chairman of State Construction and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited.

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2. Name of the deceased	8. Rate, of Retirement (Superannuation/VRS/CR/Death)
3. Designation & Last Working Station	9. PPO No. (Photocopy to be enclosed)
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40% deceased aged above 55 yrs

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Forty per cent of Covid deaths in Lucknow have been of patients above 55 years of age, according to health officials. A senior official at CMO office said though the infection rate is high amongst people aged between 21 and 40 years, the deceased have been the elderly because of co-morbidities which this age group has.

Asked if any student tested positive for coronavirus after schools reopened, he said there have been no cases, but surveillance teams have been asked to do random sampling in schools. “The teams going from house to house will also visit schools in their respective areas. The issue is that Covid-19 is a tricky disease with silent carriers, and even a patient may not be aware if he or she has no symptoms. The basic concept is to do as many sampling as possible to contain the transmission of virus,” he said.

The official said they were planning to have an ASHA-based surveillance for coronavirus in coming days. “A 2-member team will be headed

Only 186 Covid patients detected in Lucknow

In a huge decline in coronavirus cases, only 186 persons tested positive in Lucknow on Tuesday. Besides, 353 patients recovered, taking the recovery figures to 58,136. Lucknow's death toll has climbed to 870. The new patients included 25 from Indiranagar, 17 from Rae Bareli road, 15 from Gomtinagar, 11 from Chowk, and 10 each from Madaon, Alambagh & Mahanagar. There were three deaths in the city.

Across the state, 2,018 more persons tested positive, including 198 in Prayagraj, 103 in Gorakhpur, 120 in Ghaziabad, 151 in Gautam Buddhnagar and 123 in Meerut, taking the UP tally to 4,74,054.

There were 38 deaths in the state, including four in Kanpur, three each in Sitapur & Etawah, two each in Gorakhpur, Varanasi, Moradabad, Lakhimpur Kheri & Azamgarh, and one each in Gautam Buddhnagar, Agra, Ballia, Jaunpur, Basti, Ghazipur, Pratapgarh, Amroha, Lalitpur & Mirzapur, taking the toll to 6,940.

by ASHA workers and it will be covering the area under her jurisdiction in 4-5 days. From ANM-based activity, we are shifting to ASHA-based activity and the ANMs will work as area supervisors,” he said. He added that the ASHA workers would be covering 700-800 houses in 4-5 days.

Meanwhile, District Magistrate Abhishek Prakash had a meeting at the Smart City

office to discuss containment strategies. He said all the CHCs would have 10 surveillance teams. Reviewing contact tracing in the district, he said the work should be expedited and surveillance teams be increased, so that they could separate ILL and SARI patients. He added that currently, 686 surveillance teams were active.

He said LDA should fix 1,200 drop boxes at the CHCs

so that general public could submit their feedback and complaints. He issued stern directives to all city magistrates to ensure setting up of triage areas in the hospitals.

The DM also directed the officials to check if schools and colleges in their respective areas were following Covid-19 guidelines and take action against those not following the protocols.

He said PG students of medical colleges should also be involved in surveillance activities and devote two hours to the work for effective containment of virus.

Meanwhile, nearly seven lakh Covid tests have been conducted by KGMU till now. A faculty member said they were conducting nearly 4,000 tests per day.

Besides, with the decrease in the number of coronavirus cases in the city, the sales of ivermectin tablets have also dropped. Drug inspector Brijesh Kumar said the sales have come down by 10 per cent. It may be noted that many people used these tablet as a prophylactic against coronavirus because it is harmless and carries no side-effects.

1 killed, 2 hurt in explosion at shop

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A confectionary shop employee was killed while two others, including its owner, suffered burns in an explosion which took place at the shop housed in a three-storey building close to Alamnagar flyover in Para on Tuesday morning.

Huge police force, along with NDRF and SDRF teams, reached the scene for rescue operation. The deceased was identified as Sushil Gupta of Para while the injured as Vijay Gupta (confectionery shop-owner) and Bablu Gupta, who is the owner of a neighbouring shop. Bablu suffered injuries after a piece of heavy metallic object fell on him. Both the injured were hospitalised.

As per reports, Vijay Gupta was sitting in his shop while Sushil was busy in cleaning work. Around 10:30 am, there was a deafening explosion, following which some neighbouring shops caved in. A heavy piece of metal fell on Bablu, who



was opening the shop, and he suffered injuries. Sushil was also covered by debris.

ADCP Suresh Chand Rawat said an LPG cylinder kept inside the shop exploded and the shop caught fire. He said the kin of the shop-owner were on the top floor of the house and all of them were safe. He said the body was sent for autopsy while

the injured were rushed to a hospital. “We cordoned off the area for carrying out rescue operation,” he said. Contrary to police claims, locals suspected that sacks of firecrackers were stored in the rear portion of the shop. They said the explosion was heard several kilometres away and some of the adjoining houses developed cracks due to

it. Deceased's wife Aneeta lodged a complaint alleging that the shop-owner had stored firecrackers which led to the explosion. She suspected that an illegal firecracker factory was being run at the establishment. The police said forensic teams had collected samples from the site and were examining the same.

Man hangs self after wife consumes poison

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A man ended his life after his wife poisoned herself to death following a tiff between them in Gosainganj on the intervening night of Monday and Tuesday. The deceased were identified as Renu (36) and her husband Mansharam Rawat (40) of Siddhpura village in the area.

As per reports, Mansharam was an alcoholic and he thrashed his wife Renu during a verbal spat on Monday night. The couple fought after Mansharam returned home in a drunken state and Renu objected to that. After some time, Renu consumed some poisonous substance and her condition started deteriorating. She was rushed to a hospital where she was declared brought dead.

“Renu's death made Mansharam feel guilty and he hanged himself from a tree behind his house on the intervening night of Monday and Tuesday,” Mansharam's brother Dilip Rawat said. He said they started looking for Mansharam who left the house in the night and later found him hanging.

The couple are survived by a son and daughter. Their kin said Mansharam flew in rage during a verbal spat with Renu and he beat her up. Renu felt offended and she consumed some poisonous substance in a fit of rage.

Villagers were also in a state of shock following the incident. They said though Mansharam was a habitual drinker, he was not an addict. Police sent the bodies for autopsy and started further investigation.

Street vendor overwhelmed by interaction with PM Modi

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday interacted with street vendor Vijay Bahadur from Chowk area as a beneficiary of the micro-credit scheme of Central government. The PM asked him if the new generation relished *laiyya-chana* and Vijay peanutly replied that he uses peanuts to make it more appealing as youth don't like *chana* that much.

Vijay Bahadur told the PM that he had started a business with the Rs 10,000 which he received under the scheme. “I have brought enough material for a week as I had to go to mandi every week to buy *laiyya, chana, moongphali* and *matar*,” he said. The PM said it was a good move.

Modi then asked him “Lucknow mein toh yeh *laiyya-chana waise bhi bahut* famous hai, *bikta bhi khoob hai. Aapke yahan bhi bheed lagti hogi sham ko?*”

Vijay replied that since there was a market close by, people would come and enjoy it as an evening snack.

The PM then asked “*Nayi peedhi ke bachche khaate hain?*” Vijay said the younger generation enjoys it but he serves it with a mixture of *laiyya, chana* and *moongphali*. Modi then inquired if other poor families like his also benefited under the scheme, to which Vijay said that after his name appeared in the media, people known to him in Chowk and Husainabad told him that they had also received money in their accounts and the started their own business.

“*Har ek ka dhandla phale phoole, pariwar mein bachche padhen aur sab aage jaayen. Meri taraf se unhe yeh zaroor keh dena*,” Modi said to Vijay.

On his part, Vijay told the PM that the government helped families during the

Priyanka takes a dig

Lucknow (PNS): Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Tuesday targeted the Centre over its Pradhan Mantri Street Vendor's Atmanirbhar Nidhi Yojana (PM SVANidhi scheme) by saying that street vendors require a special assistance package and not a loan.

Reacting to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's interaction with vendors in UP, the Congress leader said that during the lockdown street vendors and small shopkeepers were hit hard. “It became difficult for them to run their homes, their livelihoods were ruined,” Priyanka tweeted. She said, “The street vendors, shopkeepers, and small traders today need a special assistance package, not loans.” The Prime Minister's Street

Vendor's Atmanirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) scheme was launched on June 1 to help street vendors resume their livelihood activities after they were hit hard by the Covid-19 pandemic. On Tuesday, PM Narendra Modi, through video conferencing, distributed loans to nearly 300,000 street vendors under the scheme and also interacted with its beneficiaries.

Vadra further hits out at the government over alleged rise in prices and said the Yogi Adityanath dispensation which spends crores of rupees on “false propaganda” is silent on people's problems. In Uttar Pradesh, during the festival season, rising prices have “wreaked havoc” on the common people, Priyanka Gandhi said.

lockdown. “Your government helped us immensely during the corona crisis. For us street vendors, the lockdown happened on March 20 itself and we were hoping that it would open and we could set our shops, but the lockdown was extended. However, the government provided help with ration kits and food packets in those difficult times,” he told the PM.

The PM asked him how much he earned through his business. “I should not be asking this because I am not from the Income Tax department, but how much do you earn in a day?” Modi asked Vijay. He replied that he earns Rs 200 to Rs 250 daily.

“I hope that you and your family make a lot of progress with this money. By emphasising on quality and bringing the raw material at one time shows that you are bringing professional management to your business. This shows that if he a poor man has

money in his hands, he can make changes. I congratulate you for your skills and hope that you get famous and have a bigger shop and become a brand,” Modi said to Vijay.

The 32-year-old street vendor said he almost became a celebrity in Chowk with so many people visiting the stall and congratulating him.

Meanwhile, in a programme organised at Nagar Nigam, mayor Sanyukta Bhatia gave away certificates to 81 beneficiaries of the micro-credit scheme. She said street vendors are an important part of the informal structure economic system and play an important part in supplying a variety of products at nominal rates to people. “The lockdown impacted them badly and they lost all the money that they had saved. Now with the money which they have received under this scheme, they can have a new beginning,” she said.

Jr engineer at Irrigation dept found hanging in house

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An engineer at the Irrigation department was found hanging at his house in PGI police station area on Monday. Police said he committed suicide, but failed to explain the reason. The deceased was identified as Amit Singh (36) of Ganga Sinchaipuram Colony in the area.

As per reports, Amit was found hanging from the ceiling with a dupatta tied around his neck on Monday morning. He was rushed to a hospital where he was declared brought dead. Later, his brother-in-law Rahul Singh of Gomti Nagar informed the police about the incident. The police said Amit was posted as a junior engineer at the Irrigation department. The police sent the body for autopsy and started further investigation. “Amit was under mental pressure and the police were trying to find out the reason,” the police said.

MAN ATTEMPTS RAPE WITH STEP-DAUGHTER

A man allegedly attempted to rape his step-daughter and fled the scene after she raised an alarm, in Chinhat on Monday afternoon. Police sat over the case to keep their slate clean. However, on Tuesday, some of the family members of the girl leaked the incident to media, forcing the cops to swing into action. The police said efforts were on to nab the accused.

As per reports, the girl was home alone after her mother left for some work. The accused reached the house on finding the girl alone. The girl raised an alarm and it made the accused flee the scene. The girl narrated the ordeal to her mother when the latter returned home and the girl's mother sought police help.

DCP (East) Charu Nigam said the accused attempted rape with the girl. She said teams had been formed to nab the accused.

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Folk singer hurt in celebratory firing

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A Bhojpuri folk singer was injured in celebratory firing during a birthday party of a BJP leader's son in Ballia district. The man, a stage singer, was hit twice but is stated to be out of danger, the police said.

The incident took place on Monday in Mahakalpur village of Ballia at the residence of Bhanu Dubey, vice-president of the district

Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha. The event, marking the birthday of Bhanu Dubey's son, involved music and dance during which Bhojpuri singer Golu Raja was performing on stage along with others. A video clip of the incident has been doing the rounds on social media since last night. It shows a shaken Golu Raja running off the stage after being hit twice while singing. The police soon arrived at the venue to probe

the incident, although it is yet to name the person who shot Raja. Ballia Superintendent of Police (SP), Devendra Nath, has said that one bullet hit Raja's stomach and the other his hand, fracturing the bone. The Bhojpuri singer was been moved to Varanasi for treatment and is said to be out of danger. Meanwhile a jilted lover shot at a girl injuring her critically in Rae Bareilly late on

Monday night. The incident took place in Ukraina hamlet of Thakurairan Ka Purwa in Unchahar. The accused, Naushey, was trying to lure his 17-year-old neighbor and also made a proposal a few days back but as she refused and also warned of action, the accused decided to take revenge. On Monday night when the girl was sleeping with her mother outside her house, Naushey along with his friend

Ankush reached and opened fire in which the girl was critically injured. Local residents rushed to the spot after they heard the gunshots but they failed to nab the accused. The victim was taken to nearby Community Health Center from where she was referred to District Hospital and finally to Trauma Centre. Soon after learning about the firing, the cops rushed and arrested both the accused.

Liquor vends to open till 10 pm

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Uttar Pradesh government has allowed liquor vends in the state to remain open till 10 pm. However, this order will not apply on liquor vends located in containment zones. The excise department said here on Tuesday that the re-opening guidelines that were issued in September 30, 2020 will remain in place till November 30, 2020. Therefore, services that were allowed beginning October will remain effective till November end.

Liquor Sellers' Welfare Association (LSWA) welcomed the decision and said they hope to do brisk business. LSWA general secretary KL Maurya said the Excise department ordered the same in wake of their long-pending demand. "We faced a lot of hardships due to the lockdown and suffered huge losses. We were demanding that shops be allowed to open for extended time as sales are usually high during the evening hours. We hope to make up for the losses to some extent," he said.

Meanwhile the UP government has stepped up vigil on its border with the poll bound state of Bihar. The excise department has set up 33 check posts in the districts bordering Bihar and the police are conducting round the clock patrolling and each vehicle is checked. The additional chief secretary (excise) Sanjay B Reddy said excise department has also set up check posts districts bordering Haryana to prevent the smuggling of alcohol to Bihar.



Heaps of garbage outside Sinchai Bhawan office

Pioneer

NBRI transfers know-how tech of newly-developed herbal product

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NBRI transferred the know-how technology of newly developed herbal product NBRI-Uro-05 to M/s Marc Laboratories for commercial production on its Annual Day on Tuesday. The product developed by NBRI is a synergistic herbal combination for mitigating the conditions of urolithiasis, nephrolithiasis and also post-lithotripsy conditions. It helps in the ejection of the kidney stone and also provides relief if one has opted for an operation for kidney stone. Scientists said that ingredients of this herbal product are limited to five herbs which are easily available across the country. "The product is cost-effective and showed an 80% dip in

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levels of stone crystals in the renal cortex in the rat model with a 70% reduction in the number of stones. This product will work effectively in reduced dosage as compared to existing brands. It is also effective in prophylaxis and prevention of recurrence," they said.

The inventor team includes NBRI director SK Barik, Sharad K Srivastava & Ankita Misra from NBRI; Vikas Srivastava, Dharendra Singh & Hafizurrahman Khan from IITR, and SN Sankhar & Salil Tandon from KGMU. CMD, M/s Marc Laboratories, Prem Kishore said the product would be available in the market soon. NBRI celebrated its 67th Annual Day on Tuesday through online mode. INSA vice-president (International Affairs) JP Khurana and former head of Molecular Biology department, University of Delhi, was the chief guest. He delivered the Annual Day lecture. CSIR DG and DSIR secretary Shekhar C Mande presided over the function.

Lallu targets state govt, says UP unsafe for women

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Slamming the Yogi Adityanath government, Uttar Pradesh Congress unit president Ajay Kumar Lallu said that the state was unsafe for women and minor girls despite the fact that the Yogi government came to power after giving the slogan of 'beti

bachao, beti padhao'. Talking to journalists at the party office in Jaunpur on Tuesday, Lallu said that 'goonda-raj' was prevailing in the state and sisters and daughters were not safe due to poor administration, bad state of law and order and irresponsible attitude of the government.

"Goons and criminals are openly committing crime. Rather than controlling them, the government is bent on crushing the voice of the Opposition and is blaming the victim itself," he alleged. "Due to the coronavirus crisis, in a situation where lakhs of people have lost their jobs, industries and business-

es had to shut down, people's income have decreased, people are being forced to buy potatoes between ` 40-45 per kilo and onions at ` 90-100 per kilo. Lallu said that farmers are going through the most difficult phase. The new season of crushing is going to start while the government is unable to

pay the dues to the farmers. Farmers are having to pay three times more electricity charges than before for the pumping set for irrigation of their fields, he said. On the other hand, the government is not buying the paddy at the fixed Minimum Support Price and the farmers are forced to sell their produce

at `1100-1200 rupees as compared to `1886, he claimed. Lallu also addressed a public meeting in support of party candidate from the Malhania Assembly seat in Jaunpur in Ram Dayal Ganj. Former MLA Varanasi Ajay Rai, district president Faisal Hasan Tavrez were also present on this occasion.

CITYBRIEFS

ALLOTMENT

UP Housing Development Board organised two-day lottery to allot residential plots in Awadh Vihar Yojana, Sultanpur Road, Shaheed Path. The lottery, organised under the supervision of the joint housing commissioner, concluded on Tuesday. On the inaugural day, 41 residential plots were allotted to people belonging to SC/ST category while 34 to those belonging to general category. Two plots each were allotted to senior citizens and specially-abled, and one each to freedom fighter, MP legislator and others.

PATENT GRANTED

Venkatesh Kumar, a faculty member of the School of Life Sciences and department of Zoology, BBAU, has been granted patent for his novel work on 'Bio-foliar, an eco-friendly formulation applied for the growth



Vigilance pledge administered to staffers of Punjab National Bank

and productivity of different mulberry varieties, along with Dhiraj Kumar, a former PhD student of the department of Zoology. The invention discloses an eco-friendly formulation of bio-foliar, which has resulted in enhanced productivity and quality parameters of mulberry and augments the ultimate product of silk. Meanwhile, the Human Rights department of BBAU is organising Vigilance Awareness Week from October 27. On the first day, chief vigilance officer of the university Preeti Mishra administered the pledge of integrity to all.

VIGILANCE AWARENESS

Vigilance Awareness Week began at the zonal office of Punjab National Bank. General manager Sanjay Gupta read the message of the president, deputy general manager Mahesh Rastogi conveyed that of the vice-president

and Vitesh Kumar that of the PM to the staffers. Gupta administered the oath of integrity and honesty to bank's staff members. He said: "I believe every citizen should be vigilant and always be committed to the highest standards of honesty and integrity."

SEATS ALLOTTED

Ninety-two per cent of Lucknow University engineering department seats have been allotted in the first counselling of UPSEE-2020. LU spokesperson Durgesh Srivastava said it showed the preference of candidates who cleared UPSEE. He said 125 out of 132 seats had been allotted in Computer Science Engineering, 57 out of 66 in Civil Engineering, 61 out of 66 in Electrical Engineering, 60 out of 66 in Electronics and Communication Engineering, 60 out of 66 seats in Mechanical Engineering and

31 out of 33 in MCA.

DANCE CONTEST

Arunav Dutt Chaudhury, a class XI student of City Montessori School, Aliganj Campus I, won a cash prize of Rs 2 lakh, a trophy and a certificate for his performance at a solo dance competition called 'Dance Dil Se'. The competition was organised by Nikhil Mulay (Mumbai) online, allowing participants from across the country to showcase their dancing and singing skills. Arunav mesmerised all with his captivating gesture, expressions and dance moves.

कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता, विद्युत जानपद खण्ड, केस्को, आरपी. एच. कानपुर। अत्यकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना अधोस्ताक्षरकर्ता द्वारा अधोवर्णित ई-निविदायें प्रथक — प्रथम दो भागों में पंजीकृत / अनुमोदित अनुमति एवं कुशल ठेकेदारों से ई-निविदा के समुख दर्शित कार्य हेतु यू.पी.एन.आई.सी. केस्को की ई-टेंडरिंग वेबसाइट etender.up.nic.in / www.kesco.co.in के माध्यम से की जायेगी। प्री-क्वालीफाइंग शर्तें पुरान करने वाले निविदादाताओं की निविदा पर विचार नहीं किया जायेगा। निविदा का द्वितीय भाग (Price-Bid) को प्री-क्वालीफाइंग शर्तों के प्रपत्रों की जांच के उपरान्त आनलाइन ही खोला जायेगा। कार्य सम्बन्धित ई-निविदा के प्रथम भाग को अगले दिन 12.00 बजे के उपरान्त वेबसाइट पर आन लाइन सार्वजनिक रूप से खोला जायेगा। ई-निविदा के समुख वर्णित निविदा प्रपत्र की धनराशि का भुगतान आन लाइन (आर.टी.जी.एस. नेट बैंकिंग के माध्यम से) और नकद/बैंक ड्राफ्ट के रूप में स्वीकार किया जायेगा। निविदा प्रपत्र. दिनांक 28.10.2020 के 12.00 बजे से निविदा के समुख दर्शित तिथि को आनलाइन 12.00 बजे तक वेबसाइट से डाउन लोड किये जा सकते हैं। ई-निविदा के प्रथम भाग में निर्धारित धरोहर धनराशि जो केस्को, कानपुर के (नेट बैंकिंग के माध्यम से) केस्को के बैंक खाते में खाता सं० न० 628805018266 IFSC NO. ICIC0006288 आर०टी० जी०एफ०ए०/एन०ई०एफ०टी०/बैंक गारण्टी/एफ०डी०आर० के रूप में जमा की जायेगी तथा बैंक में जमा का साक्ष्य यथा योज्य यू०टी०आर० संख्या, पे-इन स्लिप मूल की प्रति बैंक गारण्टी की मूलप्रति (इश्युइंग वि०आर०ख०के०का०) दिनांक 27.10.2020, "राष्ट्रहित में ऊर्जा बचाए"

"STOP CORONA; Wear Mask, Follow Physical Distancing, Maintain Hand Hygiene"					
DELHI JAL BOARD GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER [CENTRAL CONTROL ROOM (CCR)] 6TH FLOOR, VARUNALAYA PHASE - II KAROL BAGH, NEW DELHI - 110005 Short Press N.I.T. No. 01 (2020-2021)					
S. No.	Name of Work	Estimate Cost	Tender Fee (In Rs.)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Date of release of Tender/Tender Id.
1.	Establishment and operation of Delhi Jal Board Call Centre (1916) including CRM	Item Rate	1,500.00	1,60,000.00	Dt. 27.10.2020 2020_DJB_196086_1
Last date/time of receipt of tender					10.11.2020 Upto 3 PM
Further details in this regard may be seen at https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in					
ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER) Advt No. J.S.V. 207(2020-21)				Sd/- (MOHD. KHALID) Executive Engineer (EDP/CCR)	

Cash, ornaments stolen from house

Lucknow (PNS) Thieves decamped with Rs 65,000 in cash and ornaments worth several lakh from a house in Krishnanagar. Reports said Surendra Nath Dixit of Pandit Kheda locality, along with his family, had gone to their native house in Hardoi. "We left for Hardoi on October 23 and returned this morning. We found the main gate lock broken

and cash and ornaments missing from the house," he said. Meanwhile, police remained occupied with hectic task as two groups clashed in Jankipuram and Ashiyana police station areas in the last 24 hours. In the Jankipuram case, the police initiated punitive action while in the Ashiyana case, the issue was resolved after both the parties

reached an agreement.

In Jankipuram, two groups of people led by Mukesh Rawat and Prince Yadav clashed with one another, causing the police to intervene. The police called both the parties and registered a case against Prince Yadav and his supporters on the complaint of Mukesh Rawat and also slapped SC/ST Act on the accused.

Former chief engineer of UP SIDA arrested in corruption case

PNS ■ KANPUR

The Kanpur police on Tuesday arrested a former chief engineer of the Uttar Pradesh State Industrial Development Authority in an eight-year-old corruption case worth ` 2.11 crore.

Arun Kumar Mishra was arrested from Ramadevi in the Chakeri area, Assistant Superintendent of Police Satyajeet Gupta said. Mishra is an accused in the ` 2.11-crore scam where in the construction of a road between Chakeri and Pali was shown on papers fraudulently, the police officer said. Ten days ago, the state government had sanctioned the prosecution of Mishra and several others, including then assistant engineer Nagendra Singh and junior engineer SK Verma. The charge sheet in the case has not yet been filed, he added. The other accused had approached the Allahabad High Court which has stayed their arrest, the police officer said.

In 2009, UPSIDA, formerly known as UPSIDC, had constructed a three-km road from Prayagraj National Highway to Chakeri industrial area via Pali village, said an official. The 1,940-metre road ahead of it was built by the Public Works Department (PWD), but the officers of UPSIDA including Mishra had shown the PWD portion of the road also in their construction project, the official added.

Then executive engineer Ajit Singh of UPSIDA, assistant engineer Nagendra Singh and junior engineer SK Verma were involved in



issuance of ` 2.11 crore in January 2009, stating that the road was constructed by Karthik Enterprises firm. This amount was paid in two instalments from UPSIDA. When the case came to light, Mohammad Iftikharuddin, the then managing director of UPSIDA, got registered an FIR in 2012 at Chakeri police station against Mishra and others, apart from Karthik Enterprises, the official added.

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NOTICE
Notice is hereby given in terms of Regulation 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company will be held on Monday, 9th November, 2020, inter-alia to consider the Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter ended on 30th September, 2020.
This notice is also available on the concerned stock exchange's website www.bseindia.com and Company's website www.sael.co.in
The members of the Company are requested to update email address, PAN and bank details with concerned depository participant for shares held in electronic form and with the Company for shares held in physical form to facilitate communication from the Company.
For South Asian Enterprises Ltd.
J.S. Aujla
Place : New Delhi
Dated : 27.10.2020
Compliance Officer
M. No. : A34144

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ
No. T-4/CETA/CNB/Security
Date: 07.10.2020

1st Corrigendum
Corrigendum in NIT of the work "Hiring of Security services for Civil Engg. Trg. Academy/Kanpur complex and Hostel complex at CETA/Kanpur." Ref: E-tender notice no. CETA/CNB/2020-02, Dated: 25.09.2020, for tender No. 2020-02
In connection with the above referred E-tender notice, the date & time of closing of tender was 27.10.2020 at 11:00 hrs. and date & time of opening of tender was 27.10.2020 after 12:00 hrs but due to unavoidable circumstances the above date & time of closing and opening are revised as under:
E-tender Notice No.: CETA/CNB/2020-02, Dated: 25.09.2020
E-tender No. 2020-02

S. No.	Subject	Revised Date & Time
1.	Closing of E-tender	20.11.2020, Time 11:00 Hrs.
2.	Opening of E-tender	20.11.2020, Time-after 12:00 Hrs.
3.	Uploading/availability of E-tender on website on www.treps.gov.in	From 11:00 Hrs. on 09.10.2020 To 11:00 Hrs on 20.11.2020

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)
Whereas, undersigned being the Authorised Officer of KARNATAKA BANK LIMITED, under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act], 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with [rule 3] of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice Dated **01.10.2019**, calling upon the Borrower/ Mortgagee/ Guarantors: **(1) M/s. Modenza Designs LLP, Rep by its Partners: (i) Mr. Deepak Rastogi, (ii) Mr. Karan Rastogi, addressed at: Kharsa No. 55, Ganeshpur-Rehmanpur, Opp. Him City Part-1, Deva Road, Chinhat, Lucknow-227105 (Uttar Pradesh), also at: #27/18, Raja Ram Mohan Rai Marg, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh State-226001, (2) Mr. Deepak Rastogi S/o Late. Narendara Kumar Rastogi, and (3) Mr. Karan Rastogi S/o Mr. Pankaj Rastogi, both (2) and (3) addressed at: #14/1, Jopling Road, Lucknow- 226001, U.P.** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.10,49,572.00 (Rupees Ten Lakhs Forty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Two Only) under PS-Term Loan Account No.4537001800004901** along with future interest from **01.09.2019**, within **60 days** from the date of receipt of this notice.
The borrowers, mortgagors and the guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers, mortgagors, guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken the Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest Enforcement, Rules 2002 on this the **23rd October of the year 2020**.
The borrowers, the mortgagors and the guarantors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property mentioned herein below and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Karnataka Bank Limited, Lucknow Branch for an amount of **Rs. 8,46,888.00 under PS-Term Loan Account No.4537001800004901 along with future interest from 30.09.2020**, Plus costs.
[The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (5) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.]
DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:
All that part and parcel of commercial property bearing Unit No.414-A, measuring 93.21 sq. mtrs. in the 2nd Floor of the building known as R. S. Trident, situated at No.10, Rana Pratap Marg, Vikramaditya Paragana, Lucknow District, belonging to **Mr. Deepak Rastogi, Boundaries: East : Unit No. 401, West : Unit No. 412, North : Artium/Corridor South : Open to Sky**
Place : Lucknow
Date : 23.10.2020
Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
For Karnataka Bank Ltd.,

Modi interacts with street vendor

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with the beneficiaries of UP including Varanasi under the 'Pradhan Mantri Svanidhi Yojana' through video conferencing on Tuesday. He has an interesting talk with Arvind Maurya, who sells momos and coffee near CMO office in Durga Kund vending zone. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath was also present during the virtual interaction. For interacting the PM, big LED screens were installed at various places in the city including at newly-developed vending zones at Sarnath, Jawahar Nagar, Nehru Market, Bharat Sewashram and Ravidas Gate apart from Pt Deendayal Upadhyaya Hastkala Sankul (Trade Facilitation Centre) Bara Lalpur, Paradkar Bhawan, Commissionary compound auditorium and Durgakund.

During his interaction with Arvind, the PM asked about how much the former had to run from pillar to the posts to get the benefit and in reply, the vendor safeguarded the local officers saying that he had received the benefit under the scheme easily. 'A week after the survey done by DUDA and Municipal Corporation, I got a call from Union Bank of India (UBI), Sonarpura branch, in which I've an account that my loan has been sanctioned and invited me to the bank branch with the card issued by Nagar Nigam and Aadhar card. First



PM Narendra Modi interacting with street vendors under Svanidhi Yojana in Varanasi on Tuesday through video conferencing

of all, I was surprised and felt someone was trying to fool me but later on, I realised the realities,' he told the PM, who while continuing his interaction with Arvind asked how the vendor made momos and in reply Arvind informed about the process of making momos.

Making the interaction friendlier, the PM said that whenever he visited his parliamentary constituency, he was never offered momos and in reply, Arvind promised him to offer momos whenever he would visit the city. Taking a pinch, Modi said that his security personnel do not let him eat everything like this and in

reply, Arvind promised to offer his momos to the PM as Sabri did in the Ramayana. Later, when Modi asked about running his business during the corona pandemic period, Arvind said that he runs a scheme of giving an additional momos to those who visits his shop wearing mask. Besides, Arvind also told the PM about his scheme of home delivery.

During his address, Modi greeted the Banarasi for fighting strongly against COVID-19 and praised the state for ranking first in Svanidhi Yojana, saying that the street vendors have a major role in the economy in UP. District Magistrate

Kaushal Raj Sharma said that PM Street Vendors Self-Reliant Fund was launched recently with the objective of helping small shopkeepers self-reliant and overcome from corona crisis and in the cities like Varanasi, Agra and Lucknow, a lot of work has been done in the recent months under Svanidhi Yojana. In Varanasi, about 22,000 vendors have been provided loans under the scheme.

According to him, about 43,000 online applications have been received and out of them, 29,000 have been approved and so far funds have been made available in the accounts of 21,700 vendors.

NCR GM administers pledge to Rly men

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ ALLAHABAD

With central theme 'Vigilant India, Prosperous India (Satak Bharat Samridh Bharat)' North Central Railway is observing Vigilance awareness week from October 27 to November 2, 2020.

General Manager Rajiv Chaudhry administered integrity pledge to Railway men and women on NCR and NR. During this year vigilance awareness week focus is on internal (housekeeping) activities which are being taken up in campaign mode. Activities identified on North Central Railway for effecting system improvement and auditing with objective to bring more transparency include management of railway land i.e. title of land, encroachment issues etc.; transparency and use of IT in allotment of houses/railway

quarters and other related issues; enforcement of proper payment and other benefits to persons working in outsourced services in railway, fair and transparent management of assets, plants and machineries etc. Thrust shall also be on preventive vigilance measures by regular inspection, requisite training for railway officials, clearly defining record retention periods, extensive use of IT for improved transparency and efficiency, proper management of railway schools, hospitals etc.

Besides this gender sensitisation is also part of this year vigilance awareness week and existing committees and systems for handling of complaints related to harassment of women at workplaces shall be reviewed and improved further. Leveraging technology has always been important to bring fairness and transparency in railway working and special

focus shall be given on use of IT as preventive vigilance tool and information system audit shall also be taken up of IT application in use on Railways.

In the pledge taking ceremony organised through video conferencing Senior Deputy General Manager & Chief Vigilance Officer NCR Navin Kumar Sinha, other principal head of departments, DRMs from divisions and other officials from North Central and Northern Railway participated. Similar pledge taking ceremonies were also organised in Agra, Allahabad, Jhansi divisions and other units in jurisdiction of North Central Railway.

Further a hyperlink to CVC's website www.cvc.gov.in has also been provided on NCR's website and employees are being encouraged to take e-pledge by sending SMS with

this information to all employees of NCR. Vigilance department officials have designed specific awareness messages for each day of campaign which will be sent to all employees through bulk messaging service.

Use of North Central Railway's website for dissemination of systemic improvement measures, announcement/ display of vigilance related matters, publicity using all media platforms etc. are also being done for creating awareness on vigilance matters during the week long campaign. Officials from Vigilance department shall also be conducting vigilance seminar in HQ office, three divisions and workshops of North Central Railway. During these seminars talk, presentations, case studies etc. shall be presented and discussed for sensitising railway officials.

CORE GM pays tributes to Patel

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ ALLAHABAD

The opening ceremony of Vigilance Awareness Week 2020 was conducted on here on Tuesday on the premises of Central Organisation For Railway Electrification, Prayagraj. General Manager YP Singh inaugurated the programme by lighting the lamp and by paying floral tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. This was followed by integrity pledge taken by all officers and staff of the organisation. A web-link was also created for the purpose to outreach maximum employees. During the week long Vigilance Awareness Week from October 27, to November 2, several programmes including events like speech competition, essay competition, quiz competition and seminars with the view to create vigilance awareness will be organised. Vigilance Awareness Week is being organised each year during the week com-



Integrity pledge being taken by all officers and staff of CORE

memorating the birth anniversary of the first Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister of Independent India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

PLEDGE ADMINISTERED: Vigilance Awareness Week is being observed in Bharat Pumps and Compressors Ltd. Naini, Prayagraj from Tuesday as per

the directives of the Central Vigilance Commission with the theme 'Satak Bharat, Samiriddh Bharat - Vigilant India, Prosperous India'

The inaugural function commenced with the administration of integrity pledge by Ratan Prakash, Chief General Manager. Thereafter the message of Central Vigilance

Commission was read out.

On the occasion, the importance of integrity and honesty in professional as well as personal lives and improvement in internal procedures and practices were stressed upon.

All employees were sensitised about the need for being honest and vigilant and for transparency and accountability in their work.

SN Pandey, Senior Manger (Vigilance) welcomed all the distinguished guests and gave an overview of various activities planned to be undertaken during the Vigilance awareness week and emphasised the importance of preventive and participative vigilance.

The inaugural function was attended by all General Managers, Deputy General Managers, all departmental/sectional heads, president and general secretary of Employees Union/Executive association.

Bharat Milap held amidst COVID-19 restrictions

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

It was the rarest moment for just a few dignitaries and others to have a glimpse of the reunion of Lord Rama with his brothers at the internationally famous Bharat Milap event of Nati Imli here on Tuesday late afternoon. It is a famous event which attracted even Bollywood to make a movie as it attracted thousands of devotees. However, due to COVID-19 guidelines and restrictions, only a few persons were allowed to go there in view to maintain the centuries old tradition with religious fervour. Unlike other years, just scores of people watched the event at Ayodhya Bhawan and some were lucky who watched the event from their house rooftops from surrounding areas.

Former Kashi Naresh Kumwar Anant Narayan Singh reached the venue as per tradition. The event was also watched by some dignitaries including Divisional Commissioner (DC) Deepak Agrawal. After the reunion of Lord Rama with his brothers, Kunwar Anant Narayan Singh gifted coins to members of



Famous Bharat Milap of Nati Imli being organised in Varanasi on Tuesday evening

Pioneer

committee as per tradition. It may be noteworthy here that as per tradition, children playing the roles of divine characters are brought to the ground of Nati Imli for public viewing of their reunion. Then the devo-

tees paid their respect by putting a tilak on their forehead and garlanding Lord Rama, Bharat, Lakshman and Shatrughan. Later, Kunwar Anant Narayan Singh returned to Bada Ganesh with the same

route through which he had reached and in a similar procession. The tight security arrangements were made at the venue of Bharat Milap to avoid any violation of COVID-19 restrictions.

50 more test positive in Varanasi

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VARANASI

As many as 50 new COVID-19 patients have been detected in the district on Tuesday, increasing the total number of cases to 16,575. The day also saw three more deaths, increasing the toll to 268. During the day, the follow-up negative reports included 138 patients. Out of them, 135 have been recovered from home isolation and three from the hospitals, increasing the number to 12,803 and 2,807 respectively. The total number of patients who have been recovered so far is 15,610, leaving 697 active cases. The recovery has improved to 94.17 per cent, while the mortality rate has increased to 1.61 per cent.

Meanwhile, Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Dr. VB Singh has informed that in the first report of the day, 27 positive patients were found out of 2,064 reports received. Till then, the total test reports received were 3,09,490 and the results of 1,959 are awaited. Out of them, 2,92,938 were negative while 16,552 positive. The total number of samples collected was 3,27,458. Earlier, two males aged 90 and 31 from Chhitpur and Sewapuri respectively succumbed to COVID-19 at Sir Sundarlal Hospital (SSH), Banaras Hindu University (BHU). With the addition of 11 new red zones, the total num-

ber of hotspots has increased to 2,294 including 242 red zones. One green zone has been converted into red zone again. There are 2,052 green zones with 16 new ones.

Earlier, under ongoing mass/ group antigen tests, all 205 tests at Shree Shiv Prasad Gupta (SSPG) Hospital, Kabirchaura, 111 at adjacent Government Women's Hospital, 42 at CHC Shivpur, 40 at Swami Vivekanand Government Hospital, Bhelupur, 85 at LBS Hospital, Ramnagar and 105 at Sir Sundarlal Hospital, Banaras Hindu University were found negative. It was for the first time, when all the tests done at these leading hospitals were negative. Besides, the Health department has distributed 2,768 Ivermectin tablets to 346 persons. So far, 11.14 lakh tablets were distributed to 1.39 lakh persons and out of them, 9.24 lakh tablets to 1.15 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.

Besides, the police of various police stations arrested as many as 32 persons under Section 151 of CrPc while challaned under Section 188 and took action under Section 51 of Disaster Management Act against four persons. During

checking at various points, 1,105 vehicles were challaned and 22 seized. Apart from this, ₹ 86,400 were realised from 92 vehicles while ₹22,000 from 537 persons for moving on the roads without wearing masks.

TEACHER CANDIDATES STAGE PROTEST: A section of teacher candidates staged a demonstration at Shastri Ghat here on Tuesday in protest against the delay in taking a decision in their connection. They urged the state government to file a petition in the Supreme Court to give its verdict soon in connection with the fixation of cut-off mark (60-65%) by the Special Secretary (Basic Education) as the court had kept its verdict reserved on July 24 last. They said that due to this, the future of 4.10 lakh teacher candidates is in the dark.

They said that Lucknow Bench of the Allahabad High Court in its decision gave its verdict in connection with the recruitment of 69,000 teachers on June 1 last but despite that the state government had released the list of 67,867 teachers.

They said that though they were in that list they are still waiting their appointments. They urged the state government to take a decision in this direction soon.

DOCTOR FOR PROPER CARE OF CHILDREN:

Senior paediatrician of Shree Shiv Prasad Gupta (SSPG) Divisional Hospital Dr SP Singh stressed the need for giving more care to the children during coronavirus pandemic period.

'As corona is not over yet, it is necessary to cooperate in the efforts of the government and the Department of Health,' he said, adding that if we talk about children, first of all attention is given to their safety. 'If both the parents of a family are hit by the corona, then there is no need to be afraid or nervous about the safety of the children. In such a situation, just a few things have to be taken care of,' he advised.

According to him, children up to one year who depend on breast feeding should not be taken away from their mother. If both mother and child are asymptomatic, then take normal precautions and continue treatment and if the mother's condition is serious, then hospitalise her. 'In such a situation, there is a need to keep the child separate from the mother, in which their close relatives or friends can help them,' he suggested, adding that if the child is also ill, then he should be treated completely separately with the mother. COVID-19 positive children can be shown in SSPG Hospital Room Nos. 35, 36, 37, 38 and 41 from 9 am to 1 pm.

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ ALLAHABAD

Cocking a snook at the custodian of law, some unidentified goons barged into the house at an area under the Bahria police station of Prayagraj, late on Monday night. The miscreants who entered the house through the roof took the landlord at the gun point and looted the goods and ornaments worth ₹ 5 lakh.

Among the stolen goods were gold and silver jewellery including cash, which is said to be worth around ₹5 lakh. On the receipt of information, the cops also reached the spot and reviewed the situation.

Gayauddin's son Qamaruddin lives in the Eitiya Ka Pura area, Mazra village of Jugnidi, gram panchayat of Bahria. He has two houses. One of them is a kutcha house while the second one is a pucca one. He lives with his wife Shah Jahan Bano in the Kutcha house, while others from the family live in the pucca house. On Monday night, the couple after having dinner retired to bed. Around 2 o'clock in the night, many crooks entered the house through the terrace from the empty space behind their house.

After hearing sound, Shah Jahan Bano, wife of GayaSuddin, woke up. At the

same time, the miscreants took the Shah Jahan Banoa at gunpoint. When she tried to shout, the miscreants threatened her to keep quiet, failing which they would kill her. After this, the crooks went to every room of the house taking Shah Jahan Bano at gunpoint. Apart from the gold and silver jewelry, the crooks robbed ₹45,000 cash and escaped after threatening her for dire consequences..

After the miscreants escaped, Shah Jahan Bano screamed loudly. Hearing her screams, her husband Ghasuddin including neighbours woke up from their slumbers. On reaching there, they came to know about the loot. The distraught family informed the cops. The outpost incharge Sikandra reached there with the force. The police interrogated the villagers along with Ghasuddin and his wife and tried to identify the miscreants. The police are trying to locate the miscreants. However, the goons are far from being caught.

Gaiyasuddin told the police that his two brothers live in Saudi Arabia. These days a brother has come home. He further informed the police that the miscreants had told her wife Shah Jahan Bano to sit silently after putting a gun at her temple. She could not even scream and her husband did

not know about it. He told the police that the jewellery of two sisters was also in his house. The robbery of about ₹ 5 lakhs including cash and jewellery took place from his house, added Gaiyasuddin.

MURDER ATTEMPT ON YOUTH: Crime in Prayagraj continues unabated. Criminals escape after committing the crime but the police fail to arrest them. Now a new case has come up under the Bahria police station. Here an attempt was made to kill the young man with a heavy stone near the bridge over Mansaita Nullah.

After this, he was also burnt with acid. After committing the crime, the crooks escaped. Police reached the spot on getting the information and admitted the young man to SRN Hospital for treatment where his condition stated to be critical..

Ramesh Yadav's 25-year-old son Amit Kumar lives in Jugnidi under the Bahria police station. According to Amit's family, he left home at around 7 pm on Monday evening to buy a Tavera vehicle. He had ₹ 40,000 with him. And he went to arrange more money. Family members said that Amit's mobile went off at 8 o'clock at night. This upset the kin of the victim. They launched a manhunt for him

but failed to trace the whereabouts of Amit till late night.

In the night, a fatal attack was made on Amit near the bridge over Mansaita drain of Bahria. The miscreants surrounded him, thrashed him brutally with brick and stone and left him half dead. Thereafter, the crooks escaped after throwing acid on his face. In the morning, the villagers saw Amit in a pool of blood near Mansaita drain and immediately informed the police. On receipt of information, the cops arrived and admitted Amit to the Swaroop Rani Nehru (SRN) Hospital in the city in critical condition. His condition remains critical there.

THEFT OF MINOR GIRL WORKED OUT: With the arrest of five persons including the government doctor and his wife, the Kydganj police claimed to have worked out the case of the theft of a one-year-old minor girl the incident of which took place on October 15 from Kydganj area..

Police recovered the girl safely and arrested five people including the government doctor and his wife. The doctor had given a contract to steal a child to three persons for ₹ 60,000 for his childless brother. Police have sent everyone to jail.

BJP is a workers' party: Yogi

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KANPUR

The Chief Minister, Yogi Adityanath while addressing an election rally at Ghatampur on Tuesday said Congress, Samajwadi Party, Bahujan Samaj Party thrived on nepotism, while the Bharatiya Janata Party was a workers' party. While these parties thought of their families and self-centred for the BJP 24 crore people of the state were its family. He said the party had taken oath to ensure the uplift of the people and it would remain committed to it till it was truly achieved. He said Goondaism and anarchy will not be tolerated in UP and said the state had successfully handled COVID-19 and saved many lives.

Recollecting all the major achievements in the country under the leadership of the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, he said during the COVID-19 pandemic ₹ 500 was sent into every account. He said the farmers were provided financial support and widows were provided pensions. He said under BJP rule all the villages were getting 18 hours power supply every day and very soon they would be getting power supply for 24 hours a day and this was because the BJP was committed to the peo-



Chief Minister, Yogi Adityanath addressing an election rally at Ghatampur on Tuesday

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ple to ensure development from urban to rural areas.

He reminded the people of the free toilets , LPG, free houses and said this was a road to development and this had been done by the BJP Government. He said the best part was that the youth was getting a guarantee for jobs . He said apart from this the Prime Minister has decided to extend 2.60 lakh roadside vendors economic help. He said law and order had always been the

priority of the BJP Government . He said it was the BJP who dared to take decision on Article 370 and added that the commitment and promise for Ram Mandir has also been fulfilled.

He said till the BJP Government was not in power there were massive land encroachments by land sharks and it had been stopped . He said land grabbing has come to a halt and the credit for this goes to the BJP.

Adityanath said in BJP alone a common man can contest an election and we have proved it in Ghatampur by offering ticket to a common man. He said there was no doubt that development in the country can be brought in by the BJP alone. He said Ghatampur was the abode of freedom fighters and we cannot deny this and true tribute to them will be to ensure that the people vote keeping them in mind. He said Kamal Rani Varun had done massive development in Ghatampur and some of her cherished dreams were yet unfulfilled thus to fulfil the dreams of Kamalrani Varun it was essential to ensure that the BJP candidate stood victorious. He said all people who had assembled here will have to take oath that they will follow the principle strictly 'Do gaz doori, mask hai zaroori'.

He said the fight against COVID-19 was really historic and the world today admired the country how it managed it successfully. The state BJP president, Swatantra Dev Singh addressing the gathering in the end said voting for Congress will prove highly suicidal and thus people need to strengthen the hands of CM and ensure the victory of the BJP candidate.

22 more test positive

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KANPUR

Kanpur Nagar reported 22 more coronavirus positive cases on Tuesday evening. Chief Medical Officer Dr Anil K Mishra said that 22 more people had tested positive for coronavirus infection between Monday evening and Tuesday evening taking the tally of confirmed cases to 27,638 cases. He said one COVID-19 death in the city was reported till Tuesday evening keeping the death toll to 728. The CMO said at present 1076 active cases were undergoing treatment. Dr Mishra said 4275 samples were sent for testing in the city.

KDA holds lottery for allotment of houses

KANPUR (PNS): Kanpur Development Authority (KDA) has organised lottery for the allotment of vacant houses under the Pradhan Mantri Avas Yojana Sabke Liye Avas (Urban) Mission in Bhagirathi-Janhvi, Sakrapur, Mahavir Nagar Extension/Ram Ganga Enclave Schemes here at Motiheel Ground No.3 on Tuesday. The categorywise lottery would continue to be organised till November 1 daily from 10 am to 4 pm. On the inaugural day, lottery among the 554 applicants belonging to Scheduled Caste/Other Backward Class, physically handicapped of general category and senior citizens would be organised for allotment of houses under the Bhagirathi-Janhvi Scheme. Vice Chairman Rakesh Kumar Singh has directed the officials to ensure flawless conduct of the lottery. Applicants of respective category of houses were required to be present during the lottery. The categorywise list of applicants was available on KDA's website also. They were required to bring the original copy of their application form with them for entry into the event. All the applicants were also required to follow COVID-19 norms to wear mask and maintain social distancing. Secretary SP Singh, Additional Secretary Dr Gudakesh Sharma, Executive Engineer Ashu Mittal and other officers were present in the programme.

Book 'Parnkuti Ka Sankalp' released

KANPUR (PNS): The book 'Parnkuti Ka Sankalp' written by Niranjana Deo Upadhyaya was released here at a function organised on Tuesday. Speaking on the occasion, author Niranjana Deo Upadhyaya said he had tried to compile his sweet and bitter experiences of life in the book with the inspiration of Hari Narain Tripathi to make good use of the lockdown period during COVID-19. The book could be a torchbearer for people, especially the younger generation, which teaches for not to compromise under any circumstances while confronted with the corruption. Instead, they should fight against the corrupt practices. A retired NTC officer, Updhyaya said he authored the book just for his self-satisfaction. The hero of the story, despite passing through great financial hardship, continued to fight against corruption and provide higher education to his children simultaneously. Dignitaries, educationists and litterateur present were Dr Hari Narain Tripathi, Dr Vinod Tripathi, Dr Jahan Singh, KK Awasthi, and many more

Blind murder case worked out

CORRESPONDENT ■ MIRZAPUR

The police worked out the blind murder case of an attendant of a temple, arrested the accused and recovered the weapon used for committing the crime. According to a report received here, Munna Saroj, a resident of Dhaurahra village who an attendant in a temple under Chilh police station, was found murdered on October 19 there. Interacting with mediapersons ASP Sanjay Kumar said that the accused had confessed their crime and had revealed that under a plan they had administered some intoxicating substance to the victim and then murdered him. After the incident the nephew of the deceased had lodged an FIR against the suspects, Manish and Chintu. However, during investigation no motive could be proved by IO Chhotak Yadav,



SHO Chilh police station. During investigation the illicit relation of the deceased came to light which helped in working out the case and Akhilesh alias Paali, Shatrughn alias Jerji and Santosh were found accused in the case. On their identification a sharp-edged weapon was also recovered. Meanwhile the Padari police on Monday arrested one person who was accused of raping a minor girl. As per the report, an FIR had been lodged by man on October 19 in which he stated that the accused had raped his minor daughter. Taking action in the matter SHO Venkatesh Tiwari during patrolling nabbed the accused from Pahadi Giraya while he was waiting for some conveyance. The accused was identified as Ratnesh Vishwakarma, a resident of Devpura village.

Mission Shakti warriors honoured

CORRESPONDENT ■ MIRZAPUR

District Magistrate Sushil Kumar Patel at a function organised at Jila Panchayat auditorium to honour the warriors of Mission Shakti, asked the parents to spare some time for their children too to teach them culture apart from providing all possible facilities to them. Probation officer Girish Kumar Dubey while giving details of activities said that with the involvement of 22 departments the Mission Shakti drive succeeded in reaching 12 lakh people of the district.



ASP Sanjay Kumar threw the light on numbers like 112, 181, 1076, 1090, 108 and 102 and their utility. CDO Avinash Singh underlined the achievement of the drive and said that it was the need of the hour that we spread the spirit of self-reliance, dignity and security among girls and children for making an ideal society. The function concluded with the honouring of warriors who played a positive role during Mission Shakti drive from October 17 to 25.

RPF drive against e-ticket touts

CORRESPONDENT ■ GORAKHPUR

The Railway Protection Force (RPF), North Eastern Railway (NER), makes constant efforts to protect passengers and provide them better travel facilities. The RPF post, Gorakhpur, found a 15-year-old boy in an unclaimed condition during patrolling at Gorakhpur railway station on October 24. The boy was handed over to the Child Line, Gorakhpur, Senior Public Relations Officer Chandra Prakash Chauhan said. Likewise on October 23, RPF post, Gorakhpur, found a 13-year-old boy in an unclaimed condition during the patrolling at Gorakhpur railway station. He was handed over to the Child Line, Gorakhpur. Under the campaign being run by the RPF against e-ticket touts on October 24 one person was

caught with seven e-tickets worth ₹5,055 from Itahia Bazar, Maharajganj, another from Mehdawal, Tulsipur, with four e-tickets worth ₹9,168, yet another one from Mehdawal, Santha Bazar, with two e-tickets worth ₹4,908 and on October 25 one person with 24 e-tickets worth ₹27,028 from Doharia Bazar, Gorakhpur. Action was taken against them under Section 143 of the Railway Act. The accused used the banned software for making tickets. Likewise on October 23 the RPF, Gorakhpur and Government Railway Police (GRP), Gorakhpur, arrested one person with two stolen mobile phones and ₹4,000 was arrested from the Gorakhpur Junction. On October 24 the RPF post, Gorakhpur, arrested three persons red-handed with six batteries. On October 22

RPF post Kanpur Anwarganj arrested one person red-handed with one rail material. On October 22 three bags of a woman passenger were left in 04005 Sitamarhi-Anandvihar Terminus Lichhavi special train which were given to her by the RPF. Similarly on October 25, two bags of a passenger in 02436 New Delhi-Varanasi Vande Bharat Special Express and a bag of another in 02569 Darbhanga-New Delhi clone special were left which were given to them by the RPF. The bag contained cash and belongings of the passengers. During an intensive checking campaign being carried out by the Railway Protection Force, NER in the wake of Bihar elections 35 bottles of liquor worth ₹17,500 were recovered from 05910 Awadh-Assam special train at the Siwan station and handed it over to GRP, Siwan.

Masks distributed

CORRESPONDENT ■ MAHOBA

SP Arun Kumar Srivastava distributed masks among people at Alha Chowk on Tuesday in view of Covid-19 infection. He said that the threat was not over yet and told the people to wear masks, maintain physical distancing from others and wash their hands repeatedly with soap. SP PRO S-I Rajesh Kumar Maurya was also present.

MISHAP DEATH: One person was killed in a road accident on Sunday. Reports said that Awadhesh Prasad Yadav (26) , son of Pratap Yadav, a resident of Khamaria village years, was going on Waheinga-Barabholi road along with his cousin Bhura Yadav, son of Ram Naresh Yadav, when their motorcycle collided with the cultivator of a tractor coming from the opposite direction. As a result they were seriously injured and were taken to Kabral CHC with the help of passersby from where the doctors referred both to Kanpur. However, Awadhesh Prasad Yadav died on the way.



SSP Jogendra Kumar inaugurating the newly-built office building of SP (South), at Belpur police station premises in Gorakhpur on Monday. SP (City) Dr Kaustubh, SP (South) Vipul Kumar Srivastava, SP (North) Arvind Kumar Pandey, SP (Traffic) Ashutosh Shukla, CO Khajni Yogendra Krishna Narayan, Bangsagan CO Nitesh Singh and others were present on the occasion. Pioneer

CEPC for betterment of industry

PNS ■ VARANASI

The DGFT under the presidency of Union Minister of Commerce and Industry and Railways Piyush Goyal convened a meeting with all Export Promotion Councils on Monday. Commerce Secretary, Anup Wadhawan, DGFT, Amit Yadav, officials from the Department of Commerce, Revenue, Custom, Shipping etc were present in the meeting with chairmen of all EPCs. Chairman, Carpet Export Promotion Council (CEPC) Siddh Nath Singh, represented the Indian handmade carpet industry in it and raised several demands of carpet industry like enhancement of import duty on carpets under Chapter 57 – in order to restrict import and promote our product, Singh proposed that import duty should be as high as 200 per cent, requested for separate allotment of ITC (HS) 2018 for Chapter 57 items for handmade and machinemade carpets and other floor coverings, requested to make mandatory RCMC of CEPC: – CEPC is the only EPC which not only works for promotion of exports of carpets and other floor coverings but also takes initiatives for social compliance i.e. eradication of child labour from carpet industry and their welfare. In this context the Council has formulated a code of conduct for

its member-exporters for non-use of child labour, registration of all carpet and durry looms, surveillance of registered looms through an independent agency, running of schools for children in major carpet-producing belts for providing non-formal education with mid-day meal, medicare and assured stipend, school uniforms, bags, books etc. Siddh Nath Singh requested that the CEPC should have power to implement its code of conduct for total eradication of illegal/forced/indentured child labour from the industry for which the Registration-cum-Membership Certificate (RCMC) should be made mandatory. Minister agreed to all demands of Siddh Nath Singh and asked DGFT to put quality standard check to stop import from Turkey and China, advised DGFT to examine and issue separate HS code for handmade carpets and agreed to give power of de-registration of defaulting exporters to the CEPC.

An earlier report said that the Export Promotion Bureau had recently convened the third meeting of Niryat Bandhu through video conferencing under the presidency of Rajendra Tiwari, Chief Secretary, Government of UP, in which Navneet Sehgal, Additional Chief Secretary, MSME and Export Promotion, UP Government, member secretary, UPPCB, Director

Agriculture, Principal Secretary, Animal Husbandry, Secretary ID, Special Secretary PWD and others were present. CEPC Chairman Siddh Nath Singh and Executive Director Sanjay Kumar took part in it and represented the Indian handmade carpet industry. Singh raised the issue for construction of hotel of international status near the Bhadohi Carpet Expo Mart. He requested for improvement in condition of roads near Bhadohi which was very important for the carpet industry. Principal Secretary, MSME & Export Promotion, Navneet Sehgal, said that government had already allotted the land for the hotel, sanctioned funds for improvement of roads and DM had been instructed to start the work at the earliest. Siddh Nath Singh further raised the demand for formation of carpet cluster at Mirzapur, Aurai and near Varanasi, requested for a flyover on railway crossing between Bhadohi and Varanasi for establishing smooth connectivity from Babatpur airport, creation of common facility centre, design studio and testing laboratory at all the three above proposed carpet clusters. He also requested the Chief Secretary for approval of CFC and design studio in Bhadohi Expo Mart. Chief Secretary and Additional Chief Secretary agreed for the same and advised for submission of proposal immediately.

DC inspects under-construction Panki thermal power plant

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KANPUR

The Kanpur Divisional Commissioner, Raj Shekhar, while inspecting the under-construction Panki thermal power plant on Tuesday said there shall be a surprise inspection every three months to ensure the working was smooth and to give momentum to the construction work being carried out there. He said working at pace did not mean there need to be any compromise on quality. He said this was one of the most important 'Mega Project' of the Uttar Pradesh Government in Kanpur and thus every care had to be taken to ensure the commissioning was timely.

He said this power plant under construction possessed

a capacity of 660 MW thermal power production and started in March, 2018 and the estimated completion period of the project was 46 months. He said the physical progress as of now was around 40 per cent. He said BHEL was the construction agency and this project had modern technology in terms of boiler techniques, cooling systems and had fully automated control panels for smooth and effective functioning of the plant .

Shekhar said the project was delayed by 6 months because of the COVID lockdown, but the Uttar Pradesh Power Generation Corporation and BHEL are jointly trying their best to make it functional by January 2022 as per time schedule of

the earlier agreement. He said with the commissioning of this power plant Kanpur will be immensely benefited as it would generate massive employment opportunities. Besides it will boost up setting up of ancillary plants around this campus . He said apart from this the plant will help in reducing the power fluctuations in Kanpur and will ensure 'stability of power supply not only to Kanpur city but also the nearby areas'.

He said another issue of importance was 'Water Conservation' & 'Waste Water Recycling' and this plant will use the semi-treated waste water of the Panki Sewage Treatment Plant of Jal Nigam for the boiler thus reducing the consumption of fresh water and

effective utilisation of waste water. He said the fly ash from this plant will help the cement industries as they will get cheap and readily available raw material.

He said the officials have been directed to ensure there was no delay and the project must take off by January 2022. He advised them to ensure all safety measures and disaster management set up in place before start of the plant. He said to ensure all possible steps to be taken for environmental protection and pollution control.

He was accompanied by Vinay Prakash Katiyar GM Panki power plant, Devendra Kumar SE HQ, Dy Commandant CISF and several other officials.

JKJ providing best quality jewellery

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KANPUR

Shree Jugal Kishore Jewellers Since the past two centuries had established their credentials among the leading jewellers of the city and held a trusted clientele. This year the jewellers have renovated their showroom with better space and facilities for their valued customers and has been thrown open for the connoisseurs. It may be mentioned here that Jugal Kishore Jewellers were noted for their craftsmanship for the The Nawabs of Oudh (Lucknow).

In the 11th generation, keeping in mind the changes in jewellery trends, they have introduced exclusive designs keeping in mind their customers and their taste. The jewellers proved to be trusted name and with the combination of ancient legacy and traditional creativity JKJ since 1857 had been catering to the specific needs of their clientele and putting up design in vogue for them .

JKJ had thrown open its modern showroom for a special week session for customers and it will remain open till November 1. The Director, Pankaj Rastogi while addressing the presspersons said to maintain transparency and quality, was the brand's forte.



Massive festival rush at renovated showroom of Shri Jugal Kishore Jewellers.

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He said this week we put up better options for the customers keeping in mind the modern jewellery designs and range and all this by maintaining social distancing and use of mask because the showroom focuses on health and safety of the customers as well. The brand was famous for its quality in the entire jewellery market.

In the present times there

was a big craze for diamond jewellery and it included light and attractive designs as well which can be worn for any function. Traditional look cannot be presented without gold jewellery and JKJ focused on traditional exclusivity. It has gold necklace, various attractive choker designs which can be worn in nearly all functions. A segment preferred heavy and traditional jewellery while

some preferred light jewellery and JKJ was providing all this under one roof. Be it investment or wedding one cannot compromise on purity of gold. Hallmarking was the major gold standard and thus keeping intact the faith JKJ was providing the best quality jewellery for its customers.

It also provided counselling and guidance in purchase as well.

DM holds meeting with Muslim religious head

KANPUR (PNS): The Kanpur District Magistrate, City, Alok Tiwari, while chairing a meet with Muslim religious head in regard to Barawafat festival at the Collectorate on Tuesday said as per the UP Government COVID-19 guidelines the festival will have to be celebrated. He said no procession can be taken out. He said this year there should be no roadside celebration or in public place. He said the festival needs to be celebrated with perfect com-

munal harmony and amity. He said no archways will be constructed in the city.

He said the Kanpur Nagar Nigam has been directed to ensure that it carried out patchwork on the roads and said every effort need to be made to ensure that there was proper and constant power supply and for this Kesco officials need to be directed to ensure it was carried out properly. He said only those events which were celebrated since several decades

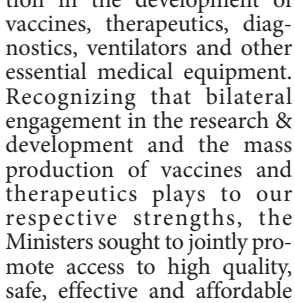
will only be allowed and not other will be entitled to do any other celebrations. He said religious places and homes can certainly be illuminated. The religious head assured the district administration that they would strictly adhere to the guidelines of the district administration. Prominent who took part in the meeting were Shehr Quazi, Alam Reza Noori, Shehr Quazi Haji Kuddus and several other religious leaders and community heads.

Youth commits suicide

KANPUR (PNS): After a fight with mother, a drug addicted youth committed suicide by hanging himself in Barra-2 locality on Tuesday morning. Seeing her son hanging, mother also fell unconscious and succumbed to her son's grief. Umesh Misra alias Raja (40) , was employed as security guard. He lived with mother Uma (65). Relative Yogesh Misra said Umesh was a drug addict and would oftenly exchange heated arguments with his mother. On Tuesday morning, when mother refused to give him money to consume drugs, Umesh again got involved in fight with her and went to his room. After some time, when mother went to his room, she found him hanging from the ceiling fan. Hearing about the incident, when relatives and neighbours began to assemble at the house, Uma also succumbed to her son's grief. Relatives informed that Umesh's father Radhey Shyam was also a security guard. He had also committed suicide by consuming poison.

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The Ministers also com-



In view of the announcement made during President Donald Trump's visit to India to establish a new India-U.S. Counter-Narcotics Working Group, the Ministers welcomed the proposal to convene the first such virtual meeting later this year, with an in-person meeting in 2021, to enhance cooperation between Indian and U.S. drug and law enforcement agencies.

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"Dynastic corruption, as in corruption transferred from one generation to another, has grown over decades to become a formidable challenge before the country," he said, reiterating strong action against the "dynastic corruption." "During the past decades, we have seen that when one generation of corrupt people is not punished adequately, its subsequent generations indulge in corruption with more impunity," said Modi. When a generation sees that a corrupt person in the family is let off without or very little punishment, their courage to indulge in corrupt activities grows manifold, he said.

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“Among major parties, the average assets per candidate for 24 Congress candidates is ₹10.25 crore, 43 JD(U) candidates is ₹4.95 crore, 56 RJD candidates have average assets of ₹4.82 crore, 52 LJP candidates have average assets of Rs 3.86 crore, 46 BJP candidates have

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Imarti Devi, who is also a minister in the Madhya

Bypolls to 28 Madhya Pradesh assembly seats will be held on November 3.

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Political gatherings in poll-bound Bihar and those constituencies where by-elections will be held were allowed with attendance of a maximum of 200 people in a close space or hall and in an open space depending on its size. In respect of certain activities, having relatively higher degree of risk of COVID infection, State and UT Governments have been permitted to take decisions for their re-opening, based on the assessment of the situation and subject to SOPs. These activities include schools and coaching institutes, state and private universities for research scholars and allowing gatherings above the limit of 100 etc.

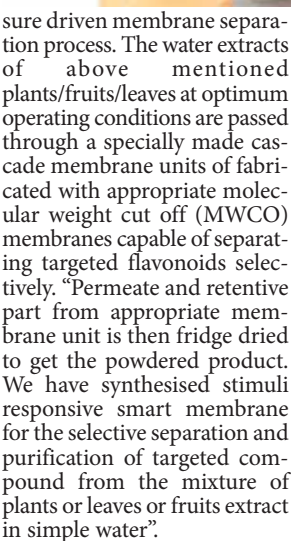
The report also claimed that the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) has the maximum candidates with criminal cases registered against them followed by the BJP. It said, "Out of 56 RJD candidates, 36, which is 64 per cent, candidates have criminal cases against them followed by the BJP with 29 out of 46 candidates which is 63 per cent." According to the ADR, red alert constituencies are those where three or more contesting candidates have declared criminal cases registered against them.

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According to a recently release State of Global Air 2020, long-term exposure to outdoor and household air pollution contributed to over 1.67 million annual deaths from stroke, heart attack, diabetes, lung cancer, chronic lung diseases and neonatal diseases in India in 2019.

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Professor Purkait, said, "The technology is exclusively pore/particle size based pres-



He also asserted that the developed technology will support "Make in India" initiative of the Government by producing these compounds in the country. "This will definitely reduce the import of said polyphenolic compounds. Implementation of the said technology will also create job opportunities in agriculture sector of the country," he said.

New Delhi (PTI): Ankhil Das, the controversial India policy head of Facebook who was accused of opposing blocking of right-wing hate content, has quit the company. "Ankhi has decided to step down from her role in Facebook to pursue her interest in public service," Facebook's Managing Director India Ajit Mohan said in an e-mailed statement.

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Bihar's new chapter

As the State goes to the polls today, the question is whether BJP will sweep federalism away or a young Tejashwi can halt the tide



This is probably one time when Nitish Kumar is relevant because of his irrelevance. And his young opponents, sons of his peers, thought to be irrelevant, are carving their own generational relevance at his jaded expense. The Janata Dal (United) leader and Bihar Chief Minister is for all practical purposes a face that nobody wants to see despite the BJP's repeated endorsement of him as a chief ministerial candidate. And for a short time he may own the chair, towed by his hefty alliance partners, who don't want to be seen as sinking him mid-course or appear unprincipled. For a man, who was once seen as a messianic figure and

deeply trusted to pull the State out from the dark ages of Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) chief Lalu Yadav's misrule, he has ended up being as one of its worst performers. For all the gush of the early years and the morality of prohibition, he stumbled and fumbled along the way without notching up the State's development index significantly. And the pandemic sealed his fate as an inept administrator who had bungled on rehabilitating returnee migrants, students and flood refugees. For an entire generation growing up under Nitish's rule, development has still been a pipe dream. Politically, the man who crafted his survival by pitting the majoritarian BJP against the secular-socialist Lalu, swinging between both depending on trade winds, and retaining the throne in the bargain, is now trapped by his own machinations. He cannot go back to Lalu, having shut the door forever when he deserted him and chose the BJP. And his relationship with the BJP, built on political expediency, is coming apart as its ideological push is against the grain of his inclusive politics. And although he crafted a new caste equation, rallying the downtrodden and nowhere people, the extreme backward castes and Mahadalits, that, too, can no longer be overplayed in a statewide epidemic of joblessness and hopelessness. At one time an asset as a regional leader, today Nitish is the BJP's biggest liability. He knows that and can scarcely do anything about it except give in to uncharacteristically angry outbursts. The BJP, by all estimates so far, is expected to be the biggest gainer in these elections, and will be charioting Nitish. For long, it has been ambitious about being the single largest party in the State and having its own CM face but publicly, it didn't want to appear as an unreliable ally, which used regional partners for its own benefit and gobbled them up in the end. And despite promising big economic packages and special status in 2015, it didn't quite push them, unwilling to benefit Nitish by association. But it did push the Modi aura and Central schemes aggressively and even deployed Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, who is the new-found favourite of Bihar's electorate, comprising a large number of migrants and students, whom Nitish did not want to accept for fear of a disease spread but who found a home at camps in UP. And for all the public denials of losing faith in Nitish and denouncing co-ally Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) leader Chirag Paswan for contesting against JD(U) outside the NDA fold, the fact is it wants the exact opposite. Chirag has been relentless and savage in his criticism of Nitish and proportionately laudatory about Modi, even vowing a life-long commitment to him and promising a BJP-LJP Government. The tacit support is evident as the central BJP leadership has barely pulled up Chirag in public or shared the stage, Modi included, with Nitish. If the verdict swings decisively in the BJP's favour, then there's no guarantee how long it will continue to back its CM nominee. As more and more of its allies get pushed into a corner, are choked and part ways, like the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) in Punjab, the big question arising out of the Bihar results, assuming the BJP does deepen its footprint, will be whether the central party's new target will be co-optive federalism, transplanting regional satraps with single-party rule in States and subverting the local agenda altogether. In his speeches, Modi has largely focussed on Central achievements than his plans for the State. The BJP's biggest strength, that of the Modi aura, is also its biggest handicap at the State-level where it lacks magnetic leaders. The halo is good for swinging a verdict but deliverables need to be felt at the State level with a well-meaning leader.

It is here that RJD leader and Lalu's son Tejashwi Yadav has undoubtedly seized the narrative in the public imagination. The huge crowds may not be a litmus test of a vote shift but he has certainly given what would have been a colourless election a talking point. Criticised much for not performing as Nitish's deputy and cooling heels in Delhi, he has woken up to the duty of legacy, parked himself in the State, worked the grassroots and built a connect across segments. He knows full well that he cannot fill his father's big shoes just yet and that RJD would still get the traditional caste-based loyalty and minority votes based on Lalu's goodwill. He also knows that people know why his father is incarcerated, because of the scams in his time. So he wants to carve out a broader constituency for himself that is more contextual than historic, which will focus on what he has to offer afresh and help him bury taints of the past. So instead of harping on the RJD's core plank of caste, he has made unemployment of the State's youth the pivot of his campaign, promising 10 lakh jobs to the surging crowds that gathered to hear him out. Such was the impact of his speeches that the BJP, while appearing unfazed, had to promise 19 lakh jobs in its manifesto as a reactive strategy. He has even co-opted the Left to appeal to all marginalised voters irrespective of caste and evolved an inclusive umbrella of those cheated by the NDA-Nitish combine. In that sense, he embodies Bihar's cure. Question is if he is too late for this round?

Be prepared

As India and the US enter into more formal agreements on the military front, we are also making major operational adjustments



The founder of the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, Lord Robert Baden-Powell, had a simple motto for the children who signed up. Just "be prepared", he would say. Twice in the space of 20 years, India's military intelligence and border guards have been caught napping, first during the Kargil intrusion and then the recent events in eastern Ladakh. The ferocious riposte by our soldiers has caught the enemy off-guard in both instances albeit with a heavy price in blood. However, the recent incident with the Chinese has led to further strengthening of the India-US military relationship and the presence of the US Secretaries of State and Defence

in New Delhi a week ahead of the presidential election is a sign that this will be priority for any regime that comes in. The signing of the Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement (BECA), the fourth and final foundational agreement between both nations, is significant. While this does not mean that India and the US are military partners or are close to forming any alliance, it does set in stone the military partnership for the coming decades, particularly with respect to the Indo-Pacific where China wants to make a mark.

In addition to these changes, there is also the dramatic shift in India's own military preparedness with the creation of five theatre commands and finally better integration between the various arms of the forces. Until now, communications frequencies of the three forces were separate even in an era of combined arms warfare. That it took the lives of 20 of our gallant soldiers to commit to such changes is tragic but it appears that the loss of Colonel Babu and his men will not have been in vain. An integrated northern command keeping an eye on China is a start but India needs to dramatically improve its intelligence gathering resources and on that front, the collaboration with the US will help tremendously. One thing is certain now, while China might benefit from a less aggressive Democratised US, India is certain to have a permanent ally. India is preparing to be prepared.



GOVIND BHATTACHARJEE

There have been plenty of debates and discourses about the New Education Policy 2020 (NEP) but not many focussed on its implementation. No doubt, the NEP is the most progressive and futuristic document and if implemented with sincerity in letter and spirit, it has a tectonic potential to transform India from an educationally lagged nation into a knowledge superpower. Indeed we have never had any education system, only a system of examinations and that, too, an inefficient one, based on rote learning that kills all creativity and innovation. The NEP aspires to transform this moribund system by aiming to produce "good, thoughtful, well-rounded, and creative individuals," who are needed to transform the 21st century India. But it has failed to provide a specific implementation roadmap, except specifying some broad targets.

Neither has it prescribed any accountability mechanism for its implementation. But most importantly, any great idea like this needs great finances. Education being a concurrent subject, both the Centre and the States need to share the responsibility for its implementation as well as finances. But the NEP has almost skirted the issue altogether.

The higher education in the country has seen phenomenal growth during the last two decades. The number of colleges, universities and students has quadrupled since 2001, and the private sector has grown much faster than the public institutions. Today, we have 993 universities, about 40,000 colleges and 10,000 standalone institutions, and nearly four crore students. But unfortunately, most of these institutions produce unemployable graduates and postgraduates annually, with very little knowledge and skill.

If we can forget for a moment our current military standoff with China, a comparison with that country might be instructive in many respects. In *India Unlimited: Reclaiming the Lost Glory*, Arvind Panagariya has provided some tell-tell statistics about China and India. Based on the Scopus database of articles published and cited in international journals, the National Science Foundation of US brings out annual rankings of different countries. In 1996, in almost all subject areas, China and India were ranked more or less evenly. In fact, India was a tad better. In terms of the total citations, India was ranked 19th

amongst all countries, while China was ranked 21st. In social sciences, India was ranked 21st against China's 24th, in chemistry and molecular sciences, India was ranked 11th and in physics 17th against China's 13th in both. But by 2017, China moved far ahead of us in all subjects — third in terms of total citations against India's 14th. In social sciences, chemistry and physics, China ranked fifth, first and second while India lagged way behind with 14th, fifth and eighth ranks respectively in these subjects. In the Times Higher Education Ranking 2020, China has three universities among the top 100 of the world, four in the next 100 and altogether 72 among the top 1,000. India has none among the first 200 and 36 among the top 1,000, half of China's 72.

How could China race so much ahead of us in just two decades? Actually, it had started its economic liberalisation in 1976, a good 15 years ahead of us. But it started reforming the education system in 1995, 25 years ahead of us. It realised that to become a great power and a great nation, the primary need is to have a good system of education.

What is a good system of education? If we take the US as the model, we would appreciate that a good system of education needs basically two things: adequate funding and decentralised governance with a very high degree of autonomy to the institutions. The US universities have complete autonomy in deciding admission, courses and faculty and they compete amongst

themselves to attract the best faculty, students and research endowment funds. They function independent of federal and State Government regulations with practically no interference by the State.

We had inherited a colonial legacy of higher education where universities were primarily tasked with granting degrees with very little focus on research, and by and large, we still remain the same. China has modelled its system of education in the Soviet-style after 1949 but Mao Zedong's Cultural Revolution nearly did it in. Then in 1995, as Panagariya informs, it launched the so-called Project 211 with the slogan: "For the 21st century, manage the top 100 universities successfully." In 1998, it passed the Higher Education Law, which liberalised and decentralised its higher education just like the US, with academic and administrative freedom given to higher educational institutions (HEIs). That law recognised the need for ensuring adequate funding and allowed tuition fees to be hiked by the universities, with State subsidies for those who couldn't afford it. So the tuition fees rose steeply from ¥600 in 1992 to ¥10,000 by mid-2010. The Project 211 funded \$4.6 billion (30 per cent on infrastructure) to 107 universities between 1995 and 2005. In 1998, China launched another project — Project 985 — to create world-class universities out of the 107 universities selected for Project 211. Under this, the top two universities (Peking and Tsinghua) received \$240 million for three

years. By 2007, the project had covered 39 universities. Of these, 27 are now ranked within the top 600 universities of the world.

The NEP has correctly identified many of the problems that beset our higher education system — like a severely fragmented ecosystem characterised by a rigid separation of disciplines with little emphasis on cognitive skills, learning outcomes or quality research, limited institutional autonomy, poor leadership and ineffective regulatory and governance systems. The result is that the Gross Enrolment Ratio in higher education is a paltry 26 per cent compared to 58 per cent in Senior Secondary and 79 per cent in Secondary schooling. The NEP promises to correct this by focussing on multi-disciplinarity, flexibility, emphasis on skill acquisition and quality research. To fix the problems, it prescribes that there would no more be any rigid separation between arts and sciences, curricular and extra-curricular activities, or vocational and academic streams. Students will select subjects of their choosing across all streams to excel wherever they can and discover their aptitude and potential. For this, it prescribes a roadmap of credit-based undergraduate degree courses with multiple exit options.

It has also suggested a new institutional framework comprising a new overarching body — the Higher Education Commission of India — with four verticals for regulation, accreditation, funding and learning outcomes, which will end the

multiple conflicts of interest that bedevil our current regulatory system. Research gets the maximum emphasis with a National Research Foundation to "seed, grow and facilitate research" in academic institutions. Most importantly, the NEP recognises that the HEIs need to be depoliticised and educationists appointed on their Board of Governance instead of bureaucrats. But given the present stranglehold of retired bureaucrats and politicians over the HEIs and their stubborn objections to any reform, it would be difficult to end their dominance over our higher education anytime soon.

The most revolutionary part of the NEP is perhaps its single-minded focus on multi-disciplinarity by creating large universities and HEI clusters and ending the present system of affiliated colleges. But such a major shift would also need enormous resources, and it is here that the NEP disappoints. The total combined public expenditure on education by the Centre and the States, currently at only about four per cent of GDP, falls way behind the target of six per cent envisaged in all our previous education policies. Consequently, our expenditure on research remains a pathetic 0.69 per cent of GDP. Without investment, neither the infrastructure nor the standards required for the NEP would be achieved.

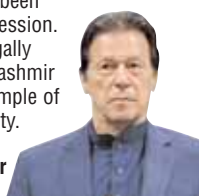
The NEP only paid some lip-service to this crucial element — by hoping that the Centre and the States will work together to raise expenditure to six per cent of GDP which it recognises as essential for "progress and growth." But it stops short of recommending that a law should be enacted to enforce the same. Thus, there is neither any commitment nor an accountability structure built into the NEP to ensure implementation. Maybe the committee had felt restrained by pandemic-related budgetary stress. This would be over some day but the future will not wait.

Meanwhile, universities can think of going beyond operating from their individual silos. They can form provincial and regional consortiums for better synergy. By mapping their educational resources and sharing these among themselves, they can together provide students access to the best facilities. Each institution can expand capacity in its strength area to optimise investment and specialisation and share this through a network of institutions. The mantra should be to give access to quality learning to all who desire to learn.

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SOUNDBITE

Minorities in India have been under continuous suppression. Locked up in Indian illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) is the worst example of suppression and barbarity.



Pakistan Prime Minister —Imran Khan

International cooperation is the only way to defeat the COVID-19 pandemic, the climate emergency, rising inequality and the spreading of hatred.



UN Secretary-General —Antonio Guterres

We had taken up a target of covering at least two people in each panchayat who are in need of financial assistance. I'm happy to announce that we have covered nearly 10,000 cases.



J&K Lieutenant Governor —Manoj Sinha

The plan for the Olympics is very clear to everyone and more importantly all players are clear about their own roles. Everyone is gaining confidence day by day.



Hockey player —Navjot Kaur

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A new Bill

Sir — As the world continues to live with the Coronavirus and there is no vaccine in sight, Governments across the world are trying everything possible to curb its spread. In a first, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said that he is considering to make wearing face masks mandatory in the State by proposing a Bill in the forthcoming Assembly session. Interacting with district collectors, college principals and other officials through a video conference on October 27, Gehlot said that every section of society should join the Government's initiative and make it successful. Given the fact that many are reluctant to follow the necessary precautions even during these trying times, passing a law to implement the same might help curb the spread of the virus, especially since we have just entered the festive season.

Amit Singh Kushwaha
Satna

Free vaccine?

Sir — The announcement of free Corona vaccine in the poll-bound State of Bihar by the BJP

Air quality in Delhi worsens after Dussehra

Air pollution levels in Delhi have drastically increased after the city celebrated Dussehra and burnt firecrackers in the process. The concentration of pollutants nearly doubled post the celebrations but bear in mind that Diwali is yet to come and with it, the Air Quality Index (AQI) will deteriorate further. However, this has become a yearly phenomenon and the problem lies with the Government taking only reactive measures like Graded Response Action Programme (GRAP) rather than opting for institutional steps before the quality of air decreases. In these grim times when the entire world is fighting the pandemic, this is aggravating our chances of falling sick.

Burning of agricultural waste in Punjab and Haryana is the main reason for the high air pollution levels and the Centre and State Governments should introduce an action plan to recycle the waste. Alternative uses of crop stubble should be discovered and made viable for the farmers. Improving public transport, increasing the use of clean renewable energy, using more electric vehi-



cles, introducing less polluting fuel and strict emission regulations can also keep us away from serious detriments. Obviously, there is no quick fix for reducing air pollution, it requires a series of different actions. However, the time has come to prioritise people's health by controlling the factors which affect the quality of air.

Ravi Teja Kathuripalli
Hyderabad

should not agitate those in the Opposition as people are well aware that such a promise will not be translated into action. It is no secret that scientists across the globe are racing to develop a vaccine for COVID-19 which has killed over 1.16 million people globally. And several dozen vaccine candidates are currently undergoing clinical trials. So, if and when a vaccine does work,

every citizen of the country should get the vaccine free of cost. BJP's sad attempt to lure the electorate in Bihar with "free vaccine" has not worked but it has definitely started a debate on whether these kinds of promises should be allowed to be made during elections. Also, while the BJP is trying to play the COVID card, it seems to have forgotten to take the basic preventive measures

during its rallies where people are neither following social distancing nor wearing masks. It is crucial to remember that such mass gatherings can easily become large virus spreading events. Though the BJP claims to be concerned about the people of Bihar, in reality, its only concern is winning the elections.

KV Seetharamaiah
Hassan

Goa's blue economy

Sir — Goa's locational advantages have allowed it to exploit economic gains from tourism and fisheries. While arguments over the under-utilisation of the available resources to boost marine tourism cannot be overlooked, it must be said that the ingenuity of locals in tapping the business potential from the ocean has been less innovative and more destructive. The matter of big trawler owners using Light Emitting Diode (LED) lights to net a better catch of fish comes readily to one's mind. Given its natural dependence on marine assets, the State could only be charting a disastrous course if it doesn't follow eco-friendly practices. Hence the foundation stone ceremony of the construction of a common facility centre for the Konkani Maritime Cluster at Verna Industrial Estate could be seen as a welcome step towards the State reaping the benefits of a sustainable ocean-based development pathway.

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FIRST COLUMN

Next poll stop in Tamil Nadu

One thing is for sure, the Sasikala and Rajinikanth factors will certainly play out in the 2021 elections in the State



KALYANI SHANKAR

The ruling AIADMK in Tamil Nadu (TN) is quietly preparing to face the Assembly elections scheduled for early next year. With just a few months left for the polls, the party is sorting out its internal problems by declaring the incumbent Chief Minister E Palaniswami (EPS) as its chief ministerial candidate and sidelining the other claimant and Deputy Chief Minister O Panneerselvam (OPS). Significantly, the 2021 polls will be the first without the two icons, M Karunanidhi and J Jayalalithaa, and will be a litmus test for the AIADMK and DMK leadership. In fact, none of the two parties has a charismatic leadership and more importantly, no party has ever had a hat-trick so far.

Though the fight is between the two major Dravidian parties, there are two X factors. The first is Sasikala Natarajan, companion and confidante of Jayalalithaa for years. Sentenced to four years in jail in a disproportionate assets case, she will come out of prison in February 2021. She has enough money and political skills to either take over the AIADMK or join hands with her nephew TTV Dinakaran. He has floated an outfit (Amma Makkal Munnetra Kazhagam) of which Sasikala is the chief. So far Sasikala has kept her cards close to her chest. *Chinnamma*, as she is affectionately called by her followers, Sasikala has many loyalists within the AIADMK, too, as she was a major force during Amma's time.

Sasikala's re-entry in the Tamil political scene at this time might ruffle many feathers. The only consolation is that as per law she cannot contest elections for the next six years. The party backed Sasikala soon after the demise of Jayalalithaa but after her sentencing, it united under EPS. The Chief Minister believes that his Government has managed to deliver on several fronts, including the management of the Coronavirus crisis, and he has strengthened himself within the party and the Government. Second, it is not clear whether *Chinnamma* will continue to have the same clout in the influential Thevar community, whom she empowered earlier. Third, Sasikala could also break the AIADMK and draw the disgruntled elements in the party to her side.

Fourth, the party faces several other challenges, including anti-incumbency, internal instability, the absence of a charismatic leader, and the onslaught of the DMK, which has been painting the EPS Government as weak and a pawn in the hands of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This is not surprising as the BJP has so far controlled the AIADMK Government from Delhi as EPS has a good equation with the Centre. The BJP has also worked to keep the party united in the State. It has no interest in dealing with Sasikala or her nephew and the sudden raid on Sasikala's property in Poes Garden last month reveals the party's strategy. Sasikala plans to move into the palatial mansion which she is currently constructing opposite Jayalalithaa's house in Poes Garden. As many as 64 of her properties have been attached, too.

The second unknown factor is the Tamil superstar Rajinikanth. Though he is depending on his fan clubs, it is not known whether he has the skills to organise and run his proposed party. Though wooed equally by the Congress and the BJP, it was only in 2017 that Rajinikanth announced his intention to launch a political party, ending two decades of suspense. In March he announced that his proposed party would contest all 234 seats in the Assembly elections. Rajinikanth is now focussed on strengthening Rajini Makkal Mandram (a political variant of his fan clubs).

He also stated that issues such as power-sharing in case of an alliance with fellow superstar Kamal Haasan, who had floated his Makkal Needhi Maiam (MNM) last year, would be discussed only ahead of the polls. Together, the two superstars would certainly draw a huge crowd but their vote-catching capacity is as yet unknown. Rajinikanth has been out of touch with the masses due to the contagion while Kamal's party got just two per cent votes in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls and failed to win any seat. Rajinikanth wants to fill the huge political vacuum left by Jayalalithaa and Karunanidhi. "This is the opportune time to create a movement (to oust the Dravidian behemoths). If not now, it will be never," he commented some time ago. The superstar once declared that he would not project himself as the chief ministerial candidate and would prefer to nominate someone young for the job in 2021. This clearly shows that he wants to be a puppeteer. However, many of Rajinikanth's fans believe in his famous dialogue from the blockbuster movie *Muththu*, "Nobody knows when I will come, how I will come, but I will be there when the time comes."

The political momentum and regrouping of parties will pick up in the next few weeks. As of now, it will be a huge challenge for Rajinikanth to fight the cadre-based Dravidian parties. He might have an alliance with the BJP given his Right-wing sympathies. The forthcoming polls in TN will show whether the arithmetic or the chemistry of the players wins. One thing is for sure, the Sasikala and Rajinikanth factors will play out certainly.

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UDDHAV DID NOT SAY A WORD ABOUT THE CONGRESS CRITICISING SAVARKAR AND NOW HE HAD TO ADDRESS A RALLY FROM SAVARKAR AUDITORIUM. POETIC JUSTICE —MAHARASHTRA BJP SPOKESPERSON KESHAV UPADHYE

POINTCOUNTERPOINT



THOSE WHO ARE RAISING QUESTIONS ABOUT US... WHY ARE THEY NOT GIVING THE BHARAT RATNA TO VEER SAVARKAR, THE MENTOR OF HINDUTVA? —SHIV SENA'S CHIEF SPOKESPERSON SANJAY RAUT

The FCRA fracas

When a few entities flout norms, the governmental system reacts by clamping down with more controls, inspections, reports, which are a hassle for all



SUBHASH CHANDRA PANDEY

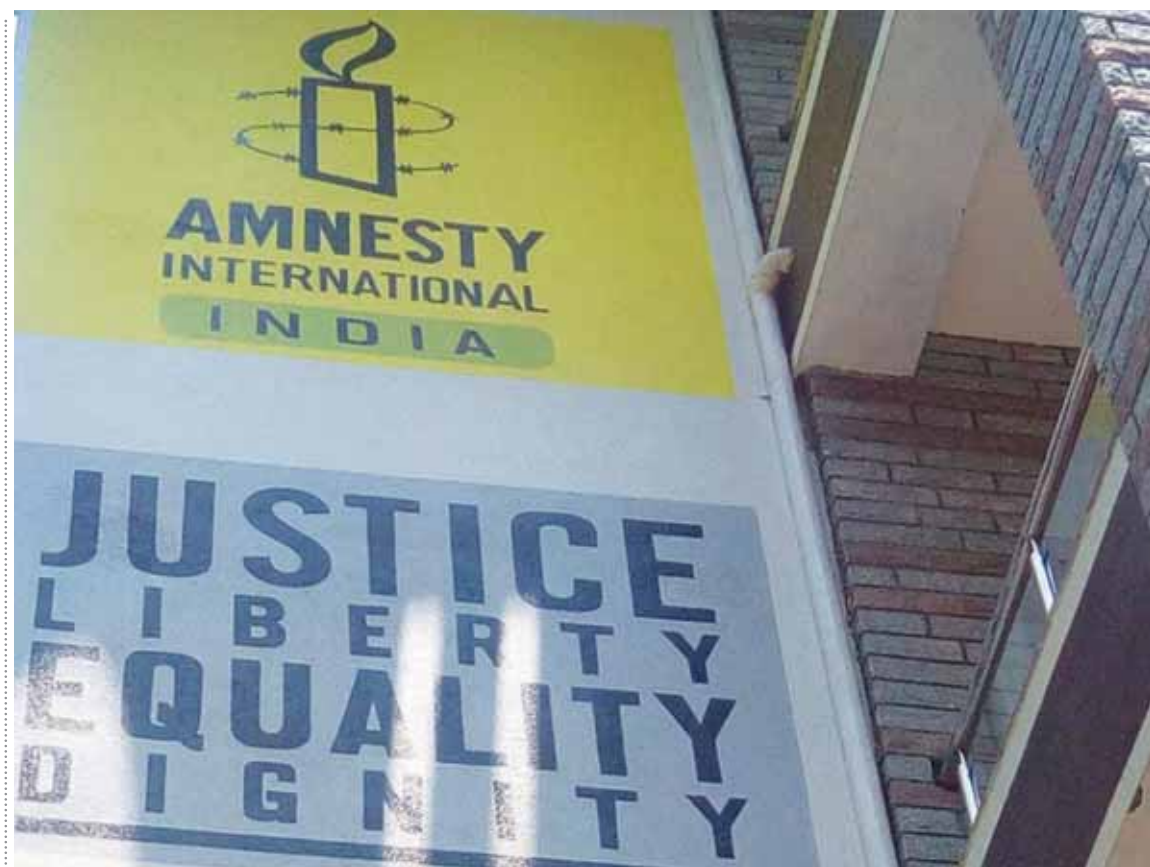
Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) play an important role in the development of society and a country. In India, too, many NGOs are engaged in implementing Government schemes to help the poor and many of them have their own ways of aiding the underprivileged, restoring human rights or working for the environment and so on. However, friction between NGOs and the Government arises when foreign-funded ones venture into prohibited areas like politics and take a stand on communal and social disharmony. The Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA), 1976, was enacted to regulate foreign funding, requiring prior permission or intimation of/to the Government. While retaining the basic framework, the Act was rewritten in 2010 and amended in the last Parliament session in September. The law aimed at curbing foreign funding influencing politics, religious conversions and fomenting strife among communities. We are a proud, open democracy. Like any human institution, our systems may not be perfect. We do have problems to resolve but we don't need foreigners who try to accentuate divisions, disaffection and alienation among people, playing on the insecurities of the wronged, deprived and misguided sections.

The NGOs engaged in "proxy politics" were unwelcome right from 1976. If they fish in troubled waters, they will face a pushback. They are free to go to undemocratic countries to help their voiceless people if they are allowed to operate there. Specifically, the 1976 Act banned election candidates, "correspondent, columnist, cartoonist, editor, owner, printer or publisher of a registered newspaper", judges and Government/PSU employees, legislators, political parties and their office-bearers from accepting any foreign funds. (The 2010 Act added television and digital media too.) It prohibited "organisations of a political nature, not being a political party" from accepting any foreign contribution directly or indirectly through any proxy without prior permission of the Government.

It allowed non-political entities "having a definite cultural, economic, educational, religious or social programme" to receive foreign assistance provided they register with the Government and keep it informed about its quantum, source, time, purpose, bank account and actual utilisation. But the 2010 Act tightened control on ultimate recipients of foreign contributions by stipulating that FCRA-registered entities can transfer funds only to other FCRA-registered/regulated entities. The recent 2020 amendment has totally banned transfer of funds to others. The receiving NGO must spend all foreign contribution itself. It cannot become a distributing intermediary. The 1976 Act authorised the Government to deny access to foreign contributions if it prejudicially affected the sovereignty and integrity of India; or public interest; or freedom/fairness of election to any legislature; or friendly relations with any foreign State; harmony between religious, racial, linguistic, regional, social groups, castes or communities. The term "social" was added in 2010. The evolution of the FCRA law clearly shows its basic intent: Foreigners indulging in local politics are not welcome. The legislative intent was to curb foreign interference in domestic politics, the media, judiciary and the Government.

Critics saw the law as an attempt to clamp down on political dissent and the religious freedom of people to preach and of citizens to change their faith if they so wished. There was also criticism that the broad, vague restrictions for NGO funding and operations would have a stifling effect on the constitu-

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tionally guaranteed rights to freedom of association, expression and assembly. Plus there were fears that with the amendments, the Government had expanded its own discretion, bureaucratic control and oversight with respect to the day-to-day functioning of NGOs in India and left them vulnerable to partisan behaviour and favouritism. While basic human rights are assured by India to everyone, including foreigners, some rights are available only to Indian citizens. Foreigners everywhere are expected to comply with local laws. Foreign debt, equity and grants are regulated when they prejudicially affect national security, local culture, education, religion and social harmony. If an NGO indulges in political and religious activities, it is bound to invite political backlash. The following amendments to the FCRA Act have generated controversy.

Cap on administrative expenses: The 2010 Act stipulated a ceiling of 50 per cent on administrative expenses, which can be relaxed with the approval of the Government. The recent amendment has reduced this 50 per cent to 20 per cent. NGOs must seek Government approval to exceed the 20 per cent limit with proper justification (like expenses on a non-recurring event or being advocacy NGOs, not having projects). NGOs should spend more on implementation of projects, help poor beneficiaries rather than lavishly spend on their salaries, office rent, allied charges, business class travel, expensive event venues and so on. Only 1,328 NGOs reported administrative expenses over 20 per cent in 2018-19.

AADHAAR/Passport/Overseas Citizenship of India card for key managerial personnel: The new law requires NGOs to furnish Aadhaar numbers of all key functionaries while seeking FCRA registration, renewal of registration or prior permission to obtain foreign contribution. For foreigners/OCIs, a copy of passport or OCI card will do. This is a one-time requirement.

Routing of funds through a bank account in the SBI: The new law requires foreign contributions to be routed through a bank account with the SBI in New Delhi. From there, funds can go to other FCRA accounts and these must not receive other funding to avoid mixing of regulated and unregulated funds. NGOs can continue using their preferred bank account after foreign funding inflows pass through this SBI account. This is a one-time hassle. NGOs don't need to come to Delhi. They can approach the nearest SBI branch. Of the 21,490 NGOs filing FCRA returns in 2018-19, 1,488 were Delhi-registered. As many as 2,214 NGOs were registered in three years between 2017 and 2019. The SBI is expected to facilitate/fast-track the process. The Government may give some transition time so that the fund flow does not come to a halt during the current pandemic.

NGOs can't be financial intermediaries to route foreign contributions: The most substantive change in the 2020 amendment is that an FCRA-registered NGO cannot transfer funds to other NGOs. It has to directly spend all foreign funds it receives. Under the 2010 law, such transfer was permitted to other FCRA-registered entities. So bigger NGOs could act as a funnel to route foreign funds to grassroots organisations. Now these larger NGOs will have to re-orient their working to start either direct spending or start connecting foreign donors and FCRA-registered grassroots organisations. Foreign funds will bypass the bank accounts of these intermediary NGOs and go directly to the ultimate beneficiary NGOs.

Foreign funds received by NGOs totalled ₹18,337.66 crore in 2016-17, ₹19,764.64 crore in 2017-18 and ₹20,011.21 crore in 2018-19. About half of 21,490 NGOs filing returns in 2018-19 reported nil foreign grants in 2018-19.

In 2018-19, 4,107 NGOs received ₹1,768 crore as re-grants from bigger NGOs, with a median transfer value of ₹7.6 lakh. Half of them received less than

₹7.6 lakh. Pruning of intermediation cost would mean more bang for the buck for genuine foreign donors. It will help the Government to know which foreign donor is funding which Indian NGO. Intermediary NGOs were an obstruction to this transparency and may be adding to the cost. Sub-granting entailed double counting of foreign contribution, by intermediary and final recipient. Who received what and from which foreign donor was unclear. Transparency should be welcomed. Of course, to avoid sudden disruption of fund flow during the pandemic, some transition time should be allowed.

Non-compliance: The 2010 Act barred following types of entities from getting/renewing FCRA registration: Fictitious or *benami* entities; entities prosecuted or convicted for indulging in activities aimed at religious conversions through inducement or force; prosecuted or convicted for creating communal tension; found guilty of diversion or misutilisation of funds; engaged in propagation of sedition or advocating violent methods to achieve its ends; using foreign contributions for personal gains or diverting for undesirable purposes.

The Government has strengthened the mechanism to root out non-compliant NGOs. The period of cancellation of registration has been changed from up to 180 days to 360 days. The FCRA registrations of 14,500 NGOs were cancelled in five years ending December 2019. These were mostly duplicate registrations held by some NGOs. Failure to file annual returns also invited some cancellations as was the case with the crackdown on shell companies. In 2017-18, names of 2.26 lakh companies were struck off.

When a few entities flout norms, the governmental system reacts by clamping down with more controls, inspections, reports, which are a hassle for all. But it is necessary to keep errant NGOs in line.

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Still awaiting an inclusive election

The political participation of *divyangs* and the elderly remains slim even though 2019 was pitched to be 'Year of Accessible Elections' by EC



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With Bihar Assembly elections beginning today, political parties have been busy wooing voters with major sops. The BJP's promise to provide free Coronavirus vaccines to all in poll-bound Bihar stirred a political controversy and drew the attention of the Election Commission of India (ECI). However, most parties are ignoring voters with disabilities.

About 13 per cent of the elderly and *divyang* voters have decided to opt for the postal ballot drop-off and pick-up facility for the first phase of the election. Significantly, Bihar is

the first State to go to the polls since the enactment of the Rights of Persons With Disabilities (RPWD) Act, 2016. Though the Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities has made extensive efforts to ensure greater participation of *divyang* voters, there have been some oversights. In Bihar 50 per cent of *divyangs* do not use public transport and nearly 70 per cent do not access Government buildings. Only 40 per cent possess the disability certificate that is required to avail all governmental incentives. This is because to procure that certificate, they have to visit a primary health-care centre, which is usually situated too far from rural areas. Further, the job does not get done in one trip and they have to make frequent visits because of the callous attitude of the medical authorities.

However, Bihar cannot be singled out for such irregularities. Even though Delhi saw a rise in the number of *divyang* and elderly voters in the last Assembly election, polling

booths, help desks, obstacle-free, wide and levelled pathways to the voting compartment and ramps were not as per Government regulations. Previously, too, various States like Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh failed to organise the voting system for this disadvantaged segment.

Hence, the political participation of *divyangs* and the elderly remains slim even though 2019 was pitched to be the "Year of Accessible Elections" by the EC. The REV-UP campaign (Register-Enable-Vote) was badly affected and the political rights of the elderly and the *divyangs* have been denied.

Equity and inclusion remain a distant dream for the differently abled who constitute 2.21 per cent of our total population. Now, with the exercise of social distancing necessitated by the pandemic, meeting the pressing needs of the elderly and the *divyangs*, right from sourcing essential supplies to accessing medical treatment, has become problematic.

This has also made them doubly marginalised and invisible in these troubled times.

The Accessible India Campaign, launched by the Government in 2015, attempts to make the overall environment more inclusive for the differently-abled. However, the campaign for equal opportunities and protection of rights is still unheard of and unnoticed and has taken a back seat in Government agenda. The picture remains grim as State governments have not shown a good response. Despite the Accessible India Campaign, accessibility to public institutions remained a major challenge and as of today, several Government-run and aided institutions are not disabled-friendly.

If data provided by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPWD) are to be believed, initially out of the 1,653 buildings audited by access auditors, State Governments had sent proposals for only 647. As many as 12 cities had not sent even

a single proposal. There have been glaring differences between the Centre and the States in terms of coordination, framing and execution of the policies for a barrier-free environment. Apart from accessibility issues, the differently-abled are subjected to socio-economic, educational and political deprivations.

The dimension of gender cannot be ignored, too, as 44 per cent of the total *divyangs* are women with challenges. Of this, around 21 per cent are married and divorce cases remain high for several reasons. Significantly around 69 per cent of the *divyangs* reside in rural India. The kind of predicament that the differently-abled face in rural pockets is significant. Yet, this is missing in the mainstream discourse and warrants urgent attention.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation reveals that 75 per cent of differently-abled children are deprived of elementary education. The scene is again dismal in higher education

because of varied reasons. Only about 28.8 per cent of the *divyangs* in the country possess the certificate of disability, which is required to avail their rights. As a result of this and due to the policy paralysis and inaccessibility pattern of workplaces, only 34 lakh *divyangs* out of 1.34 crore are employed in the country.

Recently, the Centre asked State Governments to make a list of the *divyangs* who are yet to be a part of the Public Distribution System and cover them under the National Food Security Act, 2013. However, the callous attitude of the State machinery is quite apparent.

There are umpteen cases which signal the violation of the human rights of the disabled. There should be an overhaul of public policy to mainstream this marginalised segment and achieve inclusive development.

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FOREIGN EYE



NOT A JUST THING TO DO

The unpredictable American system of life tenure has led to four presidents picking six or more justices and four presidents selecting none, as happened with Jimmy Carter. This gives some presidents too much influence on the Supreme Court and others too little. It also leads to justices remaining on the court when they are unable either physically or mentally to do the job. This must change. (The NYT editorial)

Amazon flexes muscles but Reliance holds deep war chest

IAN S ■ NEW DELHI

The face-off between Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) and Jeff Bezos-run behemoth Amazon over the retail assets of Future Group in India has once again exposed the ambition of the so-called "gate-keeper for e-commerce" to keep the reins of a growing retail market in the country in its hands.

The legal battle in Singapore aims to stop Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd (RRVL), a subsidiary of RIL, from dominating the burgeoning retail market in India -- estimated to reach \$1.1-\$1.3 trillion by 2025, from \$0.7 trillion in 2019, growing at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 9-11 per cent (according to the lat-

est report by Boston Consulting Group and the Retailers' Association of India).

That Amazon does not like new and direct competition to its business in any country and will do anything to somehow scuttle it, was conveyed earlier this month by the US House Judiciary Antitrust Subcommittee examining the health of competition in digital markets and the business practices of Amazon, Apple, Facebook and Google.

"Amazon's acquisition strategy has primarily focused on purchasing its competitors and companies that operate in adjacent markets, providing access to additional valuable customer data.

This strategy has effectively protected and expanded Amazon's market power in e-

commerce and helped Amazon extend that power to other markets. Over the past two decades, Amazon has acquired at least 100 companies," the US House panel said in its 450-page report.

"Amazon has monopoly power over many small- and medium-sized businesses that do not have a viable alternative to Amazon for reaching online consumers," the report further read.

"Amazon has engaged in extensive anticompetitive conduct in its treatment of third-party sellers. Publicly, Amazon describes third-party sellers as 'partners.' But internal documents show that, behind closed doors, the company refers to them as 'internal competitors,'" the US House panel report stressed.

Economy reviving, but GDP growth to be negative or near zero this fiscal: FM

New Delhi: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday said there were visible signs of revival in the economy but the GDP growth may be in the negative zone or near zero in the current fiscal.

She said the economy saw a contraction in the April-June quarter, but demand has picked up in the festival season.

Speaking at the India Energy Forum of CERAWeek, she said infrastructure, fintech and all employment generating and asset creating industries would be priority sectors for the government.

Sitharaman further said recent data indicates revival in the economy, with PMI number being the highest since

2012. "Which sort of indicates that the revival is there which is going to be steady and sustainable revival. If that sustainable revival is going to happen between quarter three and quarter four, we expect that the overall GDP growth... (is) going to be in the negative or near zero this time," she said.

PTI

‘Aatmanirbhar Bharat’ about creating globally competitive enterprises: Prime Minister

IAN S ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday called upon exporters to create "globally competitive" enterprises in India in the spirit of his flagship mission, 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'. In his message to the EEPIC India, Modi said: "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" is about creating globally competitive enterprises in

India."The Prime Minister's message was aired during the inauguration of the engineering exporters' apex body, EEPIC India's first virtual exhibition, 'India Subcontracting Expo 2020' for overseas buyers. Through his message, the Prime Minister conveyed that science and engineering have a major role in realising the objectives of the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' programme.

Markets buck weak global trend; Kotak Bank zooms over 12 pc

Mumbai: Domestic equity benchmarks shrugged off bearish global cues to end with smart gains on Tuesday, propelled by heavy buying in Kotak Mahindra Bank.

Investor sentiment got a leg up after MSCI said it would rejig its global indices to reflect changes in the country's foreign ownership limits for stocks, which is expect-

ed to spur FII inflows into Indian equities, traders said. The 30-share BSE Sensex surged 376.60 points or 0.94% to finish at 40,522.10. The broader NSE Nifty climbed 121.65 points or 1.03 per cent to 11,889.40. Kotak Mahindra Bank was the star performer in the Sensex pack, soaring 12.17%, after the lender reported a 22% growth in consol-

idated net profit at ₹2,947 crore for the July-Sept quarter. Without denying speculations about a merger with smaller rival IndusInd Bank, the private sector lender also said the objectives of its recent ₹7,000-crore capital raising exercise included acquisitions but added that it will be using the money judiciously.

Covid-19 to erode 3 yrs of fiscal consolidation of States: RBI

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The additional outgo to combat the impact of Covid-19 will significantly erode the fiscal consolidation achieved by the State Govts in the past three years, an RBI report said on Tuesday. In its study of the state budgets of 2020-21, the RBI report said that Gross Fiscal Deficit of the States would spiral during the current fiscal. "States have

budgeted their consolidated GFD at 2.8 per cent of GDP in 2020-21; however, the Covid-19 pandemic may alter budget estimates significantly, eroding the gains of consolidation secured in the preceding 3 years - average GFD for States that presented their budgets before the outbreak of Covid-19 is 2.4% of GSDP, while the average for budgets presented post-lockdown is 4.6%," the report said.

INBRIEF

PNB DONATES EMERGENCY VEHICLE

New Delhi: As a part of a CSR initiative, the nation's leading public sector bank, Punjab National Bank (PNB), today donated emergency vehicle to Bhaoroa Deoras Sewa Nyas. The vehicle is to be used by the Nyas for the help of sick persons and their families who visit Delhi for treatment at AIIMS. Honorable Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Science and Technology and Earth Sciences, Dr. Harsh Vardhan along with Shri CH SS Malikarjuna Rao, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer handed over the key to the Trust.



NORTHERN RAILWAY CELEBRATES VIGILANCE WEEK

The Vigilance Awareness Week for the year 2020 was kicked off by Northern Railway at its Headquarters Office, Baroda House, New Delhi today i.e. on 27.10.2020. The oath of integrity was administered by Shri. Rajiv Chaudhry, General Manager, Northern & North Central Railway. The ceremony was attended by a large number of Railway Officials and Senior Officers. The week is observed all the Government bodies and seeks to spread awareness about the necessity of honesty and uprightness. The theme of the week this year is "Satark Bharat Samridh Bharat".



VIGILANCE PLEDGE TAKES PLACE IN CLW

Chittaranjan: Vigilance Awareness Week 2020 is being observed in Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW) from 27th Oct' to 2nd Nov., 2020. Shri Praveen Kumar Mishra, General Manager administered the Vigilance Pledge in the Administrative Office foyer on 27th October 2020. On this occasion, Shri R.Yadav, Chief Vigilance Officer & Sr.DyGM, Shri M. K. Chatterjee, Dy. Chief Vigilance Officer along with other Head of departments, Sr. Officers, Staff Council members and Staff of CLW were present on the occasion, adhering to the safety norms of COVID-19 such as wearing face mask, maintaining social distancing etc.



NIFTY 50						
SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP	CHANGE	
NIFTY 50	11,807.10	11,899.05	11,723.00	11,889.40	121.65	
KOTAKBANK	1,452.50	1,602.00	1,452.50	1,582.70	165.8	
NESTLEIND	16,480.00	17,300.00	16,395.55	17,230.00	970.65	
ASIANPAINT	2,085.00	2,207.35	2,085.00	2,198.75	118.3	
SHREECEM	20,548.50	22,100.00	20,424.75	21,500.00	1,075.30	
RAJFAC	3,326.00	3,465.00	3,278.00	3,438.25	144.35	
NTPC	88.8	90.05	87.05	89.4	3.45	
DIVISLAB	3,060.00	3,178.55	3,044.00	3,153.15	111	
CIPLA	750	773.55	747	771	23.85	
IT	960	986	955.15	981	29.25	
ASIXBANK	494	512.25	482.65	507.2	13.85	
DRREDDY	4,990.00	5,127.00	4,960.50	5,109.90	131.8	
BRITANNIA	3,480.00	3,588.00	3,480.00	3,575.00	89.6	
TATAMOTORS	1,341.5	1,367.5	1,308.5	1,366.5	29.5	
HDFCBANK	1,226.00	1,236.00	1,197.85	1,235.00	24.1	
BAJAJ-AUTO	2,910.00	2,972.25	2,853.05	2,942.50	47.35	
TITAN	1,219.00	1,237.00	1,213.55	1,235.00	19.5	
ULTRACEMCO	4,495.00	4,628.00	4,485.00	4,551.15	65.75	
ICICIBANK	406.35	412.4	393.25	410.3	5.85	
HDFCLIFE	582.9	591.5	580	586.8	8.15	
UPL	435	441.4	429.35	439.25	5.85	
MARUTI	7,067.00	7,209.75	7,053.00	7,148.00	93.2	
POWERGRID	172.05	173.35	171.5	174.25	2.2	
HINDALCO	172.9	175.4	171.05	174.55	2.15	
TECHM	826.4	833.75	816	828.15	8.9	
HEROMOTOCO	2,925.00	2,979.00	2,855.55	2,914.95	17	
BPCL	346	349.9	342.05	347.9	1.8	
ECHERMOT	2,115.00	2,134.90	2,081.00	2,117.15	9.05	
TATASTEEL	408.7	416.85	403.4	410.05	1.65	
HINDUNILVR	2,157.00	2,189.00	2,152.45	2,173.00	6.25	
HCLTECH	848.95	857.45	838.7	850	2.2	
RELIANCE	2,034.90	2,059.85	2,005.00	2,034.40	5.3	
JSWSTEEL	308.35	312.45	303.15	309.05	0.75	
M&M	600.4	605	593.55	596.7	-0.45	
IOC	77.55	78.5	76.1	78	-0.1	
BHARTIARTL	434.05	438.9	427.5	433.3	-0.75	
ADANIPORTS	360.2	366.2	351	363.05	-0.65	
INDUSINDBK	616.6	623.4	595.1	614.5	-2.15	
GRASIM	774	790	772.85	776.65	-3.35	
SBIIFE	791	791.8	771.1	774	-4.85	
COALINDIA	114.2	115.15	112.85	113.65	-0.9	
SUNPHARMA	474.6	476.75	467.25	470.5	-4	
BAJAJINSV	5,700.00	5,806.50	5,632.00	5,650.05	-50.9	
ITC	168.5	169.3	166.75	167.05	-1.5	
SBIN	197.25	197.55	192.25	194.45	-2.25	
GAIL	85.45	85.6	83.6	84.3	-1.2	
WIPRO	338.3	339.75	331.05	334.85	-4.95	
ONGC	1,105.70	1,109.70	1,077.15	1,094.50	-17.95	
INFY	68.1	68.45	66.5	66.95	-1.25	
TCS	2,699.75	2,718.15	2,624.10	2,634.80	-53.4	
HDFC	2,056.00	2,064.80	2,027.00	2,029.75	-43.6	

NIFTY NEXT 50						
SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP	CHANGE	
NIFTY NEXT 50	27,117.60	27,508.20	26,956.85	27,462.15	399.75	
ACC	1,579.80	1,700.00	1,579.80	1,679.95	101.15	
COLPAL	1,467.75	1,546.50	1,464.60	1,541.00	82.7	
TATACONSUM	478	501.65	478	501	24.05	
ADANIGREEN	720.05	739.9	717.05	739.9	35.2	
MUTHOOTFIN	1,189.00	1,274.00	1,167.00	1,237.60	52.75	
IGL	393.45	412	390.55	409	16.05	
AMBUJACEM	245.05	257	243.65	254.95	9.5	
ALKEM	2,604.00	2,698.00	2,583.15	2,688.00	92	
PILITINDIND	1,470.00	1,529.90	1,470.00	1,525.15	50.5	
CONCOR	384.7	400.8	379.35	397	12.25	
PETRONET	229.95	237.2	228.1	236.2	6.5	
SBICARD	796	820	795.05	815	21.05	
BERGEPAINT	590	611.4	588.15	610	14.55	
MARICO	350	358.3	350	357.5	7.65	
ICICIRULI	406.1	415	404.1	413.35	8.65	
BIOCON	401.25	415	401.25	410.85	8.3	
MOTHERSUNI	108.2	111	105.75	109.45	2.15	
GODREJCP	674	688.4	674	685.1	13.35	
NAUKRI	3,531.00	3,589.10	3,475.00	3,575.00	64.45	
DABUR	515	526.4	512.25	522	8.5	
AUROPHARMA	782.45	797.6	778.3	795.85	11.15	
DMART	2,133.00	2,188.00	2,111.85	2,173.00	28.75	
GICRE	120.85	121.7	119.15	121.35	1.5	
PEC	88	89.2	85.9	88.85	1	
HAVELLS	721.15	729.35	712.35	727.9	6.7	
CADILAHG	420	424.7	416.15	422.35	3.4	
ADANITRANS	284	291.75	284	289.5	1.95	
BOSCHLT	11,889.00	12,199.85	11,661.55	11,900.00	58.65	
BANKBARODA	42.7	43.1	41.5	42.85	0.15	
INFRATEL	189.8	195.4	187	188.9	0.55	
MCOWELL-N	517.75	520.35	510.2	516.85	0.55	
ABBOTINDIA	15,560.00	15,679.30	15,510.00	15,559.80	-2.2	
PGHH	10,459.95	10,459.95	10,242.10	10,380.00	-3.7	
HDFCAML	2,290.00	2,330.00	2,266.00	2,300.00	-5.15	
HINDZINC	214	219.7	211.35	214.75	-0.55	
PEL	1,299.95	1,312.80	1,279.00	1,296.40	-4.35	
HINDPETRO	174.8	175.6	170.3	173.6	-0.85	
BAJAJHLDG	2,313.00	2,313.00	2,212.65	2,282.95	-13.95	
ICICIIG	1,274.40	1,276.95	1,242.55	1,246.05	-8.9	
BANDHANBANK	298.9	298.9	289.1	296.9	-2.25	
NMDC	83	83.3	81.6	82.7	-0.65	
SIEMENS	1,284.45	1,284.45	1,249.30	1,268.00	-10.25	
DLF	166.3	167.2	163.75	164.75	-1.45	
LUPIN	964	975.9	950.05	952.9	-10	
OSCE	3,260.00	3,260.00	3,164.45	3,211.35	-46.9	
TNTB	28	28	27.05	27.55	-0.45	
PNBTHARM	2,640.00	2,645.00	2,551.00	2,605.40	-51.25	
INDIGO	1,347.00	1,360.85	1,294.10	1,322.00	-29.95	
LTI	3,026.15	3,026.15	2,891.05	2,908.00	-76.2	
UBL	936.2	939.65	916.5	917.1	-26.1	

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Script	Open	High	Low	LTP	
KOTAKBANK	1450	1600.95	1450	1588	1582.70
RELIANCE	2032	2060	2005.55	2034.2	2034.2
BAJFINANCE	3325	3465	3277.05	3453.75	3453.75
ASIANPAINT	2072	2206.05	2072	2198.15	2198.15
MARUTI	7065	7205.15	7055	7158.6	7158.6
ICICIBANK	404.55	412.25	393	409.85	409.85
HDFCBANK	1221.1	1235.95	1198	1233.3	1233.3
SBIN	196.25	197.5	192.35	194.6	194.6
DRREDDY	4983	5125.15	4960.8	5100.3	5100.3
INFY	1107	1109.55	1077.45	1092.15	1092.15
M&M	64249.95	69608.75	63675.5	68575.15	68575.15
TATAMOTORS	134	136.8	131	135.7	135.7
SRTRANSFIN	691	748.5	683.4	736.7	736.7
BAJAJ-AUTO	2901.05	2972.3	2855	2949.2	2949.2
NESTLEIND	16490	17299	16406.65	17233.25	17233.25
ASIXBANK	493.1	512	483.45	508.45	508.45
INDHOTEL	97	97.9	93.75	97.35	97.35
IOC	961	986.4	955.7	982.45	982.45
BHARTIARTL	434.5	438.7	427.55	433	433
TCS	2696.85	2717	2625	2631.45	2631.45
INDUSINDBK	617.4	623	595	613.95	613.95
IDEA	8.7	8.85	8.66	8.73	8.73
JUSTDIAL	647	699.6	645	679.75	679.75
IPCALAB	2152.5	2440.45	2154.6	2375.5	2375.5
NTPC	89.25	90	87.1	89.45	89.45
FEDERALBNK	54.1	54.8	53.1	54.05	54.05
BAJAJFINSV	192.55	197	190.25	194.9	194.9
ITC	5691	5808.95	5629.2	5665.5	5665.5
ITI	168.35	169.25	166.8	168.1	168.1
LTI	3000	3035	2892	2898.95	2898.95
HEROMOTOCO	2915.1	2975.9	2854	2912.7	2912.7
TATACONSUM	478	501.65	478	499.2	499.2
LAURUSLABS	317.3	325.55	301	323.3	323.3
SBICARD	795	819.8	795	814.3	814.3
TATASTEEL	407.2	416.7	403.5	411	411
HDFC	2051	2063.85	2027	2039.15	2039.15
INDJANSTEL	1944.5	195.6	189.9	193.05	193.05
HINDUNILVR	2159	2189	2152.25	2176.7	2176.7
ASHOKLEY	78.5	82.2	76.3	81.8	81.8
BANKBARODA	42.55	43.1	41.55	42.95	42.95
ACC	1599.4	1700.9	1583.95	1686.8	1686.8
HDFCLIFE	582.2	591.2	580	587.35	587.35
LUPIN	963.25	976	950	956.4	956.4
MINDTREE	1389.1	1399.75	1321.95	1386.05	1386.05
BRITANNIA	3484.1	3587.25	3484	3574.1	3574.1
POWERGRID	163	175.25	163	173.6	173.6
TATASTEEL	148.1	151.4	145.2	148.4	148.4
ZEELE	178	189.5	177.95	187.45	187.45
KOLTECH	848.15	857	838.65	847.45	847.45
VEDL	104.25	104.6	102.05	102.45	102.45
DLF	167.9	167.9	163.85	167.8	167.8
M&MFIN	132.8	132.8	125	125.65	125.65
ESCORTS	1187	1223.95	1180.85	1220.35	1220.35
BLUEDART	3253.45	3336	3150	3286.15	3286.15
BANDHANBNK	295	298.65	289.4	296.15	296.15
ULTRACEMCO	4532.6	4628	4484.2	4567.45	4567.45
CIPLA	746.25	773	746.25	759.95	759.95
COFORGE	2188	2272	2175.5	2226.95	2226.95
GAIL	85	85.6	83.7	84.2	84.2
MUTHOOTFIN	1184.85	1273.2	1168	1250.45	1250.45
WIPRO	338.1	339.55	331.15	338.15	338.15
TECHM	824	833.55	816.2	828.85	828.85
MOTHERSUMI	104	110.95	105.7	110.05	110.05
CEATLTD	1115.35	1249	1111.05	1142.6	1142.6
DISVLISAB	3068	3178.65	3046.45	3156.6	3156.6
PEL	1310	1313.4	1279.85	1298.95	1298.95
RBLBANK	175.3	176.65	168.65	175.95	175.95
TRENT	633	710.4	633	683.75	683.75
KOLPAL	1546	1546.4	1465	1543.5	1543.5
DEEPAKNI	711.05	750	703.25	745.15	745.15
HINDALCO	172.65	175.25	171.15	174.45	174.45
SHERCEEM	20630	22032.2	20410.3	21846.6	21846.6
L&TFC	65.15	67.1	64.25	66.5	66.5
BHEL	29.3	30.4	28.65	29.05	29.05
RAMCOCEM	758.95	783	754	780.45	780.45
DABUR	510	526.2	510	522.95	522.95
SUNPHARMA	475.7	476	467.35	470.7	470.7
PIDILITIND	1470.1	1529.85	1470.1	1526.8	1526.8
M&M	599.9	609.55	593.55	596.95	596.95
AMBUJACEM	244	256.9	243.8	255.95	255.95
COALINDIA	114.5	115.1	112.85	113.65	113.65
PVR	1136.75	1146.9	1088.35	1093.3	1093.3
JSWSTEEL	308.25	312.35	303.35	308.95	308.95
AUROPHARMA	783	797.4	778.3	794.7	794.7
VSTIND	3350	3520	3267	3437.5	3437.5
APOLLOTREY	147	152.55	143	149.9	149.9
UPL	436.8	441.3	429.65	439.6	439.6
MGL	818.85	844.95	813	842.05	842.05
BPCL	346.4	349.85	341.85	348.3	348.3
TITAN	1220.7	1236	1214.05	1232.65	1232.65
IDFCFIRSTB	30.5	31.45	29.8	31.1	31.1
TORNTPHARM	2700	2700	2555.65	2600.55	2600.55
EIGHERMOT	2109	2133.7	2080	2117.7	2117.7
POLYCAP	947.9	957	920.05	945.05	945.05
DMART	2125.3	2187.15	2111.15	2173.35	2173.35
UBL	936	939.75	915.9	919.9	919.9
AMARAJABAT	756	801	742.75	789.1	789.1
GRANULES	377.2	386	368	384.45	384.45
MANAPPURAM	156.25	162.6	153.6	159.95	159.95
SAIL	35.05	35.35	34.05	34.1	34.1
SANOFI	8420	8442	8350	8384	8384
HINDPETRO	174.6	175.5	170.3	173.55	173.55
APOLLOHOSP	2098	2145	2035	2118.1	2118.1
TATAPOWER	54.45	54.45	53.05	53.7	53.7
THYROCARE	1135	1212	1110	1203.45	1203.45
INDIGO	1340	1360	1293.95	1326.55	1326.55
TATAELXSI	1689	1704	1648	1675.15	1675.15

US ELECTIONS

‘Youngsters to vote in higher numbers’

Biden’s favourability increases: Harvard poll

New York: Young Americans adults are expected to vote in large numbers in the 2020 US Presidential elections, and Democratic nominee Joe Biden’s favourability has increased considerably in the last few months, according to a poll conducted by the Harvard University’s Institute of Politics.

The nation-wide poll, which surveyed the age group of 18 to 29 years, found “historic interest in the upcoming election, with a higher proportion of respondents indicating they will ‘definitely be voting’ than has been observed in the twenty years the poll has been conducted, suggesting higher turnout than has been observed in this age group in several decades.”

Youth enthusiasm to vote and likelihood of turning out on track will hit record levels in 2020, with 63 per cent of respondents indicating they will “definitely be voting,” a contrast to 47 per cent during the 2016 elections.



The 2008 election saw the highest youth turnout since 1984, with 48.4 per cent of the 18-to-29-year-olds voting, according to the United States Elections Project, a reputed Census platform on poll turnout.

The turnout of young voters this year seems closer to 2008 compared to 2016, the Institute of Politics at Harvard Kennedy School poll data indicated.

The survey found that Biden holds a 24-point lead in the youth voter category over incumbent President Donald Trump.

Biden’s favourability among young voters has increased by 13 percentage points since

April this year. The youth poll said 63 per cent of Biden supporters expect the Democratic challenger to win, with six per cent anticipating a Trump win and 30 per cent ‘not sure’.

In contrast, about 74 per cent of Trump supporters expect Trump to win, with only 6 per cent anticipating a Biden victory.

Biden is viewed favourably by 47 per cent of all young adults, compared to 41 per cent who view him negatively.

Biden’s favourability is slightly higher among likely voters (56 per cent), although the percentage who view him unfavourably remains unchanged (41 per cent). **PTI**

Trump’s pick Amy Barrett sworn in as SC justice

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Conservative jurist Amy Coney Barrett was sworn in as a justice of the US Supreme Court, an hour after the Republican-controlled Senate confirmed her controversial nomination, handing President Donald Trump a major victory just a week before the election.

The deeply-divided Senate confirmed the nomination of Barrett as the 115th Supreme Court Judge by 52-48 votes on Monday, pushing the top court in a more conservative direction for generations to come.

Barrett, a 48-year-old religious conservative, was administered the official constitutional oath by Justice Clarence Thomas on the South Lawn of the White House alongside President Trump. “I stand here tonight, truly honoured and humbled,” she said shortly after she took the constitutional oath.

“This is a momentous day for America, for the United States Constitution and for the fair and impartial rule of law,” said Trump in his remarks on the occasion.

“She is one of our nation’s most brilliant legal scholars, and she will make an outstanding justice on the highest court in our land,” he said about his nominee.

China tells US not to bully Sri Lanka ahead of Pompeo’s visit

Colombo: China has raised objections to what it called U.S. bullying of Sri Lanka after Washington said the Indian Ocean island must make “difficult but necessary choices” regarding its ties with China.

The comments by the Chinese embassy in Colombo came shortly before the arrival on Tuesday of US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who is on an Asian tour aimed at pushing back against China’s growing influence in the region.

“We are firmly opposed to the United States taking the opportunity of the State Secretary’s visit to sow and interfere in China-Sri Lanka relations, and to coerce and bully Sri Lanka,” the embassy said in a statement late on Monday.

China has invested billions of dollars in infrastructure projects in Sri Lanka as part of President Xi Jinping’s Belt and Road Initiative, aimed at linking Asia, Europe and beyond, to the alarm of India and the United States.

The embassy said China’s ties with Sri Lanka stretched back 2,000 years and the two countries did not need a third party to dictate terms.

Pompeo’s trip to Sri Lanka, and later to the Maldives, another Indian Ocean island nation, is seen as part of an attempt to counter China’s dominating economic presence in smaller countries that has left some of them in deep debt.

Ahead of the trip, Dean Thompson, the senior State

Department official for South and Central Asian affairs, said Sri Lanka must make tough choices to secure its economic independence over the longer term.

China also raised concern about Pompeo making the trip at a time when Sri Lanka is struggling with the novel coronavirus.

“Is it helpful to local epidemic prevention and control? Is it in the interests of the Sri Lankan people,” the embassy asked.

A Chinese delegation led by its top diplomat, Yang Jiechi, visited Colombo this month but it kept its personnel and activities to a minimum in line with guidelines to prevent a surge in cases, the embassy said. **AFP**

Around the Globe

Taipei: Taiwan said Tuesday that proposed US sales of missiles and other arms systems will boost the island’s ability to credibly defend itself, amid rising threats from China.

Vilnius: The Baltic nation of Lithuania sent a protest note Tuesday to Belarus over a planned nuclear power plant close to their border that is scheduled to start operating in early November.

Brussels: The long-running royal scandal that has riveted Belgium and damaged those involved reached a new milestone when former King Albert II reunited with the daughter he fathered out of wedlock over half a century ago.

Philadelphia: Police shot and killed a 27-year-old Black man on a Philadelphia street after yelling at him to drop his knife, sparking violent protests that police said injured 30 officers and led to dozens of arrests.

Erdogan sues Dutch anti-Islam lawmaker for insults

Ankara: Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan is suing Dutch lawmaker Geert Wilders after the anti-Islam politician posted a series of tweets against the Turkish leader, including one that described him as a “terrorist”.

The state-run Anadolu Agency said Erdogan’s lawyer on Tuesday filed a criminal complaint against Wilders at the Ankara Chief Prosecutor’s office for “insulting the president” — a crime in Turkey punishable by up to four years in prison.

Wilders posted a cartoon depicting Erdogan wearing a bomb-resembling hat on his head, with the comment: “terrorist”.

Wilders continued posting tweets targeting Erdogan this week amid a growing quarrel between Turkey and European countries sparked by Erdogan’s sharp comments against French President Emmanuel Macron, including remarks questioning Macron’s mental health over his stance on Islam.

Erdogan has persistently

sued people for alleged insults since he took office as president in 2014. Thousands have been convicted. More than 29,000 people were prosecuted on charges of insulting Erdogan last year, according to the Birgun newspaper.

The complaint against Wilders, whose political career has been based largely on his strident anti-Islam rhetoric, accused him of using language “insulting the honour and dignity of our president and of targeting Erdogan’s personality, dignity and reputation,” accord-

ing to Anadolu.

Wilders, who leads the largest opposition party in the Dutch Parliament, shrugged off the Turkish criminal complaint and described Erdogan as a “loser.” Wilders has lived under tight security for 16 years due to death threats following his anti-Islam rhetoric.

On Monday, Turkey’s Daily Sabah newspaper, which is close to Erdogan, printed pictures of Wilders and Macron, with the headline: “the two faces of hatred and racism in Europe.” **AP**

INDIA, US TAKE TIES TO NEW HEIGHTS

The COMCASA has now allowed India to gain better access to highly advanced defence technology with encrypted communications.

Highlighting the importance of the latest agreement signed after the 2+2 dialogue here, Rajnath said: “Signing of Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement for Geo-spatial Cooperation, BECA, today after signing of LEMOA in 2016 and COMCASA in 2018 is a significant achievement in that direction.”

He said, the two sides held comprehensive discussion on a range of key issues and “our military to military cooperation with US” is moving forward very well. “We identified projects for joint development of defence equipment,” the Minister said adding the two countries reaffirmed their commitment to peace and security in Indo-Pacific region.

US Secretary of Defence Mark Esper said the growing defence and security partnership between India and the US will keep a check on the situation in the Indo-Pacific at a time when China is attempting to expand its economic and military clout in the region.

The sensitive satellite and sensor data provided by the US under the agreement will allow India to keep a close watch on the movements of Chinese warships in the Indian Ocean.

The two US Ministers also held talks with National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval and sources said the parleys were constructive. The two sides also discussed a number of issues and challenges of strategic importance.

Giving details of his talks with Esper, Rajnath also mentioned about posting a US Navy liaison officer at the Information Fusion Centre (IFC)-Indian Ocean Region of India. The Indian Navy will also position a liaison officer at the Central Command of the US at Bahrain signaling closer interaction and information sharing.

INDIA, US FOCUS ON CHINA THREAT

He also expressed his country’s support for India in its efforts to “defend its sovereignty”.

The visiting US Secretary of State said: “We visited the National War Memorial to honour brave men and women of Indian armed forces who sacrificed for the world’s largest democracy, including 20 killed by PLA in Galwan Valley. The US will stand with India as they confront threats to their sovereignty, liberty.”

Highlighting the growing ties between the two countries, Pompeo said the “US values India as a multilateral partner, whether it’s through the Quad, making Afghan peace negotiation successful or working together during India’s upcoming term on UN Security Council (UNSC), we continue to support India’s permanent membership of UNSC.”

On other issues discussed during the high-profile third 2+2 dialogue, Pompeo said the two sides discussed at a “great length” their joint efforts to fight the Covid-19 pandemic and the two countries are committed to working together and expanding partnership

across many fronts. “The US health agencies are working closely with Government partners of India on the Covid-19 response,” he said.

In their interaction with Modi, Pompeo and Esper conveyed the American Government’s continued interest in building stronger relations with India as well as discussed several issues of regional and global concern. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Doval and US Ambassador to India Ken Juster were also present during the meeting.

In a statement, the Prime Minister’s Office (PMO) said the US secretaries conveyed greetings from President Donald Trump to the Prime Minister. Recalling the successful visit of Trump to India in February 2020, the Prime Minister warmly reciprocated the greetings, the statement said.

“Pleasure meeting @SecPompeo and @EsperDoD. Happy to see tremendous progress made in India-US relations and the results of the third 2+2 dialogue. Our Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership stands on a firm foundation of shared principles and common strategic interests,” Modi tweeted after the meeting.

The secretaries briefed the Prime Minister on their bilateral meetings and the fruitful and productive third India-US 2+2 dialogue held earlier in the day, the statement said. They conveyed the US Government’s continued interest in building stronger relations with India and working together to realise the shared vision and goals, the PMO said.

Modi appreciated the successful conclusion of the third 2+2 Dialogue and expressed his satisfaction over the multifaceted growth in the bilateral Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership in recent years, it said.

The Prime Minister underlined the strong foundation of trust, shared values, and robust people-to-people ties between both countries, the statement said. US State Department Principal Deputy Spokesperson Cale Brown said Pompeo and Modi discussed several issues of regional and global concern on which the United States and India collaborate, including Covid-19 response, security and defence cooperation, and shared interests in a free and open Indo-Pacific.

Pompeo and Modi welcomed the warm and close relationship between the two countries, which is rooted in their vibrant democratic traditions and fostered by strong ties between their citizens.

GOVT WORKING FOR WELFARE OF POOR, PM TELLS VENDORS

vendor who applies for the loan under PM Street Vendors’ Atmanirbhar Nidhi scheme will be covered.

Participating in the event in which the Prime Minister had a virtual dialogue with the street vendors of the state, the CM said as many as seven lakh persons had got themselves registered for the benefit under this ambitious scheme of the Government of India while 6.53 lakh applied for the loan, the maximum in the country. He said the loans of about 3.75 lakh beneficiaries have been approved even as 2.74 lakh have already been disbursed loans.

The UP CM said it has been a mat-

ter of pride that the Prime Minister himself interacted with street vendors of the state as this section has been the most deprived section of the society.

Most of them used to get loans on high interest hence this subsidised scheme will help them bring their lives on rail once again, he said, pointing out that this support from the government will provide them cheers during the coming festival season.

Praising the Prime Minister for his adept handling of the Corona crisis, he said it was under the guidance of the PM Modi that the state government could help the returnee migrants by providing them sustenance allowance, Kisan Samman Nidhi, free ration, advance pension etc. This programme was just an extension of the intent of the government towards the welfare of poor and needy.

He said the scheme comprised specialties of no security in loaning, additional seven per cent subsidy on timely repayment, bigger loan next time and ₹ 1,200 cashback on annual digital transaction.

The virtual event was also attended by Ashutosh Tandon, Minister of Urban development and Mahesh Gupta, Minister of State for urban development and RK Tiwari, Chief Secretary along with other dignitaries.

SC: HC TO MONITOR HATHRAS PROBE

“From the order passed by the high court it is noticed that the high court has adequately delved into the aspects relating to the case to secure fair investigation and has also secured the presence of the father, mother, brother and sister—in-law of the victim and appropriate orders are being passed, including securing reports from various quarters,” said the bench, also comprising Justices A S Bopanna and V Ramasubramanian.

“In that circumstance, we do not find it necessary to divest the high court of the proceedings and take upon this court to monitor the proceedings/ investigation,” the bench said in its 16-page judgement.

The court delivered the verdict on a batch of pleas which have raised concern regarding the incident and also the manner in which victim was cremated.

315 STUDENTS GET COVID IN MIZORAM

Yet some other studies suggest that kids could be asymptomatic, act as silent carriers, shedding the virus for weeks at a stretch, an observation that is likely to put the schools and authorities in the dilemma as they plans to open the schools. The Centre has already allowed schools to re-open for Class VI to 12 with strict implementation of the Standard Operations of Procedures (SOPs) so that students and teachers can come to school and carry out the teaching process in the safe environment.

5 STATES BUCK COVID DECLINE TREND

Except these States, overall continuous decline in average daily new

coronavirus cases has been observed and the figure has come down from 83,232 between September 23-29 to 49,909 for October 21-27, Bhushan said.

“India’s Covid-19 case fatality rate has declined from 1.77 per cent on September 1 to 1.50 per cent as on date. India’s Covid-19 recovery rate has increased from 76.94 per cent on September 1 to 90.62 per cent as on date,” he said.

Bhushan cautioned that more festivals are coming and “wherever we have faltered in the last few days, it will show in 10 to 12 days”.

He said it has been observed that States and Union Territories like Kerala, West Bengal, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Delhi have reported rise in cases during the festival season.

NOW, ANY INDIAN CAN BUY LAND IN J&K

However, there are several exemptions in the Act which enable the transfer of agricultural land for non-agricultural purposes, including setting up educational or health care facilities, he added.

As per the Gazette notification, 12 State laws have been repealed and 26 others have been adapted with changes or substitutes.

Those completely repealed include the Jammu and Kashmir Alienation of Land Act, 1995, the Jammu and Kashmir Big Landed Estates Abolition Act, the Jammu and Kashmir Common Lands (Regulation) Act, 1956, and the Jammu and Kashmir Consolidation of Holdings Act, 1962.

The notification issued by MHA also says that the Government can now, on the written request of an army officer not below the rank of Corp Commander, declare an area as Strategic Area within a local area, only for direct operational and training requirements of armed forces, which may be excluded from the operation of this Act and rules and regulations made thereunder in the manner and to the extent.

The Government also can allow the transfer of land in favour of a person or an institution for the purpose of promotion of healthcare or senior secondary or higher or specialised education after the new notification.

BIHAR CAMPAIGN GETS ACERBIC

shows he is upset and worried about his defeat.

But this is not the first time that the Chief Minister took up the “cause” of “daughters” in the ongoing Bihar poll. Early this week, he raised the issue of the alleged misbehaviour with Aishwarya Rai, the estranged wife of Lalu Yadav’s elder son Tej Pratap Yadav.

“Look at what kind of ill-treatment was meted out to an educated girl...whatever happened made us feel very ashamed,” Nitish exclaimed while addressing her father Chandrika Rai’s election rally. Rai is seeking re-election as JD(U) candidate from Parsa Assembly segment.

Nitish is indeed also losing his cool in many rallies, getting aggressive, asking his men to push away protesters in his rallies and picking up arguments with those shouting “murdabad” in his public meetings.

8 killed, over 120 injured in bomb blast at religious seminary in Peshawar

Peshawar: A powerful blast ripped through a religious seminary in northwest Pakistan’s Peshawar city on Tuesday, killing at least eight people, mostly students, and wounding over 120 others, senior police officials said.

The blast occurred around 8:30 am at a local mosque, which also serves as a religious school in Dir Colony in interior Peshawar, while students were reading the Quran, Peshawar police chief Muhammad Ali Khan told reporters.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister’s Advisor on Information Kamran Bangash and Spokesman of the LRH Hospital Asim Khan confirmed that eight persons have died and 124 others injured in the blast. “Those who spread terror will never succeed in their mission,” Bangash said, adding that the incident would be fully probed and the perpetrators will be

brought to book. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the blast in the city, bordering war-torn Afghanistan.

A bag filled with explosive materials was kept close to wall of the seminary by some unknown person which went off, superintendent of police in Peshawar city Waqar Azem said.

He said the bag is believed to have had an IED device that went off. An official from the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) said 4 to 5 kilogramme explosives were used in the blast. Most of the students who died and were injured in the blast were aged between 7-11 years, the official said, adding that many of them were from Afghanistan.

Prime Minister Imran Khan condemned the deadly blast and prayed for the speedy recovery of the injured. **PTI**

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066205003087	Kiran Kiran
066205003123	Ajay Kumar Singh
066205003132	Ranjvijay Singh
066205003179	Sushila Ramraj Jaiswar
066205003197	Mridal Kant Singh
066205003288	Mithiesh Pratap Singh
066205003311	Ramchandra Yadav
066205003313	Reyaz Ahmad
066205003340	Shravan Kumar Singh
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066405001730	Abhinav Shukla
066405001748	Ranjana Ji
066405001759	Anita Rao
066405001796	Shila Yadav
066405001798	Sobada Khatoon
066405001800	Yasmin Ji
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066405001803	Prem Prakash Khushwaha
066405001805	Shailendra Kumar Mishra
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090705001538	Dilip Kumar Sonkar
090705001416	Premasager Premasager
090705001418	Jyoti Yadav
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FOR A FULFILLING FUTURE

It is important to engage the rural youth in productive ways, to make them future-ready and ensure a sustainable livelihood, says DR NEELAM GUPTA



While India is aiming to be the 5 trillion dollar economy, it also is sitting on a goldmine of raw talent, waiting to be nurtured, developed, and added to the growing human resource pool in our rural setups. A big economic opportunity for India, lies in creating a competent and trained manpower. According to a study, an Indian worker today needs about 100 days for reskilling to be ready for future jobs by 2022. One particular concern has been the skilling of the rural youth, who constitute nearly 68 per cent of the country's total population. It is important to engage the rural youth in productive ways, to make them future-ready and ensure a sustainable livelihood. Apart from the technical skills, the rural youth have to be trained in cognitive and interpersonal skills to adapt to a technology-enabled and truculent world.

Especially during Covid-19 pandemic, it has unleashed multiple challenges in different geographies, especially for the vulnerable groups living in rural set ups that already have existing issues of water and food security. The COVID-19 pandemic has not only hit the manufacturing, services and business industries but also pushed back Prime Minister Narendra Modi Government's ambitious programme to double farmers' income by 2022. Both big and small scale farmers are in deep distress after the lockdown caused disruptions in

the food supply chain, scarcity of labor and the decline in overall demand. India has majority of its population below the age of 25, a number that will look for jobs for the next decade. And so with half of India's population expected to be in rural India by 2050, there is a pressing need to make quality skill training more accessible to the rural youth.

Even while having cognizance of the challenge and the opportunity on our platter, the hurdles in skilling rural youth are many. Dearth of quality trainers, inadequacies in training programmes and high dropout rates remain the hurdles to proper skill development. Most training institutes are located in the nearest small towns, inaccessible to most, especially women, due to the lack of public transport facilities. The Government-run Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) have severely limited capacity and offer outdated courses with limited placement options. Due to the absence of proper skillset, the literate rural youth end up working as unskilled migrant workers in the nearest towns and cities.

Still the Government is fighting pillar to post, to capitalise our rich demographic dividend in nation's development. A significant, and, highly welcoming step in addressing this skill gap is the New Education Policy 2020 which integrates Vocational education into all schools and higher education institutions in

a phased manner over the next decade. A bulk of workforce (70 per cent) emanates from rural India, and if by effective implementation of the policy, we can get them interested in vocational training and provide them that training through their formative schooling years; then we would be close to realising our dream of a developing a competent and trained manpower.

Degree Apprenticeship is a new education route, recently introduced by the Government, bringing together the best of higher and vocational training. This new option enables university study and the invaluable on-the-job training typical of an apprenticeship. While pursuing a degree course the candidate can undergo apprenticeship training as an integrated component of the curriculum.

Another blessing in disguise has been the sudden shoving of education, trainings into e-learning methods, which has the potential to revolutionise the vocational training landscape in rural India. This deep penetration of digitisation shall enable the remotest locations also to come to one single platform and learn. Especially for girls, in rural back-grounds, who otherwise are unable to go out and learn due to family and societal pressures.

There is huge opportunity in rural areas for the growth of numerous off-farm sector activities and in particular the healthcare sector. The

pandemic has focused the spotlight on our poorly equipped public healthcare system and the shortage of frontline workers i.e. nursing cadres, lab technicians, paramedics and ASHA workers. In the coming years there is expected to be spurt in demand for these professions; and the skill training institutes should respond to this situation by offering a greater number of healthcare courses.

Another priority area for training are the skills relevant to the rural economy; newer opportunities are emerging in information technology (IT)-linked agri-extension services, food processing, agri-based e-commerce, solar technicians, amongst many others. A key part of such a push would be to create awareness and aspirations for these vocations, and their potential to offer a fulfilling career. The pandemic has forced most of us into remote working and telecommuting. This is likely to become a larger phenomenon in the future, opening up new employment vistas for rural youth, women in particular. Another initiative aimed at creating local employment has been through the BPOs being set up in rural or semi-rural areas. Today, it is entirely possible for the daughter of a rural landless worker to work as a programmer or content developer out of her home. So the COVID-19 situation could also become as the catalyst for the emergence of a new par-

adigm of skill training and work opportunities in our rural areas.

Skill development and new models of learning will be central to the recovery of our precious workforce post-COVID-19. One of the major challenges affecting the efficiency of this skill development programme is the lack of awareness around the opportunities, and numerous government skilling initiatives. Different stakeholders like the NGOs, the Government, the corporate sector, social businesses should work in cohesion in a collaborative ecosystem to address the need of competency-based skill-oriented training and placement, capacity building, promoting entrepreneurial activities, and up-skilling for agricultural and allied practices. These higher authorities can also counsel to determine their interest and enable different types of in-demand skills and achieving real-world outcomes. Empowering rural human capital through Skill Development is an essential for developing the country's economy. The CSR teams of reputed companies can also help in creating an impact to empower the rural youth in local communities, engaging with the ITI and polytechnic institutions in the villages with the support of expert NGOs.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

True education does not consist merely in the acquiring of a few facts of science, history, literature, or art, but in the development of character.

— David O McKay

Virtual internship is in

One of the many benefits of remote international internships is that anyone can kick-start his international career from anywhere, says SACHIN GUPTA

The Coronavirus has disturbed traditional methods of learning as in recent times learning offline is not a viable option but to tackle this crucial time learning has become technically advanced i.e. you can attain global experience while working from your home. With the rising uncertainties, turning education and work online is the new normal and also the best alternative to bridge the learning gap. What does remote working look like? Remote working refers to attaining international experience from a remote location, without being physically present at the office during office hours and gaining global exposure. Remote international internship is the new normal in today's world. There are numerous benefits of remote international internships. It helps students to create global markets and connect to like minded peers who can be their future partner, stakeholders etc, anyone can kick-start his international career from anywhere.

International virtual internships can help to build up your global experiences.

Higher chances of employability: Remote internship with a global company will help you attain the career relevant skills that can help you to become valuable assets to future employers, such as time management, cross-cultural fluency and self-discipline and creativity. Having a cognitive skill-set in your resume can boost up your resume which eventually will lead to higher chances of your employability.

Boosts up global connectivity: Participating in a remote global internship can help you broaden your own network and encourage you to grow and nurture your own global perspective. You'll become part of a global community of peers from different countries. You will learn according to the new global requirements and develop a greater understanding and appreciation of another culture and their distinct working practices, find inspiration and new ideas through connections.

Learn leading international career relevant skills: As we notice the drastic changes in operation of every sector. Many employers around the world are changing their traditional working systems to the new digitised working environment. Therefore, participating in these internships helps you to attain digital literacy. It will eventually build up new skills which are globally used. Communicating at video conferences, presenting your work through online platforms, interacting with the team online will help boost up your overall employability skills.

Mould your career goals: Virtual global internship can bring up clarity to your career goals and helps you choose what industry is meant for you? How does your chosen industry work? You can define your goals and decide where and why to invest your time and efforts.

Save travelling time and expenses: Remote internship eliminates commuting. If you're interning abroad in a global city, it's often normal to commute up to an hour or more each way. Working from home cuts down the huge travelling costs and also saves time.

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It's a matter of skills

These uncertain times have made employers realise the worth of a few key business skills that they would like their employees to possess to enable the companies to survive and flourish, says DR V V RAVI KUMAR

The Covid-19 pandemic across the world has made companies rethink their business strategies. Right from saving on real estate costs by reducing office space to making employees work from home on a remote virtual basis for a long time and into the future, there have been across the board multiple changes to the way companies run their businesses. The natural corollary of this has been the effect on the employees who have been impacted to a great extent and have had to make many adjustments to their way of life itself. These uncertain times have made employers realise the worth of a few key business skills that they would like their employees to possess to enable the companies to survive and flourish.

Six key business skills employers would want post Covid-19 from their employees are discussed here-with:

Becoming flexible: The employees should be prepared for the fact that quite a few of the existing roles may get automated and make them redundant. What can save the day is for employees who are flexible and ready to reskill themselves and continually push the benchmarks for themselves upwards. The mind of an



employee should readily accept that it is a VUCA (Volatile, Uncertain, Complex & Ambiguous) world and prepare for the continuous challenges it would throw up.

Being responsive to change: The current dynamic environment requires that an employee has all the eyes and ears to the ground and ready to adapt to change. The rigid approach of the past would not work and quick response to change is what is required. Becoming agile is a requirement that organisations would look forward to. Customer requirements in these times may become more demanding and becoming agile

is a skills that employers will look forward to from their employees.

Problem solving skills: Employees would expect that employers develop the habit of critical thinking and thereby be able to solve complex problems facing the organisation. Employees providing solutions to the problems would be preferred over employees simply sharing or bringing the problems to the notice of the leaders.

Digital skills: Remaining with gaps in digital skills is no longer an option. Businesses today work in multiple technologies and different platforms. Employees with solid dig-

ital skills especially in the emerging areas like Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning and the ability to manage large sets of data would definitely be a cut above the rest.

Creativity and innovative thinking: Companies which were not in the business of selling masks and sanitizers quickly spotted a business gap in the market and filled the same. Such creative and innovative thought processes from the employee side would be highly appreciated in these Covid-19 times. Bringing up an innovative and feasible idea for quick implementation by an employee would be recognised.

Communication and advanced interpersonal Skills: Communication in these times has moved more to online and digital medium rather than face to face. Employees need to develop appropriate skills to communicate and operate in a fully digital environment and work as a part of the team. Online communication should be inspiring. The interpersonal skills need to be advanced and strong despite working digitally. For employees in leadership positions comes the added responsibility of motivating their team members who are working remotely.

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Amp up your career in style

Studying fashion and design today opens up a wide range of careers that did not exist a decade back. ANTONIO MAURIZIO GRIOLI tells you how students can make it a lucrative option

Creativity is defined beyond boundaries and that is what the fashion industry believes in. It is not necessary that you have to design clothes to make a mark for yourself in fashion. What is more important is: 'Just do what you love, and love what you do'.

Studying fashion and design today opens-up to a wide range of careers that did not exist a decade back. And if you have an eye to create something appealing to the eyes of the beholder; you have just nailed the purpose of being in Fashion.

The boom in the popularity of social media platforms like Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter has fueled the careers of the many who were on a path to draw attention to fashion.

Hence, Gen Z needs to understand how these platforms and technology have helped the fashion industry to evolve and create spaces for new careers.

Let us take a sneak-peek into the changing world of fashion and look at some of the career options that are trending in this field:

Fashion influencer: Is a person with a large number of followers on social media that influence the fashion purchase behavior of customers by creating recommendations online. So, if you



follow fashion closely and have a knack to experiment with what is already existing; many brands around the world would love to use you as an influencer to promote their products.

Personal stylist: Personal Stylist is synonymous with aspiring for style. And no matter what you are wearing; the proficient eye of a stylist can add that much-needed touch of glamour to your regular outfit. The demand for personal stylists has increased manifolds with the advent of E-Commerce. Platforms like Thread.com have dedicated stylists and their job is to make personalised style simpler by providing personal assistance. It is a clear example of how technology and a human touch can help thou-

sands of people sharpen their looks by combining online communication with AI. Considering, how e-commerce has become a dominant way to shop across the globe, the role of Personal stylists has and will continue to change as there is a need in the market to give a more personal touch to online shopping.

AI in fashion: Another emerging career. If you follow fashion closely, you must have heard of 3d apparel designers. The strategy that fashion brands have adopted especially during this time of lockdown had everything to do with AI. The fashion world has realised the potential of launching their new collections via virtual modes harnessing the potential of AI.

To the benefit, the use of software in recent years has helped the fashion industry to reduce waste consumption and be able to use software programs to create virtual, true-to-life garment visualisation with cutting-edge simulation technologies for the fashion that has become more and more popular around the world. It has paved the much-needed way to sustainability for the fashion industry which without any doubt is the need of the hour.

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Learnflix sees massive growth

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The S Chand and Co India's oldest and largest textbook and education content company has reported a staggering increase in usage of its home learning app — Learnflix — during the coronavirus lockdown.

With schools being closed since March, Learnflix has seen a robust growth of 513 per cent in subscriptions during the lockdown specially from tier II and tier III cities with similar growth in downloads, signups as well as a 100 per cent increase in schools and channel partners.

Learnflix has seen the increase in the number of the subscriber from 3,000 to

around 20,000 in last four months since the complete shutdown of educational institutions across the country.

The massive jump and increase are noticed particularly in Tier II & III towns like Agra, Bhatinda, etc. where students can easily afford it from their monthly pocket money. The app is aggressively priced and highly affordable compared to other available learning apps to ensure easy adoption by schools and students across India. It is currently being used in 600+ towns and cities across 86 Countries

Learnflix offers Math and Science classes for VI to X, based on the CBSE syllabus, while also being of use to students of other state boards.

Vahdam partners with Byju's

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Vahdam Teas, a leading global premium tea & superfoods brand from India has partnered with Byju's to empower children of tea estate workers through digital learning across various tea estates in India.

The partnership kicked off the pilot in across 8-10 tea estates in Darjeeling covering 1,000+ children through Vahdam's flagship social initiative, TEACH Me. This will include tea estates where TEACH Me is working directly, as well as through TEACH Me's partner NGOs — CINI and CRY — who will provide

ground-level support. By the end of the academic year, the partnership plans to further expand to 20 tea estates and benefit over 2,000 children. By 2025, the partnership aims to cover over 50,000 children across all tea-growing regions in India.

Elaborating on the partnership, Bala Sarda, Founder & CEO of VAHDAM Teas said, "With our TEACH ME Social initiative at Vahdam Teas — we consistently try to find gaps & opportunities, to better enhance education for the less privileged children folks in the tea industry. One of the key gaps was

access to high quality digital education due to high costs & limited school infrastructure. With this partnership, we aim to accelerate democratisation of digital education in the tea-estates on a long-term and sustainable basis. I am confident that with Byju's, we will be able to make a meaningful impact in bridging the educational gap and the digital divide."

Under the partnership, VAHDAM will focus on making available infrastructure like smart devices and connectivity wherever needed, to help these children get access to quality education.

Online vaccine programme

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With COVID-19 dramatically altering vaccine decision making globally, the world is faced with new challenges on how to maintain routine vaccine coverage and plan rapid deployment of a coming COVID-19 vaccine.

To address questions associated with these emerging challenges, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, USA and IIHMR University, Jaipur have designed two new online courses for vaccine policy makers

and programme managers.

The online programmes are aimed at educating policy makers and programme managers on using the tools of economics to optimise vaccine coverage during the challenges of COVID-19.

"Our online courses aimed at helping immunisation managers optimise vaccine delivery in these challenging time. We are happy that the programme has received an overwhelming response," said Prof PR Sodani, President (officiating), IIHMR University, Jaipur, India Program Lead.

Technology is disrupting and transforming professional and personal landscape. Therefore, it is important to equip students with the tools to deal with these developments, says **DR JITIN CHADHA**



BE A CRITICAL THINKER

Today's age is one of cut-throat competition and challenges lurking around every corner. In such a demanding environment, the old-school model of rote-learning that results in negligible ability to implement knowledge is widely becoming inadequate to prepare students for a 21st-century world of complex enigmas.

When it comes to creating a generation that is adaptive, innovative and future-ready, education is the primary driver. Technology is disrupting and transforming both professional and personal landscape at an unprecedented pace. Herein, the responsibility of equipping students with the tools to deal with these developments lands on the shoulders of instructors across the educational paradigm.

What is Project-based Learning (PBL)? Contrary to the conventional methods of teaching, project-based learning is a collaborative and application-driven approach. It uses real-world situations as vehicles to facilitate enhanced learning and a spirit of inquiry, while also integrating academic subjects across the curriculum.

These projects are different from the regular, short-term projects that are undertaken after a course ends, for instance, as a tool to revise the course components. On the contrary, these projects drive the primary framework of cur-

riculum and course instruction. Within PBL, as this approach is often referred to, students can further use any medium viable for their research - field trips, presentations, exploring various materials, creating 3D models, experiments, and many more.

Students engage in such a project for an extended period, depending on their coursework - ranging up to an entire semester - working on finding innovative solutions to a complex question around a real-world problem. Ultimately, they demonstrate the skill learning through a report, a presentation or an actual product at the end of the project cycle.

Not only does this model inculcate deep knowledge about the subject in the students, but it also unleashes a hoard of soft skills like communication, team-building, collaboration and creativity in them.

There have been numerous researches over the years on the impact of project-based learning approach on the learning outcomes, students' and teachers' motivation, skill-building and general attitude towards learning (Strobel &

Project-based learning bridges the gap between theoretical and practical education, promoting true knowledge and a better understanding of the subject

van Barneveld, 2009).

Project-based learning encourages students to become independent workers, critical thinkers and problem-solvers. It urges students to form questions of their own, developing a sense of ownership of their learning process and outcome.

Teachers, in this ecosystem, function as facilitators rather than instructors, moving away from the overworked 'chalk and talk' peda-

gogy, as was also demonstrated in research by Barron & Darling-Hammond in as early as 2000. Fostering agency and competence in learners is an intrinsic outcome of a project-based approach to learning, also diminishing the need to regulate and supervise.

Connecting real-world situations to academics is perhaps one of the biggest benefits of project-based learning, pushing students to learn from trial and error and succeed based on their interpretations and logical deductions. This equips them for the professional world since these techniques are what will eventually be used by them at their workplaces.

Additionally, since such projects are often large and complex, students are forced to work in groups, encouraging even the most silent of the lot to speak up and work collectively with conflicting personalities to find mutual accord, learning how to defuse tensions in a diverse team. This not only has a high impact on their interpersonal skills, but it also introduces them to specialisation, optimal allocation of resources and delegation, concepts prominent in the

material world.

The market need for skilled workers necessitated the shift from classical models of blackboard teaching, and project-based learning does just that - simulating real-world problems to prepare students for progress by developing a balanced and diverse approach, as an individual as well as a team member.

Project-based learning effectively bridges the gap between theoretical and practical education, promoting true knowledge, initiative and a better understanding of the subject.

With the advancement of technology and its embodiment in all aspects of life, the move to more technologically inclusive and application-oriented education is not only welcome but a need of the hour and should be adopted far and wide by educators across all strata.

The model is already being integrated at the graduate level, wherein, most universities ask students to work on a Capstone Project at the end of the programme to successfully graduate.

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Career in foreign language lucrative

Learning a foreign language does not only offer a good salary, it also fulfills one's passion for knowing different cultures and an opportunity to travel the world, says **SANJEEV RAWAT**

The scope in foreign languages is increasing internationally. There was a time when everybody wanted to be a doctor and engineer. But opportunities in these sectors are very less now and the numbers of candidates are increasing day by day because everybody is running for it. The best way to make a future bright is choosing a career in foreign language.

Prospects

The future of learning of foreign languages is all time high, on being able to learn a language and have acquired fluency in the same, a person can think of becoming a foreign language specialist, interpreter and translator or you can get a job in multinational companies even person get a job at different levels and platforms Entertainment, Tourism, Public Relation, BPO, Teaching, Online Content writer etc.

Eligibility

Candidate must have cleared high school studies 10+2 with any recognised board after this, person can do Bachelor degree in any foreign language is required and the duration of UG is mostly of three years. Doing Master degree in any foreign language but the candidate have to pursued graduation in relevant stream (same language) the duration of maters degree is usually of two years. The most important requirement is to have native level proficiency in English and at least one other language. And active interaction should be needed to communicate with people; no one is perfect in native language so talk more to improve it.

Nature of work

Many people do not understand the foreign language, so the most common work is to translation because translator is the only person who commonly visible during public events to translate, without missing a beat converting the second language into their native tongue. Same as for a tour guide, teacher, researcher and liaison officer who coordinates between two parties or companies. These are the common work to do in the field of foreign language.

There are countless reasons to learn foreign languages, you can meet



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new people around world and quickly get connected, can help you to boost your brainpower, or you can expose yourself to new career opportunities.

After getting a egree or certificate a student can find their way in health-care, education, and business administration or in embassy. In some media houses there is a need of translator and they may get a person as a reporter. During these days career in foreign language is becoming a great platform in all countries because language skills are essential attribute in the most profession and advanced

Salary

The translator can expect to get anything between ₹15000, to ₹20000, as far as starter is concerned. After gaining some on job experience one can earn ₹30000, plus per month.

If person is cleared the graduation in European language like French or German so may he get around ₹50000, to ₹90000, per month. And top interpreter may get more than ₹10 to ₹12 lakh per annum. By doing freelancing person can earn ₹50,000 to ₹60,000 per assignment and senior person earn more than that.

While COVID-19 may have plunged the entire world into uncertainty, the education sector went through undoubtedly some of the biggest changes of all. Overnight, schools and colleges shut down as lockdown came into place. Online learning, once a niche pursuit of working professionals and distance learners became the norm worldwide, with colleges and schools scrambling to translate their curriculums to this new online medium. While online learning left both students and facilitators with more free time for self-study and other projects, it left many missing the social aspect of higher education, and many students began counting down the days until the government gave colleges the green light to re-open. However, in a world where nothing is as it used to be, what new safety measures can students, parents and facilitators expect when they finally set foot back in their beloved institutes?

Batches will be divided into

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smaller groups

Due to social distancing, the number of people on campus at any time will be limited. This means that batches will most probably be broken down into smaller groups to allow them to fit into classrooms as per new distancing measures and avoid campus overcrowding. One benefit to this new change would be that smaller batches will result in more concentrated learning, allowing students to do any catching up they require after the months of lockdown.

The learning model with be a blend of physical and online classes

With smaller student batches on campus, it begs the question as to what will happen to those who have to wait their turn to come to campus. This is exactly where blended learning will come in. Carrying on from the online model of

teaching that's been delivered during lockdown, colleges will most probably end up continuing to teach online classes, while delivering practical sessions and seminars physically on the college premises. This way, the curriculum keeps running smoothly, and no aspect of the education is overlooked, while avoiding overcrowded campuses and the risk of community transmission.

Stricter health & safety protocols

While a pre-pandemic sniffle or fever might have warranted a quick forehead feel and some paracetamol, all health issues will now be treated with the utmost seriousness and attention. Prepare for temperature scans before entering the college, mandatory masks at all times on the premises, and sanitization stations moving from one area to another.

Anyone who feels unwell will have to

report to the designated point of contact immediately and will be escorted to a healthcare facility, while those in close contact will most probably undergo testing to ensure their wellbeing. With the rapid development of new COVID testing kits, we can expect colleges to have their own stash of testing equipment on campus by early next year.

More attention to overall health and wellbeing

Prevention is the best policy - and maintaining a record of good health is sometimes the strongest defense against not only COVID, but other viruses and illnesses too. With statistics showing that people with underlying conditions or poor health, including obesity, suffer from COVID the most, we can expect to see colleges adding wellness, fitness and yoga to their co-curricular activities to encourage both staff and students to take better care of their physical and mental wellbeing. While we wait for a vaccine, the best protection is precaution

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How to apply: In order to apply for this grant, applicants need to take admission in at the university. Thereafter, they should apply online for the opportunity.

The University of Calgary invites applications for its International Entrance Scholarship.

Award: \$15,000

Eligibility: Must be an international student entering the first year in any undergraduate degree in the upcoming fall term. Must have satisfied the university's English Language Proficiency requirement. Renewable in the second, third, and fourth year at the University of Calgary, provided recipients to achieve a GPA of 2.60 or more over a minimum of 24.00 units in the previous fall and winter terms.

Candidates must send: Pre-qualification degree, copies of academic transcripts, certificates of English language proficiency, a statement, and a copy of passport.

Admission requirements: High school diploma.

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A memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the Weizmann Institute of Science (WIS), Israel and the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi (IIT-D) was signed this month.

The MoU covers a range of opportunities for collaboration between the two institutions including research exchange, student and postdoctoral fellow exchange, short-term educational programmes on

topics of mutual interest, organising of joint seminars, conferences and workshops.

The MoU will provide a strong platform for various collaborations that involve academic, research and human resource development. The aim of the collaboration is to help in the identification of problems and work jointly by exchanging research and academic expertise.

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We are still very happy, we are still very clear and we have nothing that we have to change drastically, it is just that on one day the opposition played better than you

Our batsmen got out early to some good balls. I think in the middle overs, we were still going well with 92/3 but after Morgan's wicket, we just lost momentum

It's so hard when you are away from your family. With the bubble, you don't have the close ones. The kind of toughness Mandeep has shown has rubbed off on other boys as well

Saha, Rashid star for SRH



Sunrisers Hyderabad openers David Warner and Wriddhiman Saha

PTI ■ DUBAI

Wriddhiman Saha stamped his class with a 45-ball 87 before Rashid Khan dished out a clinical bowling performance as Sunrisers Hyderabad kept themselves alive in the race for IPL play-offs with a whopping 88-run

0-7-3, his best in this season. The Afghan bowled an astonishing 17 dot balls in his quota of four overs, helping his side bowl out the Capitals for 131 in 19 overs.

Sunrisers (10 points) have now moved up to sixth from seventh position with this win, while the Capitals, who slumped to their third consecutive loss, were pushed down to the third spot with 14 points.

Chasing a stiff target, it was a rather ordinary performance by the Capitals batsmen. Shikhar Dhawan (0) and Marcus Stoinis (5), who was elevated to number 3, perished in the first two overs.

Ajinkya Rahane (26) and Shimron Hetmyer (16) quickly started the recovery work, stitching a 40 run stand, the highest for their team. The duo targeted Jason Holder, collecting 22 runs in the sixth over as Delhi reached 54 for two at the end of the Powerplay overs.

However, Rashid dealt Delhi with twin blows, getting rid of both Rahane and Hetmyer in the seventh over. Skipper Shreyas Iyer (7) was next to depart as wickets continued to tumble at regular intervals.

Seven of Delhi's batsmen failed to reach double digits with Rishabh Pant (36) being the top scorer.

While Rashid was the pick of the bowlers for Sunrisers, Sandeep Sharma (2/27) and T Natarajan (2/26) picked two wickets apiece. Vijay

Shankar (1/11), Shahbaz Nadeem (1/8), Holder (1/46) took a wicket each.

Earlier, both openers Warner, who looked in good nick, and Saha, playing his second game of the season, went after the Delhi bowlers from the word go.

Fully capitalising on the field restrictions, the duo smashed boundaries (11 fours and two sixes) every over to collect 77-runs in the first six overs, the best Powerplay figures of the season.

In the sixth over, Warner smashed the tournament's leading wicket-taker Kagiso Rabada (0/54) for four boundaries and a six, helping the Sunrisers reach 100 runs in just 8.4 overs.

Till Warner was taking on the bowlers, Saha played the second fiddle to perfection.

The Australian celebrated his 34th birthday with a half-century off just 25 balls, hitting two sixes and eight fours at the Dubai International Stadium.

To Delhi's relief Ravichandran Ashwin (1/35) broke the 107-run opening stand in the 10th over as he dismissed danger man Warner, who was caught at extra cover by Axar Patel.

With Warner gone, Saha hammered the Capitals bowlers all around the park. The wicketkeeper batsman reached his fifty in style with a boundary. He plundered 12 fours and two sixes before pacer Anrich Nortje (1/37) dismissed him in the 15th over.

Pandey and Kane Williamson (11 not out) continued the assault on a listless Delhi bowling unit.

Mumbai, RCB aim to secure play-off berth

PTI ■ ABU DHABI

Rohit Sharma is likely to miss his third game in a row when Mumbai Indians face Royal Challengers Bangalore here on Wednesday with both teams aiming to secure their spot in the IPL play-offs.

While Mumbai are sitting on top of the table despite their eight-wicket hammering by Rajasthan Royals with 14 points, Virat Kohli-led RCB too remain on 14 following their loss to Chennai Super Kings on Sunday.

A win for either side on Wednesday should be enough to take it to the play-offs.

Rohit's fitness has become a subject of unwanted attention ahead of the game. Having missed the last two games due to a hamstring injury, Mumbai Indians skipper returned to the nets on Monday, a day when he was not named in the India squad for the Australia series.

There is still no conclusive update on his fitness from either Mumbai Indians or the BCCI.

In Rohit's absence, Mumbai would persist with both Saurabh Tiwary and Ishan Kishan, who has played some scintillating knocks.

Quinton De Kock (374 runs) had a rare failure against Rajasthan and he would be keen to make an impact. Kishan (298 runs) and Suryakumar Yadav (283 runs) are among the leading run-scores who can go on the offensive against any attack.

The six-hitting prowess of Hardik Pandya (224 runs) was on display in the RR game, when he plundered seven maximums.

Along with stand-in captain

Kieron Pollard (214 runs) and Krunal Pandya (85 runs), he can take any attack to cleaners and their hard-hitting ability could prove to be the difference between the two sides.

Mumbai bowlers would be more than keen to forget the hammering they received from Rajasthan's Ben Stokes and Sanju Samson.

Trent Boult and Jasprit Bumrah have been lethal both at front and at the death, accounting for 33 wickets amongst themselves. For the third pacer spot, MI could choose between James Pattinson and Nathan Coulter Nile.

For RCB, Kohli (415 runs) would like to continue his splendid run in the tournament. Australian Aaron Finch (236 runs), young Devdutt Padikkal (343 runs) and AB de Villiers (324 runs) need to be more consistent and support their skipper.

De Villiers has shown time and again, why he is regarded as one of the best T20 batsmen by turning the clock back on few occasions. If the RCB top-order fires in unison, then they can pummel the MI attack into submission.

The likes of Chris Morris, Moeen Ali and Gurkeerat Mann, who form the lower-middle order, can also chip in with useful cameos.

But for the southern team there is injury scare on the bowling front with pacer Navdeep Saini suffering a split webbing. There is no clarity on his participation for the game against Mumbai.

In case he misses, Chris Morris and Mohammad Siraj would need to shoulder greater responsibility along with Isuru Udana.

Gayle is greatest T20 player: Mandeep

PTI ■ SHARJAH

Kings XI Punjab opener Mandeep Singh, who is grieving the loss of his father, was in awe of Chris Gayle's power-hitting against Kolkata Knight Riders, and described the Jamaican as the "greatest T20 player" of the game.

Casing 150 on Monday night, Gayle, who was overlooked and was also ill in the first phase of the IPL, showed why he is called the Universe Boss during his innings of 51 off 29 balls.

Gayle's and Mandeep, who anchored the chase with an unbeaten 66 off 56 balls, shared 100 runs in 10.1 overs to help KXIP jump to the fourth spot by registering their fifth win on the trot.

"Chris (Gayle) makes the game so easy and I told him that you should never retire. I've never seen him struggle, and he's probably the greatest T20 player ever," Mandeep said after the eight-wicket win over KKR here.

Gayle was adjudged man-of-the-match for his whirlwind knock, his second fifty in five matches.

"Like I said, he should never retire, he's always in great touch. I've been lucky that I've played with the likes of Chris Gayle, AB (de Villiers), (Adam) Gilchrist, Virat Kohli..."

"I started with Chris Gayle in KKR in 2010. I've been very fortunate to know him as a friend. He's so humble, down-to-earth," Mandeep said.

Mandeep has shown exceptional mental toughness by staying back in the UAE despite losing his father and was given the responsibility of opening the innings in the absence of an injured



Mayank Agarwal.

He made a quick 17 against Sunrisers Hyderabad but on Monday he stayed till the end to take the team through.

"I opened in the last game as well, they wanted me to have a go in the first six overs," Mandeep said.

"I told (skipper) KL Rahul that let me play my game, even if I take a few balls, I know I have the belief that I can win games for the team. That's what I did.

"I took some balls initially, but even in the middle overs, I was thinking that if I bat till the end I will win this game for the team," he said.

Feels surreal, says Chakravarthy on his surprise India call-up

PTI ■ SHARJAH

"I feels surreal," said the architect-turned-mystery spinner Varun Chakravarthy after he got a maiden India call-up for the T20 series in Australia following his exploits for Kolkata Knight Riders in the ongoing IPL.

The 29-year-old, who only started taking his spin bowling seriously in 2018, said he was not expecting to be picked in the national team. He has played only 12 T20s and featured in a lone First-Class game.

"After the match got over I got to know (of my selection into the Indian team). I keep using the same word again and again, it feels surreal," he told BCCI.Tv after the game against Kings XI Punjab on Monday night.

"My basic goal was to play in the team regularly and perform and contribute to their wins. Hopefully I'll be able to do the same for India. I am not very active on social media and I have to thank the selectors for keeping their faith in me. I don't really have words."

Varun took a five-wicket haul against Delhi Capitals earlier in the competition, forcing the national selectors to take notice.

"I pretty much started my spin bowling in 2018, that's when I got my breakthrough in TNPL, it's been high and lows — last year, I didn't get many chances

and I injured myself, I'm grateful for making a comeback this year," he said.

"I have been working hard, but the motivation and faith has come from a lot of people around me," Varun had said at the post-match presentation after the game against Capitals.

"Around 2015, when I was not making a lot of money (the switch from being an architect to becoming a cricketer), was freelancing and wasn't able to meet my needs, I thought I would do something different, that's when I turned to cricket.

"I still do it, I like that as well (being an architect)," he had said.

Roma end Milan's perfect start

AP ■ MILAN

A C Milan's perfect start to the Serie A season ended with a 3-3 draw against Roma but the Rossoneri still moved two points clear of Napoli and Sassuolo.

Roma defender Marash Kumbulla on Monday equalised six minutes from time following an unintended assist from Zlatan Ibrahimovic, who was trying to clear a corner and instead redirected the ball toward the far post where Kumbulla rushed forward to pound it in.

Roma is ninth, five points behind Milan.

Edin Dzeko and Jordan Veretout, with a penalty, also scored for Roma.

Ibrahimovic scored twice for Milan, which also got a goal from Alexis Saelemaekers with Rafael Leao setting up two of the Rossoneri's scores.

Ibrahimovic needed only one touch to find the net following Leao's pass over the top less than two minutes in at the San Siro. Milan was without

goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma and winger Jens Petter Hauge after both players tested positive for the coronavirus and Donnarumma was missed when Dzeko made it 1-1.

Reserve keeper Ciprian Tatarusanu failed to bat away a corner, allowing the ball to reach Dzeko, who leaped over Alessio Romagnoli for a header by the far post.

Saelemaekers scored Milan's second after the break following strong work down the left flank and an expert cross from Leao.

Veretout equalised for Roma with a penalty in the 71st following a debatable foul from Ismael Bennacer. Ibrahimovic then thought he had sealed victory with a penalty in the 79th following an equally dubious foul by Gianluca Mancini. But the Swedish superstar was to blame for the final goal from Kumbulla, who also scored the winner in Roma's 2-1 comeback win at Young Boys in the Europa League last week.

Deadly duo does it again

Son nets from Kane's assist as Spurs win against Burnley

AP ■ BURNLEY

The partnership between Harry Kane and Son Heung-min is developing into the most prolific in Premier League history.

Son headed in from Kane's flick-on to secure a 1-0 win at Burnley on Monday, making it the 29th time they have combined for a goal. It was the ninth time in six league matches this season alone.

"They are top players but close friends," Tottenham manager Jose Mourinho said. "No jealousy."

Only Frank Lampard and Didier Drogba have linked up for more goals — 36 — in the Premier League during their time at Chelsea.

Moments before setting up the only goal at Turf Moor, Kane cleared off the line to deny Burnley defender James Tarkowski.

While Spurs secured a third league away win thanks to Son's 10th goal in nine games in all competitions, the home form has let them down. Only two points have been collected in North London after



the team threw away winning positions in stoppage time in two matches.

Tottenham, which didn't manage a shot on target in the first half at Burnley, moved up to fifth in the standings and didn't even need Gareth Bale being deployed from the bench.

"We've dropped points where we shouldn't have this season so we've still got a lot to learn, but nights like this will definitely give us that confidence," Kane said.

"We're just at the stage

where we've been so close for so many years and I think the additions this season have given us more leaders on the pitch and made us more experienced."

Burnley is stuck on one point.

WEST BROM WINLESS

West Bromwich is still searching for its first win but Karlan Grant did rescue a third point of the season by equalizing for a 1-1 draw at Brighton.

Brighton took the lead five minutes before halftime when an attempted clearance from Branislav Ivanovic rebounded off Jake Livermore and into the back of the net.

But West Brom's second-half pressure paid off when Grant turned a ball from Callum Robinson past goalkeeper Mat Ryan in the 83rd minute to clinch the point.

Grant joined West Brom from Huddersfield in the off-season after netting 19 goals in the second-tier Championship last season.

Brighton is two points better off than West Brom with five points.

Agiero could be out for a month: Pep

AFF ■ MANCHESTER

Manchester City striker Sergio Agiero will be out for perhaps as much as a month, coach Pep Guardiola told a press conference in Marseille on Monday.

City will be without the Argentine on Tuesday against Marseille in the Champions League.

Agiero, who had just returned from injury, suffered a muscle problem in the Premier League draw at West Ham on Saturday.

"We knew he wasn't in the best condition," Guardiola said. "When you are out four or five months for a knee injury you always have the risk when you come back of injuries."

"It will be 10-15 days minimum. If it is longer it will be three weeks to a month. I don't know."

Guardiola said he wants "Sergio to come back when he has fully recovered. We miss him a lot. What he has done for this club is extraordinary, he is a City legend."

Brazilian Gabriel Jesus is also absent, but Guardiola said he did not regret not recruiting a striker in the transfer window.

Pak to tour SA in April: PCB

PTI ■ KARACHI

Pakistan will tour South Africa in April next year for a limited over series, including three One-Day internationals, which is part of the ICC men's World Cup Super League, the country's cricket board (PCB) said on Tuesday.

Pakistan will also play three T20 internationals during the tour, which was earlier scheduled to be held in September/October this year but had to be deferred due to the rising Covid-19 cases in South Africa.

"The Pakistan Cricket Board today confirmed the men's national team will tour South Africa in April 2021 for three One-Day Internationals, which will be part of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup Super League, and as many T20 Internationals," PCB said in a statement.

"Pakistan has now agreed to fulfil its Future Tour Programme (FTP) commitment prior to visiting

Pak, Zim squads get all clear

Rawalpindi: All 107 Covid-19 tests conducted on Zimbabwe and Pakistan players, support staff and match officials have returned negative ahead of the limited-overs series starting later this week, the Pakistan Cricket Board said on Tuesday.

The tests were conducted on Monday as part of the PCB's COVID-19 protocols for the bilateral series.

All players, officials and staff have moved into a hub in a five-star hotel in Islamabad, the PCB said, and "are now allowed to interact with each other and move freely within the bio-secure bubble."

AP

Zimbabwe for two Tests and three T20Is. The schedule of both the series will be announced in due course," it added.

DUGOUT

MOTION PICTURE



SRH skipper David Warner, who turns 34 on Tuesday, poses for photo with Priyam Garg and Abhishek Sharma

Kings XI Punjab @lionsdenkxip
LIVE footage of the #UniverseBoss' sixes landing



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ICYMI... using our @SOFIATelescope, we found water on the Moon's sunlit surface for the first time. Scientists think the water could be stored inside glass beadlike structures within the soil that can be smaller than the tip of a pencil. A recap: go.nasa.gov...



AB de Villiers has decided to skip Big Bash League this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic & the upcoming birth of his third child

Sanjay Manjrekar @sanjaymanjrekar

KL Rahul in his last 5 Test series

- v SA - Avg 7.1
- v Eng - Avg 29
- v WI at home - Avg 18
- v Aus - Avg 10.7
- v WI - Avg 25.4

I say very lucky to get a recall based on IPL & white ball performance. But now let's just hope he makes the most of this chance. Good luck to him!

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		P	W	L	NRR	PTS
1	MI	11	7	4	+1.252	14
2	DC	11	7	4	+0.434	14
3	RCB	11	7	4	+0.092	14
4	KXIP	12	6	6	-0.049	12
5	KKR	12	6	6	-0.479	12
6	RR	12	5	7	-0.505	10
7	SRH	11	4	7	+0.029	8
8	CSK	12	4	8	-0.602	8