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No offset clause in future defence deals

Defence Acquisition Procedure does away with provision in all future cases of Govt to Govt defence contracts

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

After the CAG disclosed that the French manufacturers of the Rafale jets have failed to meet their offset obligations, the Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP)-2020 unveiled here on Monday has done away with the offset clause itself in all future cases of Government to Government defence contracts the type of which India and France Governments entered into as a part of the Rafale deal.

The Congress had launched a scathing attack on the NDA Government last year alleging that an Indian industrial house was favoured in bagging offset contracts worth over ₹30,000 crore in the Rafale deal.

Offset clause was brought in to allow the Indian defence industry to acquire world-class technology and tie-ups with foreign vendors. The foreign companies supplying weapon to India are mandatorily obliged to plough back at least 30 per cent of the total contract value if the tag is over ₹300 crore. In the Rafale deal, the offset cap was raised to 50 per cent.

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the offset contract relating to 36 Medium Multi Role Combat Aircraft (MMRCA), the vendors M/s Dassault Aviation and M/s MBDA initially proposed (September 2015) to discharge 30 per cent of their offset obligation by offering high technology to the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). The DRDO wanted value for the indigenous development of engine (Kaveri) for the Light Combat Aircraft. Till date, the vendor has not confirmed the transfer of this technology."

The CAG report said in many cases it was found that the foreign vendors made various offset commitments to qualify for the main supply

contract but later were not earnest about fulfilling these commitments.

Under the new policy, the offset guidelines have also been revised to give preference to defence majors offering to manufacture products in India instead of meeting the offset obligations through other means, officials said.

However, the offset clause is not applicable to the Government to Government deals and single-vendor contracts. The Rafale deal is one of the most prominent such contracts in the recent past. In such deals, the Government, from which the weapon platform is procured, stands guarantee for all issues, including delivery schedule and availability of critical spares besides maintenance.

Meanwhile, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh unveiled the DAP that features steps to turn India into a global manufacturing hub of military platforms, reduce timelines for procurement of defence equipment and allow purchase of essential items by the three services through capital budget under a simplified mechanism.

The latest DAP also incorporates new chapters on information and communication technologies, post-contract management, acquisition of systems developed by the state-run defence entities like the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs), they said.

Brahmos, Nirbhay, Akash to ward off Chinese threat



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

After deploying more than 30,000 additional troops on the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh, the Indian defence forces have operationalised an array of missile systems, including the Brahmos, Nirbhay and Akash, to ward off any threat from beligerent China.

With no letup in tension on the LAC in Eastern Ladakh since the stand-offs began in early May, the security establishment is not taking any chances. Ready for a long haul, the Government has hastened the supply of prefabricated tents and other related equipment to enable the troops to withstand temperatures of minus 20 degrees

Centigrade. On the other hand, missiles, tanks and frontline fighter jets are also on full alert all along the 4,000 km LAC stretching from Ladakh in the west to Arunachal Pradesh in the east.

The missiles were deployed recently to nullify any advantage China may have by bringing forward its missile in the Tibet region and Xinjiang. The indigenously-designed and manufactured Brahmos supersonic cruise missile has a range of more than 400 km. It can take out any targets, including tanks and missiles, from far away.

Similarly, the indigenously-designed and manufactured Akash surface to air missile has a range of 80 km and can neutralise any threat from air.

IPS removed from spl DG post for assaulting wife

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Senior IPS officer Purushottam Sharma is in trouble over his video in which he was seen assaulting his wife with serious blows.

After the video went viral on social media since Sunday midnight, the State Government on Monday removed him from the post of Special DG Prosecution and attached him to Home department in State Mantralaya. However, as expected, no FIR of domestic violence was registered against him till the filing of this report.

In the video clip of his residence, he was seen beating his wife by putting her down in a professional police manner. It was said that his son, who is an IRS officer has sent this video to Home Minister and the DGP seeking justice for his mother.

Later, Sharma, a Director General-rank officer, has justified his actions, calling it a 'family dispute', saying it is 'not a crime'.

In the widely-shared video, Sharma, 1986 batch IPS officer, is seen arguing with his wife. In seconds, he holds her, pins down her to the floor and thrashes her. Two other men can be seen in the room (Apparently the orderlies or domestic helps), with one of them coming near the couple.



Two pet dogs are seen barking and walking around the room as the wife is being assaulted.

The officer is also seen showing injuries on his hand even as he continues yelling at his wife.

"If my nature is abusive, then she should've complained earlier. This is a family dispute, not a crime. I am neither a violent person nor a criminal. It is unfortunate that I have to go through this. My wife stalks me and has put cameras in the house," the police officer told media persons in the afternoon.

He said they have been married for 32 years and that his wife had complained against him in 2008. "But the point is, since 2008, she has been living in my house, enjoying all facilities and travelling abroad on my expenses," he said.

The wife was assaulted allegedly after she confronted Sharma with his friend.

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No conclusion yet in Sushant death case as probe on: CBI

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI has not drawn any conclusion in the death case of filmstar Sushant Singh Rajput and all angles of the incident are being probed, the agency said here on Monday.

"The Central Bureau of Investigation is conducting (a) professional investigation related to death of Shri Sushant Singh Rajput in which all aspects are being looked at and no aspect has been ruled out as of date," a CBI spokesperson said in statement.

Rajput, 34, who debuted with the movie acclaimed '*Kai Po Che*' seven years ago, was found dead in his apartment in suburban Bandra in Mumbai on June 14 this year. His family members suspected this to be a case of abetment to suicide or plain murder.

Delhi SI guns down father-in-law day after shooting at his girlfriend

Cop takes medical leave to commit murder in Rohtak, still on the run

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A day after shooting girlfriend — who is battling for her life in a hospital in the national Capital — the 35-year-old Delhi Police Sub-Inspector (SI) on Monday shot dead his father-in-law Ranveer Singh (60) in Bhainsi village near Lakhna Majra in Rohtak, Haryana.

Police said the accused, Sandeep Dahiya, a permanent resident of Sonapat in Haryana and at present residing at Government allotted accommodation at Shalimar Bagh Police Colony, is also embroiled in a matrimonial dispute with his wife and a case has been



registered against him at Rohtak Police Station.

Police said Dahiya was posted at Lahori Gate Police Station in North Delhi.

Dahiya had shot his girlfriend of 1 year around 7:30 am on Monday, near Delhi's Sai Mandir on GT Karnal road.

"Ranveer (Dahiya's father-in-law) was standing outside his house when Dahiya came and shot him from a very close range and fled from the spot," said the Rajinder Singh, the Station House Officer (SHO),

Lakhna Majra Police Station.

"Ranveer died on the spot. On the basis of the statement given by Ranveer's son Manjeet, a case under section 302 of Indian Penal Code (IPC) was registered and manhunt is on for the accused," the SHO said.

Police said on September 27 Dahiya was deputed for duty in general 'gasht' from 9 pm to 1 am, but he didn't turn up for duty and hence he was marked absent.

Dahiya joined the Delhi Police in 2006 as constable and after passing the exam, he became Sub Inspector in 2010. Meanwhile, the Delhi Police departmental enquiry also found him guilty.

"He was on medical rest for 2 days on pretext of stomach pain and joined duty on September 25. Since he has been the Division officer, a 9MM pistol with 10 rounds was allotted to him," said a police officer.

Sonia asks Cong CMs to pass Act to override farm legislations

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In a move to make the recently enacted farm sector legislation ineffective, Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Monday directed Chief Ministers of four Congress-ruled States to look into the possibility of passing laws to override these measures.

A statement issued by party general secretary KC Venugopal said CMs of Punjab, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Pudducherry have been told to pass laws under Article 254 (2) of the Constitution that allows State legislatures to pass laws that could negate the "anti-agriculture" Central laws encroaching upon the States' jurisdiction under the Constitution.

"This would enable the States to bypass the unacceptable anti-farmers provisions."



Punjab Youth Congress members set on fire a tractor near India Gate during a protest against the new farm laws in New Delhi on Monday

Kerala Cong MP moves SC against farm laws

New Delhi: A Congress MP from Kerala moved the Supreme Court on Monday challenging the constitutional validity of various provisions of the contentious new farm Act.

TN Prathapan, who represents Thrissur Lok Sabha constituency in Kerala, has alleged that the Farmers' (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement of Price

Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020 is violative of right to equality (Article 14), prohibition of discrimination (15) and right to life and liberty (21) of the Constitution.

Trump paid just \$750 income tax in 2017; It's fake news: Prez

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Donald Trump paid just \$750 in federal income taxes in the year he was elected US president and also in his first year in the White House, according to a media report, which also said that he or his companies paid \$145,400 taxes in India in 2017.

Trump entered the 2016 presidential race as a Republican and was elected in a surprise victory over Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton.

"Donald J Trump paid \$750 in federal income taxes the year he won the presidency. In his first year in the White House, he paid another \$750," the New York Times reported on Sunday, citing tax return data extending over 20 years.

The report came just days before Trump's first presidential debate with Democratic rival Joe Biden on Tuesday



and weeks before the November 3 presidential election.

Trump paid no income taxes at all in 10 of the previous 15 years — largely because he reported losing much more money than he made, the report said.

The US President immediately dismissed the report as "totally fake news."

US Presidents are not required by law to release details of their personal finances, but every one since Richard Nixon has done so.

Rlys may charge ₹10 to ₹35 fees on redeveloped stations: Sources

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Railway passengers may have to shell out additional ₹10-₹35 for their ticket fares as user charges for availing redeveloped stations with state of the art amenities and to help the national transporter in raising funds for redeveloping more stations, sources indicated.

This is part of a proposal being finalised by the Railways which will soon be sent for Cabinet nod, the sources said.

The user fee, the sources said, will vary according to the class — it would range between ₹10 and ₹35 with the higher price for AC first class passengers.

The Railways had earlier clarified that user fee would be levied only across stations which will be redeveloped and those that have high footfalls.

Of the 7,000 total railway stations in the country, around 700-1,000 fall in this category, it had said.

Unlock 5.0 to put life, business back on track

MHA to issue guidelines; more domestic flights likely, cinema halls, malls to open

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) is expected to issue a set of new Unlockdown-5 guidelines on Tuesday for restoring normal life and business activities to deal with the restrictions imposed due to Covid-19 pandemic.

The MHA had already consulted all States regarding the new guidelines which are expected to allow opening up of the education sector, research field and domestic civil aviation sector. Many States have already taken decision on the opening up of undergraduate classes only from November 1.

The new guidelines are expected to allow relaxations in opening up of malls and cinema halls subject to the State Government's decisions.

In education sector already 50 per cent of the teachers and staffers are allowed to attend campuses for higher classes in schools. Lower level classes are expected to be open only

after December or January.

On domestic civil aviation, the Union Home Ministry has consulted the Civil Aviation Ministry and other stakeholders and is expected to allow operation of more flights. However, in international sector, talks are going on with several countries.

The number of people allowed to assemble in public spaces may be increased in the new guidelines.

The States like Bihar where Assembly elections are going to take place from October 28 and simultaneous by-elections are

happening are expected to get the relaxation in the number of people.

At present maximum 100 people are allowed in processions or meeting up in public places. Increased frequency of Metro trains is also expected to be introduced.

Covid-19 IN INDIA TOTAL

CASES: 61,39,245

DEATHS: 96,322

RECOVERED: 50,96,228

ACTIVE: 9,46,695



| STATES | TOTAL CASES | DEATHS | RECOVERED |
|----------------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| Maharashtra | 13,51,153 | 35,751 | 10,49,947 |
| Andhra Pradesh | 6,81,161 | 5,745 | 6,12,300 |
| Tamil Nadu | 5,86,397 | 9,383 | 5,30,708 |
| Karnataka | 5,82,458 | 8,641 | 4,69,750 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 3,90,875 | 5,652 | 3,31,270 |
| Delhi | 2,73,098 | 5,272 | 2,40,703 |
| West Bengal | 2,50,580 | 4,837 | 2,19,844 |
| Odisha | 2,12,609 | 866 | 1,73,571 |
| Telangana | 1,87,211 | 1,107 | 1,56,431 |
| Kerala | 1,80,032 | 892 | 1,66,188 |
| Assam | 1,79,923 | 698 | 1,21,264 |
| Gujarat | 1,69,985 | 655 | 1,39,977 |
| Rajasthan | 1,34,623 | 3,431 | 1,14,576 |
| Haryana | 1,30,971 | 1,456 | 1,09,472 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 1,25,412 | 1,331 | 1,08,411 |
| | 1,24,166 | 2,242 | 1,00,012 |

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LOAN MORATORIUM: CALL ON INTEREST IN 2-3 DAYS

New Delhi: The Centre informed the Supreme Court on Monday that a decision is likely in 2-3 days over charging of interest by banks on instalments which were deferred during the moratorium period in view of the Covid-19 pandemic.

FORM GOVT WITH BJP, ATHAWALE TELLS SENIA

Mumbai: Union Minister Ramdas Athawale on Monday asked the Shiv Sena to reunite with the BJP to form Government in Maharashtra and also suggested a power-sharing formula between the two saffron parties. Speaking to reporters here, Athawale said Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray should remain chief minister for one year and then the coveted post should go to BJP leader Devendra Fadnis for the remaining three years (of current assembly term).

GANGSTER KILLED AS UP POLICE CAR HITS 'NILGAI'

Lucknow: A gangster, who was being brought to Lucknow from Mumbai, died when the vehicle overturned after being hit by a 'nilgai' in Guna district in MP.

Mask is a type of vaccine against Corona: Chouhan



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan addresses a gathering during Corona Warriors Sewa Samman to medics and health volunteers for their dedicated work to fight against coronavirus during the pandemic, in Bhopal on Monday. Pioneer photo

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that the mask is a type of vaccine to protect from Corona. Masks must be used by everyone mandatorily. It is a great weapon for defence.

Chouhan called upon people to develop the habit of washing hands frequently with soap and sanitising also, apart from wearing masks to protect against Corona. These habits must be adopted by every citizen. Chouhan said that Corona virus is a new challenge before the world.

The form, effects and treatment of the disease is unknown. The whole world is in panic due to its fatality. Under these circumstances, the courage, patience and dedication with which the medical staff has been working, putting their lives at risk, and by not letting people lose faith, is remarkable in the history of humanity. Chouhan greeted all doctors and paramedical staff on behalf of the eight crore people of the state and thanked them.

Comparing this dedication with the incident of Dadhichi, Chief Minister Chouhan said that it is the duty of the government and society to express their gratitude to the medical staff for the role played by them in this period of crisis. Chouhan was addressing the Seva Samman programme, organized in honour of Corona warriors of the medical field at Minto Hall on Monday.

Chouhan said that financial crisis does exist, but there will be no lack of resources and money in the war against Corona. Be it availability of doctors, paramedical staff or the arrangement of equipment and materials, supply will continue. We are constantly moving towards the creation of new medical colleges. He said that the Government stands with the Corona warriors at every step and under all circumstances.

The Chief Minister said that the country faced Corona pandemic with great understanding as a result of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's foresight. Lockdown made arrangements possible. Prime Minister Shri Modi called for turning the disaster into an opportunity. Though this fight against Corona is long but our strategy is accurate. We will constantly strive with patience, courage, enthusiasm and will continue to march towards the creation of self-reliant Madhya Pradesh in this disaster.

On this occasion, Chouhan also interacted with the Corona warriors of the medical field, who gave their contributions in war against Covid-19 pandemic. Service honours and digital letters of appreciation were issued to all doctors and health workers on behalf of Chief Minister Chouhan. The programme began with the Madhya Pradesh Gaan.

One lakh affected people have recovered so far in State.

Welcoming Chief Minister Chouhan, Public Health and

Family Welfare Minister Prabhuram Chaudhary said that Chouhan has been reviewing Corona situation almost daily and continuously monitoring the situation besides encouraging the medical staff. Chaudhary said that strong measures are being taken to prevent infection in the state as per the guidelines of the Government of India. Out of one lakh 24 thousand Corona affected people in the state, one lakh people have recovered completely, which is a big achievement.

Chaudhary informed that continuous efforts are being made in the direction of testing and increasing resource capacity. Testing capacity in the state has been increased to 30,000 a day. There are currently 716 fever clinics. The availability of beds is also sufficient.

Medical Education Minister Vishwas Sarang said that Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has proved the first line of Madhya Pradesh Gaan Sukh Ka data dukh ka saathi. Due to his strong will power and efforts, the situation of Corona in the state is under control today. Expressing his gratitude to the doctors and paramedical staff, Sarang said that God has made doctors the most fortunate because the doctor has the ability to save lives. The joy through service to the suffering humanity is mostly in the fate of doctors. Chouhan interacted through video conferencing with the Corona warriors of the medical field, contributing during the Covid-19 pandemic period.

Movie depicting life of Indian Navy officers and how navy works screened at Shaurya Smarak

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

A movie depicting the life of Indian Navy officers and how the navy works 'Indian Navy Today' was screened at Shaurya Smarak here on Monday.

The Indian Navy is a well balanced and cohesive three-dimensional force, capable of operating above, on and under the surface of the oceans efficiently safeguarding the national interests.

The film was screened under the regular film screenings held at Shaurya Smarak every day. The movies screened here are based on Indian Army, Navy and other armed forces. Produced by Films Division, this film Indian Navy Today is produced by B. N. Mehra and directed by IN Engineer.

It is to be noted that the film featured about the brave hearts

who protects the country from seas and oceans. The film features about the advanced technologies used by the Navy even in submarines. The same water surface is equipped with veneer, fatal warheads equipped with deadly weapons. Modern missiles to combat the problem of air in the air above the surface surface, the combatants. There are also the capabilities of the aircrafts to be there on the ships.

The Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS) exercises operational and administrative control of the Indian Navy from Integrated Headquarters of MOD(Navy). He is assisted by the Vice Chief of the Naval Staff (VCNS) and three other Principal Staff Officers, namely the Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff (DCNS), the Chief of Personnel (COP) and the Chief of Material (COM).

Five miscreants arrested on burglary charge

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Five persons including the husband of a victim woman involved in burglary at Moti Mahal under Talaiya police station area were arrested on Sunday. Valuables worth ₹2 lakh was also recovered.

Police said that five miscreants were identified as Mohammad Gufran of Budhwara, Shahrukh of Bhoipura, Shaffan Qureshi of Budhwara, Mohammad Rizwan of Barelaagon and Mohammad Iqbal of Nariyalkheda.

The victim, Sairabano, lodged a complaint against her son-in-law Gufran who along with four others broke the locks of his house and escaped with goods worth ₹2 lakh.

In her complaint, Saira

stated that her daughter Saba was married to Gufran and on September 13 he took Saba to his relatives and during the visit Saba informed her that Gufran informed Rizwan over phone that Saba is outside and take goods by breaking the locks of the house.

After receiving the information Saira along with her son visited house and found that house was ransacked and when they enquired neighbours revealed that Gufran's driver Rizwan, Iqbal, Saffan and Shahrukh broke the lock and took the valuables.

Based on the complaint police registered case under sections 457, 380 and 120 (B) of the IPC and nabbed the five. The nabbed accused were grilled and during which they confessed the burglary at Saba's house.

Mega collection of Hindi books put on display at SVL

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

A mega collection of Hindi books was put on display at Swami Vivekananda Library on Monday.

In this collection, this mega collection library of Total 45 Hindi Books were put on display.

Library Manager Yatish Bhatlele said that in this collection, read popular books in Hindi, popular books like Zakir Hussain and Outliers, and other very good titles have been included. In this mega Hindi collection, many titles have been translated from English to Hindi books. In this collection, Mega Hindi collection on different topics of Hindi literature / biography / fiction / non fiction / history

etc. has been included in the library collection.

In collections such as Movie DVD Collection / English Books Collection / New Magazine Collection / New Hindi Books Collection / Children's Books Collection etc. are included in the library members' library from time to time. Similarly, the library also takes books / DVD / magazine etc. suggestions from its members from time to time.

Every month a collection of Hindi books is being included in the library. Books will be displayed on Sunday. Members can reserve them and members will issue on next Saturday. New books are released every Monday in the library and Hindi books have been included in this collection.

5 gang rape accused get life imprisonment

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Special Court (POCSO) Bhopal court on Monday sentenced five gang rape accused to life imprisonment while three accused including woman who pushed 15-year-old minor in flesh trade were sentenced rigorous imprisonment of 20 years.

The accused were life sentenced who are Sufiyan alias Bhaiya alias Kabutar, Shah Rukh, Faizal alias Faisal, Altaf, Arun Yadav alias Ganguly in the court of Special Court (POCSO) Bhopal by Kumudini Patel for gang raping the minor girl.

The court sentenced Priyanka Chauhan, Ankit Maheshwari, Prakash Kajoria with 20 years of rigorous imprisonment and fine.

Priyanka was the woman

who held victim captive and offered her to the accused for sexual assault in return of money.

Notably, on December 19, 2018 victim's mother lodged complaint of her missing daughter who had gone to tailor for clothes but never returned.

Later, she appeared at the police station on January 1, 2019 and stated that Sufiyan lured her of marriage and took her to Ganguly where along with her one four persons at the house sexually assaulted more girl. The other girl took victim to Priyanka where she was readied and later she was pushed into flesh trade and was offered to many in hotels and cars in Bhopal and she was also sexually assaulted in Mandideep and Jabalpur. The number of accused was 17 who sexually assaulted the victim.



Krishi Upaj Mandi employees during their indefinite strike-cum-protest against State Government's new Model Mandi Act, in Bhopal on Monday. Pioneer photo

‘Tanjavoor Painting’ exhibited at IGRMS

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Under the latest and popular online series of Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya entitled Exhibit of the Week, the "Tanjavoor Kal Ovium (Tanjavoor Painting) – Tanjavoor painting depicting the image of Lord Krishna, collected from the Nagarhar / Chettiyar community of Karikudi, Shivganga, Tamil Nadu was exhibited on Monday.

Its measurement is - Height -158 cm, Width-127 cm. This is the last Exhibit of the month of September. 2020 through official website, Facebook, Instagram and twitter page of the IGRMS.

In this regard Praveen Kumar Mishra, Director, IGRMS said that this Tanjavoor Kal Ovium (Tanjavoor Painting) depicts Lord Krishna seating on a couch flanked by two female attendants; one holding a chouri of peacock feather and the other is portrayed with a bowl of butter offering to lord Krishna. Tanjavoor Kal Ovium (Tanjavoor Painting consists generally of vivid red, deep-green, chalk-white, turquoise-blue and the lavish use of gold foil and inset of glass beads. Sometimes precious stones are also used in the paintings. The Raju community of Tanjavoor and Tiruchi, well known as Chitragara and the Naidu community of Madurai are the traditional artists who skilfully execute paintings in the Tanjavoor style. It is said that the artists originally migrated from "Rayalseema" region of Andhra.



Paintings were made on different themes and the qualities of which differs according to the patron's interest, urgency and most importantly influence and financial capacity. However, the art was by and large a sacred task to be performed with a reasonable degree of ritual purity and humility by the master craftsmen.

Generally, Tanjavoor Kal Ovium (Tanjavoor Painting) was made on a canvas, pasted over a plank of wood (jack-fruit or teak) with Arabic gum. In the past, artists used natural colours like vegetable and mineral dyes, whereas the present day artists use chemical paints.

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Woman dies in road accident

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

A 63-year-old woman died after she fell from scooter. The daughter of deceased failed to spot speed breaker due to darkness and due to which Mannu lost her control and fell which led to her death.

On the receipt of the information a police team reached the spot and started further investigation. After the preliminary investigation the body was sent for the post mortem and the police have registered a case under section 174 of the CrPC and have started further investigation.

According to the police, the woman identified as Mannu

Bai sustained severe injuries after she fell from scooter. The daughter of deceased failed to spot speed breaker due to darkness and due to which Mannu lost her control and fell which led to her death.

On the receipt of the information a police team reached the spot and started further investigation. After the preliminary investigation the body was sent for the post mortem and the police have registered a case under section 174 of the CrPC and have started further investigation.

Meanwhile, a 25-year-old

youth committed suicide by hanging with the ceiling at Sohaya Village under Berasia police station area on Sunday.

According to the police in the morning Jai Singh Kewat was found in hanging when his family members returned from farms after work. The body was sent for the post mortem and a case under section 174 of the CrPC was registered.

Police said that during the investigation it was found that the deceased went to farms for work with the family but after sometime he returned and committed suicide.

Tale of development is being written in State with Modi's help: CM

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that a tale of development is being written in the state with the guidance and help of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. New chapters will be added to this tale of development.

Chouhan was addressing the inaugural function of 1.5 km. long flyover, constructed in Morena at a cost of Rs. 108 crore via webcast from Bhopal. Union Minister for Agriculture, Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Narendra Singh Tomar was the Chief Guest of the programme, held in Morena. Union Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways General V.K. Singh, Union Minister of State for Steel Phaggan Singh Kulaste and Member of Rajya Sabha Jyotiraditya Scindia attended the programme online.

Expressing gratitude to the Union Minister for Road Transport Nitin Gadkari and

Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, Chief Minister Chouhan said that with the construction of flyover, the movement will be convenient and comfortable in Morena. Today, a new chapter has been added in the development of Morena. He further mentioned that the area is moving forward on the path of development with the activities like upgrading Morena to Municipal Corporation, construction of hospital and collectorate building, road network and expansion of irrigation facilities.

The work is also underway as regard to starting of Sainik School in Bhind and to bring water from Chambal in Morena.

The development activities will be continued. Morena will establish its distinct identity in the country. Chief Minister Chouhan thanked Union Minister Thawarchand Gehlot for setting up Divyang Parisar in Gwalior. Chief Minister Shri Chouhan further

stated that the Agriculture Bill brought on the initiative of Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar will prove to be a milestone in the direction to double farmers income.

On the occasion of inauguration, Union Minister for Agriculture, Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Narendra Singh Tomar said that the flyover will save fuel as well as time. Along with this, people will get rid of pollution and accidents. Union Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways General V.K. Singh said on the occasion that better roads accelerate development. This flyover will change the condition of the area and lead to progress. Member of Parliament Shri Vishnu Dutt Sharma, Minister of State for Farmers Welfare and Agriculture Development Girraj Dandotia, former Minister Rustom Singh and Munshil were present at the programme.



Junior Doctors Association members stage a protest demanding basic medical facilities at Gandhi Medical College during the coronavirus pandemic in Bhopal on Monday. Pioneer photo

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IN BRIEF

WEBINAR ON 'ROLE OF WOMEN IN AGRI' HELD

Bhopal: East-West Seed India and FICCI organised a webinar on 'Role of women in Agriculture' in which Poonam Malakondaiah, IAS, Special Chief Secretary, Agriculture and Cooperation Department, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development, and Fisheries, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Usha Barwale Zehr Director & Chief Technology Officer, Maharashtra Hybrid Seeds Company Private Limited (MAHYCO), India, Archana Shukla, Associate Editor, Rural Affairs & Healthcare, CBC-TV18, Monique Van De Vijver, Innovation Manager Health, Solidaridad, Netherlands, participated as panelists. Mary Ann Sayoc, Head, Public Affairs, East-West Seed Global, moderated the session. Nearly 400 participants across India participated actively in the Webinar.

Said Dilip Rajan, Managing Director, East-West Seed India, in his opening remarks, "In India, agriculture continues to absorb and employ the female workforce but fails to recognize employed/hired labor. For East-West Seed, serving farmers in our business. While we work with smallholder vegetable farmers, we do focus a lot on women farmers. We provide training to rural women in improvised techniques in commercial vegetable farming and train young women to help them set up agribusiness ventures.

AMWAY BRINGS PERSONALISED SKINCARE SOLUTION

Bhopal: Building on its leadership in the premium skincare category, Amway India launched a personalised skincare solution with Artistry Signature Select Personalised Serum. As India's undisputed No.1 premium skincare brand, Artistry's new launch marks its entry into the personalised skincare segment in the country. On the launch, Anshu Budhraja, CEO, Amway India, said, "Personalization is an emerging trend in skincare today that Amway is spearheading through its innovative solutions that meet consumers' specific and evolving skincare needs. We are witnessing a significant shift in consumer choices and consumption habits, especially in the beauty and skincare category. Reports suggest India's FMCG market sales have returned to pre-COVID levels and was primarily led by the beauty segment."

MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NARMADA BASIN PROJECTS HELD

Bhopal: A meeting of Board of Directors of Narmada Basin Projects Company Ltd. held today at Mantralaya under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan. In order to make the system more easy for obtaining loan for the execution of various projects of the company, the authorized share capital of Narmada Basin Projects Company Limited has been increased from Rs 50 crore to 5,000 crore. Approval was obtained on 14 important points during the meeting. The company took approval on the proposal of loan of Rs 7,500 crore from NABARD for execution of various irrigation projects of Narmada Valley Development Authority like Upper Narmada Project, Narmada Kshipra Multipurpose Project and Badnawar Micro Irrigation Project besides some other ongoing projects. Along with this, proposals for obtaining loan of Rs. 10 thousand crore from the bank for the execution of various irrigation projects of Narmada Basin Projects Company and Narmada Valley Development Authority.

In context to State Guarantee Fees, the company is required to pay State Guarantee Fees against 0.5 percent loan amount annually. In this way, about 1500 crore on the payment of full loan, will have to be paid against the loan amount of Rs. 24 thousand crore of 11 different projects. The Guarantee Fees of 0.5 percent per annum against the loan amount will be made one time.

PROPER DEVELOPMENT OF RELIGIOUS PLACES WILL TAKE PLACE: CM

Bhopal: Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that proper development of holy Religious places will take place in the State. In the same manner, prominent melas will be organised with better system. The Teerth Sthan evam Mela Pradhikaran will play an important role in this direction. Chouhan said that on the occasion of assuming charge of newly appointed Chairman of Madhya Pradesh Teerth Sthan evam Mela Pradhikaran by Makhan Singh Chouhan. Chief Minister Shri Chouhan expressed hope that Makhan Singh will take the activities of the Teerth Sthan evam Mela Pradhikaran to the new heights. Chouhan also reached Malviya Nagar located office of the Mela Pradhikaran and congratulated Makhan Singh. Minister for Tourism, Culture and Adhyatm Usha Thakur and several other public representatives were present on the occasion.

CM EXTENDS BIRTHDAY WISHES TO LATA MANGESHKAR

Bhopal: Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has extended best wishes to the renowned playback singer Lata Mangeshkar on her birth anniversary. In his message sent to the legendary play back singer Lata Mangeshkar, CM Chouhan said that you are Sur Samragyi(Queen of melody) . Your voice is full of divine notes. You have mesmerized people with your melodious songs. Your crores of fans wish you healthy and long life. It is a privilege of Madhya Pradesh that you were born in Indore. Chief Minister Chouhan sent a congratulatory message to Lata Mangeshkar via tweet.

CM calls stone pelting incident in Satna unfortunate

Bhopal: Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan has described the incident of firing and stone pelting on protesters in Satna as unfortunate. Chouhan has directed to take strict action against the guilty police personnel. Along with this, Chief Minister Chouhan has also given instructions to remove Superintendent of Police of Satna. Chief Minister Chouhan has directed to provide financial assistance of Rs 10 lakh to the family of the victim of the incident. Chouhan said that a judicial inquiry will be conducted into the entire matter. As regard to the senior IPS officer posted in Bhopal, Chief Minister Chouhan said that no officer will be spared for any illegal work, even if he is holding a big position.



Madhya Pradesh Congress party workers demonstrating in front of CM's residence protesting against farm Bills and demanding compensation to the farmers for their damaged kharif crop due to excessive rain in the State, in Bhopal on Monday
Pioneer photo

Parents protest at Tower Chowk

PNS ■ UJJAIN

Parents protested at Tower Chowk after a video of a school in Ujjain went viral, threatening to expel students from class and online groups for non-payment of fees and if the decision is not revoked they would boycott by-election to be held in 28 places.

A video in which the school teacher is threatening to withdraw from the class and online group if the fees are not deposited went viral on Monday. In protest parents demonstrated. Significantly, after the lockdown is over,

online classes are being conducted by the school operators through which the parents of the students are being forced to deposit fees and threaten to be removed from the school. Due to deteriorating economic condition in the Corona era, parents are continuously protesting about no school no fees. State Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan has been requested by his parents.

The Chief Minister has assured the parents that the school cannot be removed if fees are not paid. Despite this, on Monday, a video of Kalidas

Montessori School teacher has gone viral, in which it is being threatened to drop out of class and online group for not depositing fees.

No clear instructions have not been issued by the Education Department regarding fees. Parents said that if the Madhya Pradesh Government does not take a quick decision in this matter, then the parents of students studying in schools will not vote in the areas where the by-elections are taking place. Parents say that they will pay their fees only when school starts.

Punjab reports 1, 271 fresh Covid-19 cases, 46 casualties



PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab on Monday reported 1271 fresh cases of the novel coronavirus on Monday, besides 46 casualties, taking the state's COVID-19 tally to 1,11,375 and death toll to 3284.

In a little respite to the state, it is for the fifth day in a row that Punjab has reported less than 2000 cases in a single day, against the previous trend of reporting above 2000 cases.

Of the total 46 deaths, highest eight casualties were reported from Jalandhar; followed by seven from SAS Nagar (Mohali); six each from Hoshiarpur and Ludhiana; five from Gurdaspur; four from Amritsar; two each from Kapurthala, Pathankot, and Tarn Taran; and one each from Bathinda, Fatehgarh Sahib, Mansa, and Sangrur.

Maximum 180 infections were reported from Amritsar, followed by 138 from Ludhiana, 127 from SAS Nagar (Mohali), 101 from Jalandhar, 88 from Gurdaspur, 79 from Pathankot, 76 from Patiala, 72 from Hoshiarpur, 62 from Bathinda, 49 from Kapurthala, 37 from Faridkot, 36 from Ropar, 33 from SBS Nagar (Nawanshahr), 30 from Moga, 27 from Sangrur, 23 from Fatehgarh Sahib, 22 from Mansa, 19 from Ferozepur, and 18 each cases were reported from Muktsar, Fazilka, Barnala, and Tarn Taran.

A total of 2,033 patients — including 273 from Mohali, 229 from Amritsar, 213 from Ludhiana, 211 from Ferozepur, 160 from Jalandhar, 154 from Patiala, 120 each from Hoshiarpur and Pathankot, among others

— have been discharged in the past 24 hours after recovering from the contagion taking the total number of recoveries to 86,013.

The state still has 19,483 active cases, of which 422 patients are on oxygen support, and 68 are critical and on ventilator support.

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Another video of Sharma caught by his wife at the residence of a young woman also went viral along with the first video.

Reacting to the incident, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said, "He has been relieved of his duties. If anyone who holds a responsible position is found to be indulging in illegal activities and taking laws into his hands, then action will be taken against them, irrespective of who they are."

Home Minister Narottam Mishra said, "I too have seen and read about it. If there's any official complaint, then we'll see."

The National Commission for Women (NCW) has taken note of the video and its chief, Rekha Sharma, has written to the Chief Minister, seeking appropriate punishment for the officer. "Such incidents send a wrong message to the society," the NCW tweeted.

Later in the evening, the Home department has issued a show-cause notice to Special DG Purushottam Sharma for his act against the Indian Services Rules. He has been given time to reply to the notice by 5.30 pm on Tuesday. Meanwhile, State Woman Commission has issued a notice to Sharma demanding an explanation regarding a video of domestic violence against him and sought reply appearing personally by 12.30 pm on October 05.

Besides, the Commission has written to Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan for registering an FIR against Sharma and providing security to his wife, as she has raised voice against her husband.

Mohali Admn goes strict on influx of 'other State paddy'

PNS ■ MOHALI

Going strict on checking the illegal influx of paddy from neighbouring states in Mohali district mandis (grain markets), the Deputy Commissioner Girish Dayalan on Monday directed the Mandi Officials to take legal action against the arthtiyas violating Punjab Agriculture Produce Marketing Committees (APMC) Act by selling 'other State paddy' in local mandis.

Reviewing the paddy procurement scenario, it was brought into the notice of the Deputy Commissioner that mandis adjoining Haryana border tend to face glut and procurement process is hampered due to unprecedented arrival of paddy from other states via local commission agents.

Min performs Pooja for Govt Library at Dussehra ground

PNS ■ UJJJAIN

Higher Education Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav performed Pooja during foundation stone laying programme at the land for the construction of a new building of the Government Library at Dussehra ground near the Mata temple.

On this occasion, he said that Ujjain been a religious city, action is being taken to build a religious headquarters here. Just as the headquarters of revenue is Gwalior, the headquarters of Income Tax Indore, similarly the work of making Ujjain a religious headquarters, is done.

Ujjayini is a city of knowledge, science, culture etc., by collecting books related to different subjects etc. in government library, students can earn knowledge for the students and the citizens.

Minister Dr. Yadav said that Rs 30 lakh has been sanctioned from the CSR item of Gas

Authority Limited for construction of new library building. On the occasion of foundation stone laying programme, Dr. Yadav announced to provide Rs. 30 lakh more from the MLA fund for making the government library project better. At present, the government library is being operated in a private building. After the construction of the new building, the public will get the benefit of the library.

Dr. Yadav expressed his views and said that due to Ujjayini being the city of justice, an effort will also be made to establish a judicial training center.

The Kothi Mahal and Maharajwara will be made heritage and those coming from outside can be accommodated at these places, so that archaeological buildings can be seen. In order to spread the ancient importance of Ujjaini more, it is necessary to have a religious headquarters in Ujjain. Efforts have been intensified for this.

Book talk held virtually at AISECT university

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The Session was conducted on a virtual platform through a zoom medium

A book talk was conducted virtually on Monday at AISECT university. Under the auspices of Rabinranath Tagore University under Vishwan Rang, Vanamali creation Peeth, Bhopal and Aisect Publication presented National Vanamali Katha Samman, the new book "Ten Stories: Mamta Kalia" by senior writer of Hindi literature Mamta Kalia.

The session was conducted on a virtual platform through a zoom medium.

It is worth mentioning that the prestigious publication institute of the country, ICECT Publication, started the best publication of the books of eminent Hindi writers of Hindi literature, honored with National Vanamali Katha Samman under the Vanmali series dedicated to the late Jagannath Prasad Choubey 'Vanmali'. is. "Ten Stories: Mamta Kalia" is an important book in the Vanamali series. The publication of books of leading writers of the country continues in the Vanamali series.

Presiding over the programme Santosh Choubey, senior poet storyteller, director Vishwa Rang and Chancellor Rabinranath Tagore University


in his address said that Mamta is very rich in simple and easy personality and her language also reflects this. Mamta ji's stories make you feel very simple, easy and illuminate your mind till the end. This method is now left with very few people.

The famous storyteller Naveen Sagar and senior narrator critic Dhananjay Verma, who is called Kahapanen, is very much seen here by Mamta ji. It was necessary to have storytelling in the story of Vanmali too.

The use of language is very specific in Mamta stories. Urdu has been used very naturally in the 'Kamaal' story. Brajbhasha is a very good use in the story 'Nirmohi'. Flavor of the language, the departure of the language is reflected in the movement of other languages ??and dialects.

The great work of rasmata about language is in Mamta ji's stories. All the stories of Mamta ji are very interesting, interesting, meaningful and rasamay. Mamta read the 'Peetha' story. This is my favorite story.

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| PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION CUM SALE | | | | | | |
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| Sr. No. | Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor (s) | Demand Notice Date and Amount | Description of the Immovable property | Reserve Price (RP) | Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (10% of RP) | |
| 1. | (App No.00101471/ Mandideep Branch) Brajesh Dhakad (Borrower) Savitri Bai (Co-Borrower) | 19.04.2019 ₹ 9,92,571/- | All that part & parcel of property bearing, House No ? EWS 259 Housing Board Colony, Sector ? B Goharganj, Mandideep, Bhopal, (M.P.)- 462046 Boundaries: East: EWS 258, West: EWS 260, North: 4.5 Mtr. wide Road, South: LIG 163 | ₹ 8,68,000/- (Rs. Eight Lacs Sixty Eight Thousand Only) | ₹ 86,800/- (Rs. Eighty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Only) | |
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Sonia to Cong-ruled States: Pass Act to override farm laws



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Monday directed Punjab, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Pudducherry Chief Ministers to explore the possibility of passing laws to override the three agricultural Bills passed recently by the Parliament.

A statement issued by party general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal said that these States have been told to pass laws under Article 254 (2) of the Constitution that allows State legislatures to do so to negate the “Anti-Agriculture” Central laws encroaching upon the States’ jurisdiction under the Constitution.

“This would enable the States to bypass the unacceptable anti-farmers provisions in the three draconian

Ex-babus back Modi-Govt’s reform legislation

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A group of 32 former public servants on Monday backed the farm reform laws enacted by the Modi Government and claimed that “disinformation” is being spread over the issue to negatively impact the morale of farmers. The group includes former finance secretary S Narayan, former banking secretary D K Mittal, former deputy secretary G Mohan Kumar, former petroleum secretary Saurabh Chandra, and former civil aviation secretary K N Srivastava.

The farm Bills, passed by

Parliament, mark the watershed in the liberation of India’s farming community from the shackles of exploitative practices that slow-pedaled their progress, the former civil servants said.

Targeting the critics of the measures, the group in a statement said, “We have reasons to apprehend the disinformation which certain sections within our society are trying to spread in the country. We have recent instances of untruths and distortions being paraded before the public with hugely negative impact on the morale of the minorities, students, and now the farmers.”

The general public has every reason to suspect attempts by well-known “vested interests” to destabilise the country and create disaffection among the minorities, students and farmers, it alleged.

In an apparent reference to the Congress, the group said the emancipation of the farmers from the middlemen and empowering them with the freedom to choose where and how to sell their produce was enshrined in the manifestos of certain political forces which oppose it now.

The statement said the government has introduced a definite game-changer in a

farmer’s life through the “far-sighted” legislations. Major impediments which retarded the seamless growth of the farming fraternity of India are given the go-by through the passage of these monumental Acts.

Citing the proposed benefits of these laws, including freedom to farmers to sell their produce anywhere they want and allowing them to enter into contracts with traders, the group said it is objectionable to “incite” farmers and create disaffection by wrongly suggesting that their interests are being bartered in favour of multinational concern.

After Punjab, Haryana, Centre asks other States to start procurement process of Kharif crops

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

After allowing procurement of kharif crops in Punjab and Haryana in advance to placate farmers’ anger over farm Bills, the Centre has now allowed all remaining procuring States to commence with their procurement operations for paddy for the year 2020-21 (Kharif crop) with effect from September 28 itself.

The Centre on Monday

came out with the latest data of paddy procurement in the last 48 hours to allay any apprehensions over the minimum support price (MSP) buying. Meanwhile, the ministry of consumer affairs has allowed procurement of 13.77 LMT of Pulse and oilseeds from Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Telangana and Haryana.

With the latest procurement data, the government

aims to send a clear message - it has no intention of scrapping the MSP and that it has put in a mechanism for procurement of not only summer-sown paddy but also pulses and oilseeds this year. Farmers in Punjab and Haryana and several other states are protesting against new farm laws which they feel will lead to procurement in the hands of corporates and the end of the MSP regime.

Agricultural laws including the abolition of MSP and disruption of APMCs in Congress ruled States. This would also alleviate the farmers from the grave injustice done by the Modi Government and BJP,” the statement said.

Former party chief Rahul Gandhi alleged that the agri-

culture-related laws are a “death sentence” for farmers whose voice has been crushed both inside and outside Parliament. “The agriculture laws are a death sentence to our farmers. Their voice is crushed in Parliament and outside. Here is proof that democracy in India is dead,” he said on Twitter.

He tagged a news report along with his tweet that claimed that Opposition members demanding a division of votes were on their seats when the farm bills were passed in the Rajya Sabha, while the government said they were not. The Congress is also protesting against the farm laws across the country.

Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh has started work on the lines as advised by the party high command. He has been contemplating to amend the Agriculture Produce Market Committee Act and declare the entire State as a principal mandi yard. This would circumvent the provisions in The

Farmers Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, 2020, which was passed in Parliament.

The declaration of mandi yards ensures that any procurement outside their ambit is considered illegal, farmers do not get a price less than the MSP, and the State gets its mandi fee.

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel too had recently said his govern-

ment would take legal steps to ensure that private players did not get entry into the agriculture sector. At least 40 per cent of paddy production in Chhattisgarh is procured by the Food Corporation of India for the Central pool.

And unlike Punjab and Haryana, where farmers have large land holdings, 86% of Chhattisgarh’s land holdings are of less than 5 acres.

The Congress is also con-

sidering the option of moving the Supreme Court against the bills. “Certainly all options are open. I believe it strikes at the heart of federalism, which has been held repeatedly to be part of the basic structure from Keshavanada Bharati to Bommai judgements. Therefore, you have not heard the end of the story yet,” senior party leader and Rajya Sabha MP Abhishek Singhvi said.

Teicoplanin more effective in Covid-19 treatment: IIT Research

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Clinically-approved drug “Teicoplanin” is a potential therapeutic option against Covid-19 and can be 10 times more effective than several drugs being currently used, a research by Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi has found. Teicoplanin is an FDA-approved glycopeptide antibiotic, which is regularly used for treating Gram-positive bacterial infections with low toxicity profile in humans.

The research by the institute’s Kusuma School of

Biological Science screened an assemblage of 23 approved drugs, which have shown leads towards being therapeutic options for coronavirus.

“While the effect of Teicoplanin was compared with other important drugs in use, Teicoplanin was found to be 10-20 fold more effective than the chief drugs being used against SARS-CoV-2, such as Lopinavir and Hydroxychloroquine in our laboratory conditions,” said Ashok Patel, Professor at IIT Delhi.

Patel, who led the research was also assisted by Dr Pradeep Sharma from AIIMS. The research has been published in the International Journal of “Biological Macromolecules.”

“Recently, there has been a clinical study carried out with Teicoplanin at Sapienza University in Rome. However, a more detailed clinical investigation is required on a large cohort, in different stages mild, moderate and critically ill patients to conclude the definite role of Teicoplanin against Covid-19,” Patel said.

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Cat que virus from China has potential to cause disease in India: ICMR

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

At a time when India is struggling hard to combat Covid-19 which has spread to almost all the States in the country, scientists have alarmingly found the presence of antibodies for another virus — cat que virus (CQV) — in human serum samples tested from across India.

Incidentally, as in Covid-19, which has killed over 95,000 people so far, the CQV is also said to be largely reported

from China.

The arthropod-borne virus (arboviruses) is usually carried by culex mosquitoes and pigs, and could cause fatal illness in humans. In fact, Swines are the primary mammalian host of the CQV.

While antibodies of the virus have been found, the scientists at National Institute of Virology (NIV)- ICMR did not stumble upon the virus in any of the 883 human serum samples they tested.

The scientists said that

the arthropod-borne virus (arboviruses) is usually carried by culex mosquitoes and pigs, and could cause fatal illness in humans.

The presence of an antibody against a virus in a person indicates that the person had at some point of time been infected by the virus.

But the study, which was published in the latest issue of Indian Journal of Medical Research (IJMR), did not find the presence of the actual virus in any of the samples

tested.

Cat que virus, the presence of which is usually reported from China and Vietnam, causes febrile illnesses, meningitis and paediatric encephalitis in humans.

“Anti-CQV IgG antibody positivity in human serum samples tested and the replication capability of CQV in mosquitoes indicated a possible disease causing potential of CQV in Indian scenario,” the scientists said.

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As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

| Sr. No. | Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number | Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession | Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.) | Name of Branch |
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| 1. | Vipin Dhyanil/ Sonal Dhayanil/ LBDEL00001710585 | Flat No. H-82, Sector-41, Noida/ Sep 22, 2020 | November 30, 2019 Rs.13,77,252/- | Delhi/ NCR |
| 2. | Manisha Khanna & Ankur Khanna/ LBNOD00003048485 | Flat No. 301, 3rd Floor, Stellar Park, Plot No. C 58/24, Sec-62 Gautam Buddha Nagar, Noida/ Sep 22, 2020 | November 30, 2019 Rs.63,11,494/- | Delhi/ NCR |
| 3. | Sashi Prabha/ Prem Prakash Kaushalyayan/ LBDEL00003197681 | Flat No-604, Tower-A 6th Floor, Vendantam Plot No-Gh-01B, Sector-18C Greater Noida- 201307/ Sep 22, 2020 | November 30, 2019 Rs.11,55,297/- | Delhi/ NCR |
| 4. | Vineet Sharma/ Amita Sharma/ LBNOD00004745285 | Flat No 2303, Plot No- Gh-05 Celso County- Tower A1, Sector-121 Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar 201301/ Sep 22, 2020 | February 05, 2020 Rs.82,96,888/- | Delhi/ NCR |
| 5. | Sujal Khandelwal & Meenakshi Gupta/ LBNOD00004375102 | Plot No-179, Ground Floor Sector-02, Aditya World City, Ghaziabad/ Sep 22, 2020 | January 31, 2020 Rs.6,32,510/- | Delhi/ NCR |
| 6. | Jai Bhagwan Sharma/ Jyoteshna Sharma/ LBNOD00001899200 | H. No. 4/66, Sector-2, Rajender Nagar, Ghaziabad/ Sep 22, 2020 | January 03, 2020 Rs.77,54,019/- | Delhi/ NCR |
| 7. | Ravinder Kumar/ Pooja Devi/ LBDEL00002734751 | Challan No 2614, Upavh Housing Scheme, Mandola Vihar, Gulmohar Enclave, Ghaziabad / Sep 22, 2020 | October 31, 2019 Rs.10,09,916/- | Delhi/ NCR |
| 8. | Aishvary & Rajender Kumar Gupta/ LBDEL00002185984 | Flat No 1202, 12th Floor, Tower C, Village Shahpur Bhamheta, Aditya Urban Home, Ghaziabad/ Sep 22, 2020 | February 22, 2020 Rs.12,10,893/- | Delhi/ NCR |
| 9. | Taruna Chawla & Ravi Chawla/ LBGUR00002821238/ LBGUR00002821262 | Flat No. Vs/ B-802, 8th Floor Plot No 1/2, Vaibhav Khand, Indirapuram Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh 201001 Ghaziabad/ Sep 22, 2020 | February 29, 2020 Rs.51,34,868/- | Delhi/ NCR |
| 10. | Ramesh Chand & Babita Gupta/ LBDEL00001706470 | Plot No-J-181, Sec-12, Pratap Vihar, Block-J, G.M.P, Ghaziabad/ Sep 23, 2020 | January 9, 2020 Rs.14,27,506/- | Delhi/ NCR |
| 11. | Jitender Sharma & Mukut Lal Sharma/ LBDEL00004860718 | Plot No: L-85,3rd Floor, Without Roof Rights, L Block, Sector 12, Pratap Vihar, Ghaziabad, Pargana Loni Tehsil & District Ghaziabad/ Sep 23, 2020 | November 30, 2019 Rs.62,72,361/- | Delhi/ NCR |
| 12. | Shradha Dubey/ Deepak Dubey/ LBGHZ00003274290/ LBGHZ00003309720 | Flat No -201, 2nd Floor, Block: Tower-3, Panchsheel Pebbles, Plot No: Gh-1(18a), Sector-3, Vaishali, Ghaziabad/ Sep 23, 2020 | November 30, 2019 Rs.69,44,509/- | Delhi/ NCR |
| 13. | Gaurav Sabharwal/ Poonam Sabharwal/ LBNOD00001736129 | Second Floor With Roof Right, Plot No. B- 236, Sec-12, Ram Prashtha Colony, Ghaziabad/ Sep 23, 2020 | February 26, 2020 Rs.6,64,583/- | Delhi/ NCR |
| 14. | Sohan Pal/ Suresh Kumar Gupta/ LBNOD00002379759 | Dda Lig, Flat No 50, 3rd Floor, Sector G-8, Pocket-3, Block- F7, Narela, Delhi/ Sep 23,2020 | November 30, 2019 Rs.11,59,324/- | Delhi/ NCR |
| 15. | Meena Rani/ Amit Kumar/ LBDEL00004932620 | Plot No- L-85, Ground Floor Front And Rear Side, Without Roof Rights, Pratap Vihar Ghaziabad/ Sep 24, 2020 | February 22, 2020 Rs.43,62,830/- | Delhi/ NCR |
| 16. | Arun Kumar Sharma/ Neelakshi Sharma/ LBFDB00001635157 | Pp/a-1002, 10th Floor, Professional Hub, 1/2 Vaibhavkhand, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad/ Sep 24, 2020 | November 30, 2019 Rs.18,27,615/- | Delhi/ NCR |
| 17. | Amar Anand & Damyanti Shahu/ LBDEL00002065451/ LBNOD00001212795 | Flat Number S-4, Second Floor, Plot No-II- A/145, Vaishali, Ghaziabad / Sep 24, 2020 | February 28, 2020 Rs.8,95,202/- | Delhi/ NCR |
| 18. | Samay Singh & Mayya Devi/ LBDEL00001253311 | H No-Se-427, Shastri Nagar, Ghaziabad/ Sep 24, 2020 | January 31, 2020 Rs.5,73,826/- | Delhi/ NCR |
| 19. | Abhishek Singh/ Gyanti Singh/ LBDEL00004904357 | Flat No: PB-57-GF, Ground Floor, Parkland Pride, Sector: 77-78, Faridabad, Haryana/ Sep 24, 2020 | December 31, 2019 Rs.4609307/- | Delhi/ NCR |
| 20. | Abu Zafar/ Mohd Abulais/ Jia Interiors And Contractor/ LBFDB00004302331/ LBFDB00004309531 | Plot No-634, First Floor, Surya Nagar, Phase-2, Sector 91, Faridabad, Haryana/ Sep 24, 2020 | February 22, 2020 Rs.49,46,026/- | Delhi/ NCR |
| 21. | Soniya Gulati/ Dherendra Kumar/ Vivek Chandra Choubey/ LBNOD0000490926 | Flat No H/Ca 404, 4th Floor, City Apartment, Aditya World, City, Plot No Gh 06, Ghaziabad/ Sep 22, 2020 | January 30, 2020 Rs.25,20,619/- | Delhi/ NCR |

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : 29-09-2020
Place: Delhi/Ncr

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
SHER-I-KASHMIR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES
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Email: ammoimports@skims.ac.in, Fax: 0194-2403404
e-NIT No: SIMS-324- NIT 11 (IMPORTS) of 2020
Dated: 24-09-2020

Subject: Abbreviated Notice Inviting Tenders for supply, installation, testing & commissioning of various Bio- Medical equipments for the department of Surgical Oncology SKIMS, Under State Cancer Institute.

On behalf of the Lt. Governor of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir through Director, Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences, Soura, Srinagar, e-tenders are invited from the original manufacturers/their Indian subsidiary/Indian Agents on the authorization of principal manufacturers/Indian Subsidiary if 100% subsidiary of foreign principals (for imported equipment) and manufacturers/ their authorized dealers for the J&K (for indigenous equipment) for supply, installation, testing & commissioning of following Bio-Medical equipment:

| Group | Name of the item | Qty | Tender fee | EMD |
|-------|--|-----|------------|---------|
| A | Gamma Cordless Probe | 01 | 1000 | 30,000 |
| B | Surgical Loupe 2.5x | 02 | 500 | 2000 |
| C | Flexible Nasopharyngolaryngoscope with chip on tip | 01 | 1000 | 50,000 |
| D | Video Assisted Distending Mediastinoscopy | 01 | 1000 | 30,000 |
| E | Ultrasonic Bone Scalpel System for Osteosurgery | 01 | 1000 | 50,000 |
| F | Micro vascular Doppler Probe | 01 | 500 | 1000 |
| G | Operating Microscope | 01 | 5000 | 300,000 |
| H | Automatic Tourniquet System for Limb Surgeries | 01 | 1000 | 100,000 |
| I | Micro Drill with Attachments (Air Pen Drive) | 01 | 500 | 10,000 |

The detailed tender document is available on www.jktenders.gov.in & on SKIMS website www.skims.ac.in. The NIT schedule is as per following :-

| Last date for submission of online bids | 28-10-2020 upto 4:00 PM |
|---|-------------------------|
| Opening of Technical bids | 31-10-2020 at 12:30 PM |

Complete bidding process will be online on e-tendering portal www.jktenders.gov.in & the tenders should be submitted strictly in accordance with the provisions of the detailed NIT.

No: SIMS-324-e-NIT 11 (Imports) 2020-3011-19-5338-41
Sd/- Asstt. Materials Management Officer (Imports)
For & on behalf of Chief of Materials Management

Harsh Vardhan releases 100-yr timeline of ICMR

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan on Monday released the 100-year timeline history of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and inaugurated a mobile stroke unit and a COVID Vaccine and Clinical Registry portal to be hosted by the research institute.

Dr. Balram Bhargava, Director General, ICMR, Dr. R. Hemalatha, Director, ICMR-NIN and other senior officials and scientists were also present.

While launching the Mobile Stroke Unit, the Minister said, “It is disheartening to see the susceptibility of people to heart disease and hypertension. Timely

treatment can reduce fatality and prevent people from disability. In view of the large burden of stroke and absence of stroke care facilities in Assam, this initiative will go a long way in addressing the needs of the people in this area.

The mobile unit, through tele-consultation ensures timely and appropriate treatment to people.”

He also lauded the healthcare personnel who are working selflessly to serve the people even at a time when the resources are limited due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Amit Shah holds review meeting with Home Ministry officials

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday held a meeting with top officials of his Ministry and discussed several “important” and “key” matters, officials said.

This was for the first time Shah visited his North Block office to chair a meeting after returning from the AIIMS here, where he underwent a health check-up recently.

The home minister had a review meeting of the MHA with senior officials of the ministry where “several important matters and key issues” were discussed, a home ministry official said.

However, it is not immediately known as to what key issues were discussed at the meeting.

Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla and other senior officers attended the meeting.

Report calls from spoofed number: Indian embassy in Brussels to Indian citizens

RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

The Indian embassy in Brussels on Monday issued an advisory asking Indian citizens to report to the police there as well as the mission on the nature of demand or threat from calls received from a spoofed number of the embassy.

The modus operandi of the callers is that most of the calls originate from 0032-2-6409140. “It may be mentioned that it is the registered Embassy number but callers have spoofed this number,” reads the advisory.

“These fraudsters intimate about some wrong or inadequate information in his/her passport or immigration records due to which a case is registered by Police in India or in Belgium. Hence, perpetrators demand that a fine or penalty needs to be paid through Western Union money transfer/purchase I-tune cards through their credit/debit cards or else deportation proceedings would be initiated,” the advisory outlined the modus operandi.

The advisory further said, “All concerned are, therefore, advised to be vigilant and to be on guard against these fraudsters and their nefarious designs to extract money from unsuspecting victims. It is reiterated that Embassy does not call up people to ask for money, etc. and hence such calls be ignored and reported promptly.”

Through the advisory, the Indian Embassy in

Brussels sought to draw the attention of the Indian community in Belgium/Luxembourg about the fraudulent calls being received by the members of the Indian community, especially students and professionals from unscrupulous elements using the name of Indian Embassy and spoofed telephone numbers.

The callers generally speak English and sometimes Hindi. “It is requested that in the event of receiving such calls, the number from which call has originated, date and time of call, contact number on which call was received and nature of demand or threat may be furnished to Police as well as Embassy of India, Brussels at cons.brussels@mea.gov.in,” it said.

In some instances, the criminals have allegedly used the telephone numbers of Belgian Immigration/Foreign Office, it added.

Sd/- Mission Director, Samagra Shiksha, Assam
Kahilipara, Guwahati-19

New look BJP

With an eye on State polls and laying ground for the next general elections, the party recasts itself with 60 per cent new faces



This took some time coming, the recasting of the BJP after JP Nadda became its new president, ostensibly halted by the Government's preoccupation with the pandemic. But nine months down the line, the party has made some key changes. Almost 60 per cent of the office bearers are new, which means that the Modi-Shah duo is now reshaping the party's legacy by putting in place a generation next. The second rung would be ready by the time the next general elections are due, when some of the existing stalwarts would superannuate. The new and younger faces serve two purposes. First, they would feel they have a stakeholder-ship in the larger scheme of things and work zealously, something that would help the party attract the younger demographic and energy in time for the next Lok Sabha verdict. Second, it would make the BJP look like a party which believes in intra-party democracy — although the new office-bearers would be so beholden to the current leadership that they are not expected to break a well-set mould — and expose the Opposition Congress as a fossil in comparison. Many crucial office-bearer posts have gone to members from Bengal and Odisha, an indication that BJP is serious about firmly stamping its footprint in eastern India. But the most significant move has been the dilution of known Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) faces in the party's command structure, with Ram Madhav being dropped as national general secretary along with others, BL Santhosh being the lone RSS presence now. But this doesn't mean that there is a sidelining of the RSS, only an appearance of it. Some of the dropped faces, including Madhav, who has been singularly responsible for the party's Kashmir and North-east strategies and gains, are expected to be rewarded with Central Ministries. And with the Prime Minister himself having risen from the cadre, the probable thinking is that the RSS is now very well ensconced in core governance and doesn't have the pressure to be visibly felt. At the same time, it helps Modi project the party as a broader, accommodative entity with representation of non-RSS cadres and should the new inclusions be successful, also help him fob off the pressure from Nagpur. There is no denying that the party cannot do without the RSS architecture that's needed to build a disciplined and committed pyramid ground up but at the same time, some free-wheeling ideologues have caused it enough embarrassment with their radical thinking. Modi, a highly individualist persona, certainly won't brook more challengers at the moment. The new national general secretaries have been selected to ensure an all-India representation, including as they do Dushyant Kumar Gautam, a Dalit leader, D Purandeswari from Andhra Pradesh, CT Ravi, an MLA from Karnataka, Tarun Chugh from Punjab and Dilip Saikia from Assam. Odisha now has four national office bearers, indicating how aggressive the BJP is about this coastal State. While Baijayant Panda continues as vice-president and Sambit Patra as spokesperson, two first-time MPs have been given a national role: Bisweswar Tudu from the tribal district of Mayurbhanj will be one of the national secretaries while Aparajita Sarangi from Bhubaneswar will be the new spokesperson. Former BJP president Amit Shah couldn't accomplish his "Mission 120" in Odisha last year and the national-level inclusions are expected to tap into the ambitions of the local unit to swing the verdict in the party's favour. The party continues to be deeply invested in the North-east, choosing M Chuba Ao from Nagaland as national vice-president and Mmholunmo Kikon, MLA from Nagaland, as a national spokesperson.

However, the appointment of turncoat leader Mukul Roy from Bengal as a national vice-president has shocked many. A former Trinamool Congress (TMC) leader and one-time confidant of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, Roy's elevation shows how desperate the BJP is about Bengal. This at a time when Roy himself was becoming deeply uncomfortable about the little wiggle room he had. It also shows how the local unit hasn't been able to turn the tide of opinion in the BJP's favour as expected and, therefore, the central leadership doesn't mind using imported talent to achieve its purpose. Even Anupam Hazra, who has been appointed national secretary, is a former TMC leader. Roy can clearly help the BJP in countering the booth-level strategies of the TMC and choose candidates wisely. Yet Bengal is messy as the local BJP unit and its leaders are resentful and becoming openly rebellious. The fact that the party dropped its long-time loyalist Rahul Sinha as national secretary to make way for Hazra shows how desperate it is to use TMC rebels to dethrone Mamata. Except, that this could boomerang on itself too. For Bengal operates in binaries. Just as the disgruntled Left cadres joined TMC, nobody can rule out rebel BJP leaders crossing over. The trouble for BJP is that it cannot sit easy on its Lok Sabha performance for it lost three bypoll seats in the State subsequently, including State president Dilip Ghosh's own constituency. Roy has a twin challenge of keeping the State unit together and defeating the TMC in 2021. This could be the BJP's biggest gamble in Bengal. The national overhaul is clearly going "vocal for local" from the BJP's side with a naked ambition to get power in the States it hasn't had a chance to make inroads into historically. But this federalist approach is need-based rather than organic. And therein lies the mismatch.

Implement the rules

If farmers continue to burn stubble in their fields, they will make enemies and lose friends



Agitating farmers in north India might find a lot of fault with the recently passed legislation that dismantled the old system of agricultural commerce even if the Central Government continues to believe in the necessity of these Bills as major reforms. Richer farmers are aghast at the Bills as they hurt their well-connected eco-system as well as harm State Government revenues. That's why politicians in Punjab are protesting so loudly whereas marginal farmers in other States are less unhappy with the Bills, considering their exploitation won't end at the end of the day, big corporations just replacing middlemen. But if the

farmers are hoping to sway opinion against the Bills, then they would have to act upon their brethren burning stubble in their fields and not use it as a pressure tactic to get the Centre's attention. There is no doubt that the Punjab Government has callously thrown its hands up in the air and said it cannot do anything as the overburdened farmers need subsidised equipment and shredders that can help them dispose stubble in an environmentally-friendly way. Possibly this is in order to put pressure upon the Narendra Modi Government. And it is true that the Centre has to use funds at its disposal to subsidise this equipment. However, rules and regulations are in place and the courts have spoken in the past. There needs to be a crackdown on farmers, who willingly and callously burn their fields and are murdering the citizens of their own country as a result. Far from winning sympathy in their fight against corporates, this might even drive popular opinion against farmers to the extent that policy-influencing citizens might want increased corporatisation of the agricultural industry. As it is, the habit of farmers in the north, growing water-intensive crops in a water-stressed region, is quite alarming. Even if the Government can take proactive measures to control the pollution from burning fields this year, we should not forget that this is not the only reason for the poor air quality. Rampant and unmanaged construction activity has also led to severe dust pollution and it would be prudent for civic authorities to better manage that as well. Transport activity is still a bit down due to the Coronavirus, although, without full public transport working, many people are crowding our streets with personal vehicles. 2020 has been a rough year already, let us not make it much worse.

Last post for an officer

A soldier, statesman, scholar and politician, Jaswant Singh found himself at odds with his party as a narrow form of nationalism took roots

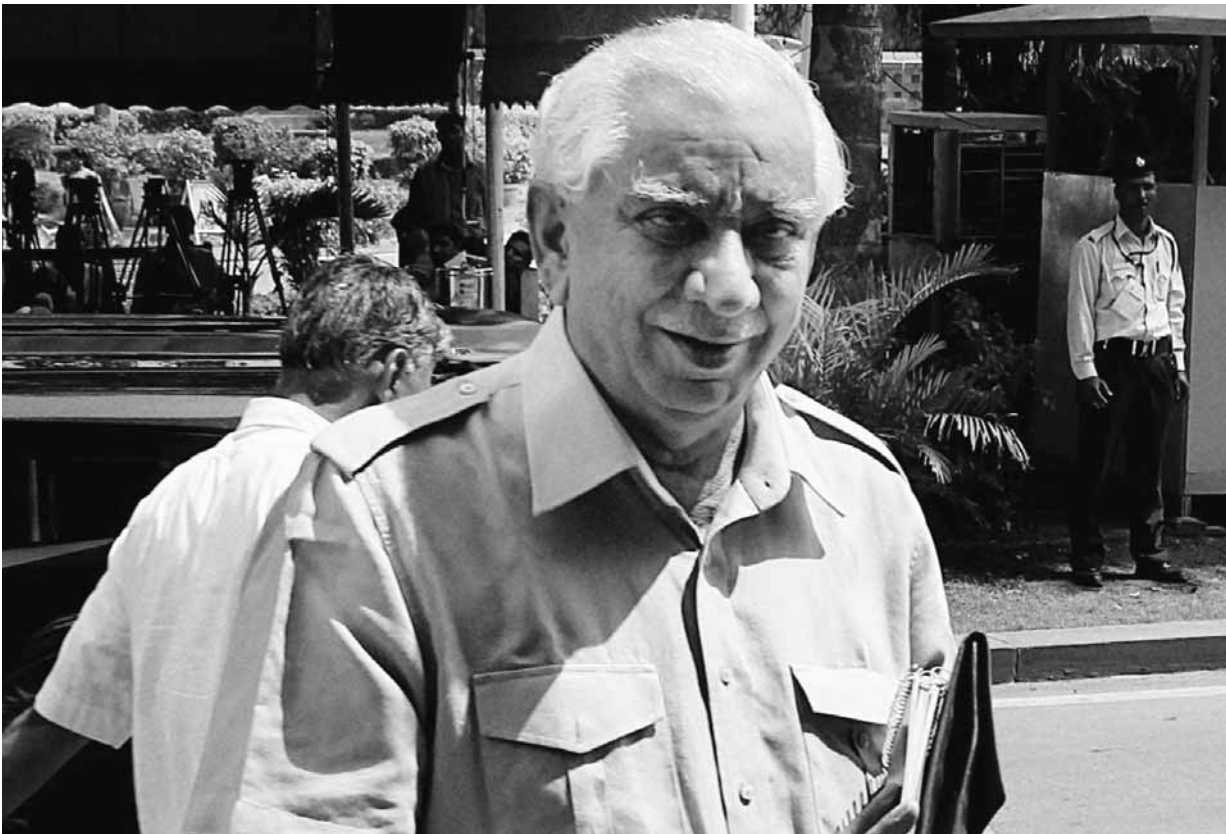


BHOPINDER SINGH

Jaswant Singh fought his last fight, as he always did, with restraint, dignity and rectitude that typified his life. Recently, life had ebbed slowly for the proverbial and literal last of the knights (former cavalry officer from the distinguished Central India Horse Regiment) as he silently passed into his Valhalla. The 82-year-old soldier, statesman, scholar and politician always stood out in public imagination with his ramrod straight posture, sartorial sense, stifled baritone, measured words and Queen's English. Singh was the quintessential "officer and a gentleman" on duty. A pleasant oddity in the mucky world of politics. Part of Atal Bihari Vajpayee's eclectic group of "diversities", Singh brought the mellifluous imprint of his rural desert district, Rajput warriors' ethos and scholarly correctness that won over many hard-nosed diplomats from across the world for his professional profundity and efficacy.

Once touted as Vajpayee's trusted "Hanuman", Singh belonged to a political era when one could be an honourable gentleman, dignified and yet a politician. He is most recognised as Vajpayee's globe-trotting troubleshooter as External Affairs Minister, but he completed a rare "D-E-F" in ministerial portfolios, as he was also Defence and Finance Minister. Vajpayee personally stood up for his friend "Jassu" whenever the knives were out from within, against a man who was clearly uncomfortable with the puritanical section of his party. But the sagacious Vajpayee sought no echo-chamber. Instead, he cherished and valued the former soldier's ability to uplift a simple draft in English into the most sublime expression. They were men of letters who respected each other for their "differences" and not feared the same. Such political large-heartedness was not to last and a very different and distinct strain of political instinct was brewing within his own party. It was clear that the space for independent-minded liberals and intellectuals was diminishing. Like his co-soldier and party colleague, Major General BC Khanduri, the narrow form of nationalism was on the rise. It was an unknown space and anathema for even old soldiers, and soon Singh was banished.

He was an intellectual rebel, not



a rabble rouser, a fine difference and a handicap, one that he would soon discover. He had left the Army as he was sick of "Sirring" and "empty posturing." To expect such a man to pander to political insecurities and insensitivities that were rising was unimaginable. In such changing times, there couldn't be a political space for a Jaswant Singh, Arun Shourie, Yashwant Sinha and so on.

Today, when both national security and diplomacy are going through extreme turbulence and relying on hyperbole, jingoism and 'economies of truth' — the reassuring and unflinching visage of Singh in the backdrop of a nuclear test, the Agra Summit, Kargil or in the midst of confabulations with Madeleine Albright and Strobe Talbott, is a fleeting memory of the distant past.

A politician's journey is rife with incidents that are both laudatory and fetching. Singh's political life was no different — the perennial question of him accompanying terrorists to Kandahar to secure the release of 160 hostages is the foremost. What is rarely posited in such questioning is if that was an individual decision or one cleared by the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS), chaired by the Prime Minister, Home Minister and the "D-E-F" ministerial trinity? While no one really stood up and vocally clarified (though, no one denied either) that it was a collective call — Singh was left to

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carry this can of blemish for posterity, singularly on his hall-mark epaulette-strapped shoulders. On the contrary, the post-incident questioning always left the one-time soldier bemused, saddened and even let down by his colleagues, but beyond a point, he did not stoop to name-calling; he was too much of a thoroughbred gentleman to do that. Singh was among the first to blow the bugle about his party's changing tenor, agenda and direction, and thereafter sought a "serious inquiry." Little did he know of the changing and irreversible winds, and soon the soldier was ironically slammed for "indiscipline." Later, his lettered expression by way of a seminal book, *Jinnah: India, Partition, Independence*, was to be a convenient excuse to get rid of unwanted erudition within the new and rising ranks. Gujarat was the first State to ban the book, an indication of things to follow. Singh's prophetic words then had been that it was tantamount to "banning thinking." A fruition of that political reality plays out today. It was a regrettable political end for the distinguished career of the nine-time parliamentarian, who in his earlier book, *A Call to Honour: In Service of Emergent India*, had invoked the memories of the sun-lit land of his childhood within the four walls of "honour, courage, loyalty and faith" — old fashioned adjectives that sadly don't resonate anymore.

His wood-panelled office was

among the most impressive personal libraries and with Bach playing in the background, it was a statement of class, culture and pedigree that was equally at ease in his desert *dhani* with the hauntingly beautiful music of his native bards, Langas and Mangniyars.

Singh was a man of chivalric codes — a civilisational code, a soldier's code and even an understated feudal code that understood the fine difference between respect and servility — he was gracious and respectful and was always respected back, even by people across the "aisle." Politicians like him acknowledged their political opponents as equal patriots and human beings and he was befittingly conferred the "Outstanding Parliamentarian Award" in 2001. More comfortable with his books, writings, horses and an abiding spirit of enquiry — Singh abhorred illiberality, bigotry and the swaggering abuse of power. True to any proud soldier's moral compass, he valued respect more than anything, but as the cavalier once invoked, he was ultimately, "put out to pastures."

Today Vajpayee's "Hanuman," who seldom rested, will be laid to rest, as it were, in a better world — as they say of old soldier's, "they never die, they only fade away." The nation lost a patriot, a statesman, a soldier and above all, a decent man.

(The writer, a military veteran, is a former Lt Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands)

SOUNDBITE

Both the COVID-19 vaccine task force and the immunity task force are doing important work to help us identify the most promising vaccine options and strategies.

Canadian PM
—Justin Trudeau



Punjab, which would be the worst affected by these treacherous laws, would take this fight forward with all its might.

Punjab Chief Minister
—Amarinder Singh



These days Sanju (Samson) is striking the ball cleanly all over the ground. We will have to adapt to bigger grounds but these shots would clear everywhere.

Cricketer
—Steve Smith



It is very crucial for us to support our folk artists — our industry, workers who are keeping our heritage intact.

Singer
—Shaan



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The world needs a 'people's vaccine'

Globally, more than one million people have died from COVID-19. The real figure could be higher than the official numbers, especially in view of the fact that a lot of COVID-related mortalities outside hospitals are linked to co-morbidities and are not counted as COVID deaths. The casualty toll is growing by the day with a vaccine nowhere in sight. The World Health Organisation's (WHO's) prognosis that there could be another million deaths, even with the vaccine, before the pandemic is eventually brought under control, deepens the gloom.

Data attest that older people and those with pre-existing conditions are more at risk than others. SARS-CoV-2 is virulent and its infective ability varies from person to person. At the same time, it is possible to contain its spread and reduce its fatality by a scientific response. It is a proven fact that poverty increases vulnerability to diseases and this holds good in the case of COVID too. Social and economic conditions co-relate with public health. Obviously, the fight against the ongoing pan-



dem becomes weaker when healthcare professionals are overstretched and hospitals are under-resourced. Given its implications, herd immunity is not an option. A viable vaccine is the need of the hour but only if it is available free of cost to everyone will we be able to vanquish the virus.

G David Milton
Maruthancode

Biomedical waste

Sir — Before the pandemic, India produced approximately 600 tonnes of biomedical waste per day. However, now the amount of biomedical waste has increased exponentially. For a country of more than 1.3 billion people, we have only 198 Biomedical Waste Treatment Centres (BMWTCs) and 225

medical centres with captive waste treatment facilities. We need to make sure that we are not further polluting the environment while fighting the virus.

The Government should increase its biomedical waste incineration capacity by employing mobile incinerators as Wuhan did. Additionally, proper segregation of waste should be carried out at all the centres so

that medical waste isn't dumped in public places.

Rahul Chouhan
Ujjain

Farmers' uproar

Sir — Farmers' protests have intensified after the President gave assent to the three Bills on Sunday. Their main objection is dismantling of the existing

Agricultural Produce Market Committee *mandis*, which will leave them at the mercy of big companies. They also fear that if the *mandi* system comes to an end, so will the minimum support price system. The Government should make necessary amendments and ensure that the farmers do not suffer.

BO Changa
West Bengal

Women's safety

Sir — A 22-year-old woman was allegedly raped by two Railway officers at the Bhopal station. This incident took place just days after a 19-year-old was raped by four upper caste men in Hathras district. The culprits had cut off her tongue and severely injured her spinal cord. Currently, she is on a ventilator fighting for her life at a hospital in Aligarh. The Government must ensure that the women of this country are safe. New laws need to be introduced and a strict and swift justice system should be put in place.


Khushbu Ved
Ujjain

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FIRST COLUMN

File ITR even for zero income

The benefits of filing taxes are many apart from the fact that we should be responsible citizens of the country



LIONEL CHARLES

Given the havoc that the Coronavirus pandemic has played on the economy of the country and personal incomes of people, the Government has extended the Income Tax Return (ITR) filing deadline for the financial year (FY) 2019-20 to November 30. However, not many people are aware that they may be liable to file their ITR this time around even if their income was below the taxable limit in FY 2019-20. Though this may make people question the intention of the Government in the face of the hardships being faced by them due to salary cuts and lay-offs, but this has been done in a bid to catch tax evaders. In a bind because of the crumbling global and Indian economy even before the outbreak proved to be the last straw that broke the camel's back, the Government last year introduced certain criteria from FY20 that make individuals liable to file ITR. The whole idea behind enhancing the return filing criteria is to catch unscrupulous taxpayers where there is a mismatch between the declared income and the expenses incurred by the assessee.

Even though most people tend to believe that filing an ITR is relevant for assessee with income above the tax slab, it has multi-layered importance, irrespective of whether the income is above or below the taxable limit or whether there's a tax liability or not. Significantly, if the income is below the taxable limit or is "zero" the return is called "nil" return. But it acts as proof of funds accumulated in bank accounts or investments because, even if a person is earning an income below the taxable limit, over the years they create a corpus. In case there is any scrutiny after a few years, it becomes a tiring and lengthy process to prove the source of earnings, without an ITR, which is a legally-accepted proof of income.

Plus, under the seventh proviso to Section 139(1) of the Income-tax Act, 1961, even if the income is below the exempted limit, an assessee will have to file an ITR if they paid an electricity bill of ₹1 lakh or above during the year; deposited ₹1 crore or more in one or more current accounts and incurred an expenditure of ₹2 lakh or more for travel to a foreign country. An individual travelling or planning to travel abroad requires a legal proof of earning. For salaried people, the employer certificate serves as proof. However, for individuals who are self-employed, the ITR can serve the purpose.

In cases where the assessee incurs capital losses during the financial year, the Income Tax Act allows him/her to carry it forward for eight consecutive years to set it off against any future gains. However, to keep track of the losses, it is mandatory to file the return before the due date even if the ITR is a loss return. Without this the losses of the year cannot be carried forward. So, even if there is no income to show, the Income-Tax Department lays it down that you declare the capital losses in your return before the due date.

In case a person has paid taxes over and above what stands payable, considering all the deductions and exemptions allowed, the assessee becomes entitled to a refund from the I-T Department. However, to get this refund, filing an ITR is mandatory. Salaried people usually believe that filing ITR isn't required because the tax on their income has already been deducted. However, it is possible that the tax deducted and deposited as per Form 16 may be in excess of what should be cut. The employer might not have taken into consideration the actual tax-saving investments, insurances or actual house rent. In that case, filing the ITR helps to claim a refund.

Although, the Motor Vehicles Act does not make it compulsory to give the ITR while arriving at a compensation in case of disability or accidental death, the ITR is needed in case of self-employed people to establish the income of the person and arrive at the compensation amount.

Also, when a person is applying for loans, be it for a house, car or a personal loan, one of the mandatory documents required to be submitted to the loaning entity include the ITR for the last two-three years as proof of income. This is because ITR helps the lender determine the person's income, payment obligations and loan repayment capacity. Plus when an individual intends to buy a high life cover, it is common for the insurance company to ask for proof of income. This is primarily done to assess the value of the cover amount that can be allowed to the person. The proof of income could be the salary slip, bank statement or the ITR of the past three-consecutive assessment years. So, for cases where the person doesn't receive a salary slip or has monthly income disbursed from different groups, ITR serves as the only solid proof of income.

Then there are people who have very small incomes from sources like dividends, bank interest, family pension or tax-free earnings like agricultural income or interest on tax-free bonds. For these people, even though the proceeds are below the taxable limit, filing an ITR serves as proof of income that can be of multi-dimensional use subsequently. The benefits of filing taxes are many apart from the fact that we should be responsible citizens of the country.

(The writer is CEO, IndiaFilings)

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PROVE IT (CORRUPTION) AND I'LL RETIRE FROM POLITICS. OTHERWISE, YOU RESIGN. SHOULD I ACCEPT WHATEVER YOU SAY OR READ HERE? —KARNATAKA CHIEF MINISTER BS YEDIYURAPPA



GRAFT ALLEGATIONS SHOULD BE PROBED BY A SITTING SUPREME COURT JUDGE OR A SIT. IF THE CHARGES ARE PROVEN WRONG, I WILL RESIGN FROM MY POST. —KARNATAKA LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION SIDDARAMAIAH

A mixed bag

The labour law reforms are being bandied about as the most crucial second generation amendments that will make it easier to do business but must not compromise workers



UTTAM GUPTA

The Narendra Modi Government recently passed three Bills on labour reforms enshrined in three labour codes, namely The Industrial Relations Code, 2020, The Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020 and The Code on Social Security, 2020. Along with The Code on Wages, 2019, passed by the Parliament last year, these four labour law reforms are being bandied about as the most crucial second generation amendments that will make it easier to do business, improve the competitiveness of the Indian industry, make it a manufacturing hub and pursue the "Make in India" agenda successfully. Even as the landscape of these legislations is vast, there are four areas which will have far-reaching implications for the way the Centre and the States will be regulating businesses and ensuring the welfare of workers. These include (I) consolidation (call it merger) of existing 29 Central Labour Acts into four codes; (II) increase in the threshold for retrenchment, closure or lay-off for a firm (without Government permission) from existing 100 to 300 workers; (III) giving greater flexibility to the States in enacting legislation and (IV) providing for universal social security for workers. At the outset, let us recognise that labour is on the Concurrent List of the Constitution; therefore, both the Union Government and the States have the power to legislate on the subject. Hitherto, there were 29 Central Labour Acts besides 200 State-enacted laws and amendments. This meant that a company was required to take a number of licences, registrations, permissions, renewals and file numerous returns periodically under different Acts. For instance, it had to file one annual return each under the Payment of Wages Act (1936), the Minimum Wages Act (1948) and the Payment of Bonus Act (1965).

Shockingly, even a MSME (micro, small and medium enterprise) is required to maintain at least 10 different formats of wage registers, four formats of accident registers and four of muster rolls under different Acts. The regulations at the State level are even more complex. Each State enjoys the right to formulate specific rules with respect to applicability thresholds, forms, formats, calculations, dates, frequency of submissions, filing types (paper-based vs. digital) and so on. This results in different due dates, multiplicity of forms and formats, duplication in record-keeping requirements, redundancies, complex procedures, ambiguous interpretations and so on. As a result, companies which operate in several States face a nightmare.

Consolidation of the extant 29 laws into four codes should help firms in getting rid off this nightmare. They can look forward to a significant reduction in the number of licences, registrations, renewals, returns and registrations earlier required under different Acts. As a result, the compliance burden will go down. For instance, under The Code on Wages, 2019, a firm needs to file a single annual return against three different annual returns earlier. Correspondingly, at the State level too, businesses will be unshackled.

As regards (II), under the extant law, employers of industrial establishments such as mines, factories, plantations and so on, with at least 100 workers, were required to take prior permission of the Central or the State Governments before retrenchment or closure of workers. Together with a myriad of regulations and compliances, which increase in proportion to the scale of operations, this was a major impediment in the way of firms growing in size and creating more jobs. It also takes away the flexibility of firms to adjust their labour deployment in sync with changing demand conditions. It affects their ability to stay afloat in a competitive environ-

ment especially when the economy is in a downward phase. It also prompts them to hire contract workers, which is not a good sign especially for their social security. This has seriously impacted formalisation of the economy. Out of about 63 million enterprises, only one million or 1.5 per cent are in the formal sector.

This preponderance of the so-called unorganised informal economy (it accounts for roughly 50 per cent of the Gross Domestic Product and 80-90 per cent of the workforce) is the inevitable outcome of imposing such restrictions.

The increase in threshold under The Industrial Relations Code, 2020 should come as a big relief, as firms having up to 300 workers will get the much-needed flexibility to adjust to the changing business environment. But what is the sanctity of fixing the threshold at 300? Why should enterprises employing workers in excess of this be subjected to approval?

In the contemporary economic milieu, wherein the ability of firms to compete depends largely on the scale of operations (even start-ups in a matter of few years get into the position of giving jobs to thousands of workers), imposition of such arbitrary thresholds viz. 100 or 300 or even higher — a legacy of the socialist era — is totally out of place. This needs to be done away with.

The Code provides for "fixed-term employment" through contract workers on a pan-India basis. Currently, companies hire contract workers through contractors. With the introduction of fixed-term employment, they will be able to hire workers directly under a fixed-term contract, with the flexibility to adjust its tenure based on the seasonality of industry. These workers will be treated on a par with regular workers. It will be a win-win for both the companies and those aspiring for jobs.

The Code does not take away the workers' right to go on strike. However, it has been made mandatory to give 14 days' notice for giving time to sort out differences through harmonious discussion during this period. Doing away with multiplicity of unions and introduction of

the concept of a "negotiating union" is a welcome move. Coming to (III), under the present law, States have limited powers to exempt factories from labour laws. For instance, The Factories Act, 1948 allowed exemption from its provisions in cases of public emergency only for a period of three months. For making changes or giving exemptions from the law for longer duration, they had to approach the Central Government. Now, the Union Government has given a lot of flexibility to States while implementing these Codes. For instance, The Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020 empowers the States to exempt new factories from any of the provisions of the new law for more economic activities and employment opportunities. No timeline for giving exemption to factories is prescribed as against three months at present. It also exempts existing establishments from any of the provisions of the new Code in case of an emergency provided that certain conditions are fulfilled.

Under the Industrial Relations Code, 2020, States can allow easier retrenchment, or closure norms for more firms through a notification, without the need to seek the Centre's approval. For instance, unlike in the past when they could increase the threshold only after seeking the approval of the President and then getting it passed by the legislature (16 States had hiked the threshold to 300 workers following this lengthy procedure only), now a State can do it by issuing an executive order.

The State can also exempt new establishments from "any or all provisions" of the law dealing with industrial disputes, retrenchment and trade unions "unconditionally" for a specific period of time as it thinks fit. This can be done in "public interest."

Though, prompted by the dire need to press the accelerator for industrialisation at a fast pace, these provisions may have given too much discretionary power to State bureaucrats. They need to use these judiciously and while granting exemptions, they should ensure that workers' interests are not compromised.

As regards (IV), The Code on Social Security, 2020 provides for universal social security for workers by expanding the ambit of Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) and Employees' State Corporation of India (ESCI) and setting up of a social security fund to cover around 400 million unorganised sector workers. However, some clauses are a bit restrictive. For instance, only sites with 10 or more building and other construction workers are covered. Likewise, for Provident Fund, only establishments with 20 or more workers are covered. This will result in exclusion of millions of MSMEs.

Worryingly, the Code does not stress on social security as a right and does not make any reference to its provision as stipulated by the Constitution of the country. Plus, it does not lay down a clear date for enforcement. This will leave workers vulnerable without social protection. It is vital that social security protection be made universal for the entire nation's workforce. However, the Code makes whimsical categorisations that will deprive millions of working poor of their rights.

While the Code defines multiple categories, most are obscure and have not been revised to determine whether a worker belongs to the organised or unorganised sector. For instance, platform and gig workers are not defined as part of the unorganised workforce, even though lakhs of people are employed as such. Similarly, the word "establishment" in the Code should have been altered to make sure that all workers come under the ambit of social security protection.

To sum up, the enactment of the four Codes is a big leap forward in labour reforms but there still needs to be some more thought put into the protection of workers. As for the outcome, a lot will depend on how the States respond as they are the ones who have to implement, frame and notify the rules and do the follow up. If, they don't and keep the regulations complex, the intended benefits won't percolate down to the last worker. Both the Centre and States have to work towards this.

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Ginsburg's long fight for gender parity will be remembered

Justice Ginsburg's death has caused a political storm in the US. President Trump plans to fill her seat with a loyal, woman conservative. That will be a tragedy



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The tenure of former US President Bill Clinton can best be described as tumultuous. The jury is out regarding many of his decisions except one: The nomination of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg as an Associate Justice of the US Supreme Court in 1993. Both, supporters as well as detractors, of Justice Ginsburg do converge on the fact that her tenure was one of the most eventful ones in the Supreme Court in the past 50 years. Justice Ginsburg passed away on September 18, after close to three glorious decades in the US top court. Later dubbed the

"Notorious RBG", she was a pioneer of the women's liberation movement in the US and a significant portion of her life's work was towards ushering in gender just laws. Ginsburg was inspired by the civil rights movement and saw this feminist activism as its extension and logical successor.

Growing up in the inherently unequal America of the 1940s-1960s with its institutionalised and mainstream sexism, Ginsburg was quickly confronted with the discriminatory system. Despite having served on the *Harvard Law Review* (considered a symbol of intellectual brilliance) and graduating top of her class at Columbia, no law firm in New York City wished to hire a woman at the time. Similarly, she lost a chance of serving as a Law Clerk to Justice Felix Frankfurter of the US Supreme Court, who unabashedly told her that he wasn't ready to hire a woman.

Confronted by this harsh reality, Ginsburg turned to activism. From 1972, she began a close relationship with the American Civil Liberties



Union, and co-founded its Women's Rights Project. Within two years she had taken part in more than 300 gender-related cases. One of her most iconic wins at the Supreme Court was *Frontiero v Richardson* (1973), which decided that compensation and other service benefits cannot be given differently on the basis of gender alone. The case particularly challenged the service rules of the US Air Force prohibiting husbands of women officers from being listed as dependents for the purposes of housing and other benefits. This was based on the assumption that men are the family bread-winners and women the caretakers. Of the total six cases argued in the apex court by Justice

Ginsburg, she won an astonishing five, setting the foundation for a revolution in gender justice-oriented jurisprudence, which has subsequently been emulated across the world.

In her attempts to persuade an all-male Supreme Court, Ginsburg focussed on male applicants. This strategic litigation allowed her to confront the justices with the harmful effects of gender discrimination on men such as themselves. Winning their empathy in this manner, she managed to shake the foundations of the sexist system to the advantage of both men and women.

Ginsburg also landed several teaching positions and became the first woman tenure lecturer at Columbia University. Subsequently, she functioned as a surprisingly moderate federal judge. Her appointment as a Supreme Court Justice was, therefore, met with a great deal of suspicion from feminist activists, who feared that she would not be the most passionate advocate for women's rights.

Justice Ginsburg proved them

wrong. Her years at the apex court were characterised by her staunch belief in gender equality and her support for LGBTQIA+ and minority rights. She was the author of the majority opinion in *US vs Virginia*, wherein the court struck down as discriminatory the practice of male-only admissions in the Virginia Military Academy. This judgment revolutionised the US Constitution's "equal protection of laws" clause (14th Amendment) by adding equality on the basis of gender to the traditional interpretation of equality on the basis of race. Referring to the apex court's decision in *Brown vs Education Board of Topeka*, Ginsburg stated that if racially segregated schools were declared unconstitutional, then so should separate military academies for women for they would not impart the same level of military training as the male ones. Justice Ginsburg's verdict in the *Virginia Military case* in particular served to be a great inspiration behind the Indian Army permitting the commissioning of women officers.

Faced with a conservative-leaning Supreme Court, Justice Ginsburg often had to turn to dissenting opinions as well. She famously disagreed with the majority's view in *Bush vs Gore* that the manual vote recount for the presidential election ordered by the Florida Supreme Court was unconstitutional. In *Shelby County vs Holder*, the majority held the federal pre-clearance for changes in the voting laws of States with a history of racial discrimination to be unconstitutional. Justice Ginsburg vehemently protested, stating that this pre-clearance effectively protected against racial voting discrimination and that the judgment resembled "throwing away your umbrella in a rainstorm because you are not getting wet." Some of her other influential dissents dealt with issues such as gender workplace discrimination and reproductive health.

Justice Ginsburg's death has caused a political storm in the US. President Trump plans to fill Ginsburg's seat as soon as possible by replacing her with a woman, loyal and conservative can-

didate. This would present the conservatives with a "super majority" in the apex court. Democrats met this news with a wave of protests and called to postpone any nomination until after the presidential election in November. Such a super majority would put the right to abortion, among others, on a shaky pedestal. A part of Ginsburg's legacy in the fight for gender equality could, therefore, be at serious risk of being erased. This is a troublesome testimony that the fight against discrimination in the US has not been won yet, but is on the contrary facing a threat of regression. Regardless, it goes without doubt that Justice Ginsburg's was one of the most influential figures in the fight for women's rights and liberal thought in the US. Her highly respected, brilliant mind will be missed in these times of growing insecurity.

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Trump’s tax revelation could tarnish his image

Washington: The bombshell revelations that President Donald Trump paid just \$750 in federal income taxes the year he ran for office and paid no income taxes at all in many others threaten to undercut a pillar of his appeal among blue-collar voters and provide a new opening for his Democratic rival, Joe Biden, on the eve of the first presidential debate.

Trump has worked for decades to build an image of himself as a hugely successful businessman — even choosing “mogul” as his Secret Service code name.

But The New York Times on Sunday revealed that he paid just \$750 in federal income taxes in 2016, the year he won the presidency, and in 2017, his first year in office.

He paid no income taxes whatsoever in 10 of the previous 15 years, largely because he reported losing more money than he made, according to the Times, which obtained years’ worth of tax return data that the president had long fought to keep private.

The development comes at a particularly precarious moment for Trump, whose Republican campaign is struggling to overcome criticism of the president’s handling of the pandemic. It hands Biden an easy attack line heading into Tuesday’s debate. And with early voting already happening in some states and Election Day just over a month away, Trump may be running out of time to turn his campaign around.

“Donald Trump needs this election to be about Joe Biden as a choice,” said longtime GOP consultant Alex Conant. “This keeps the focus squarely on Trump’s character and the chaos going into the most important night of the campaign, the debate.” Of course, Trump has repeatedly faced — and survived — devastating turns that would have sunk any other politician.

That includes, most notably, the stunning “Access Hollywood” tape released in October 2016, in which Trump was recorded bragging about kissing and groping women

without their permission. The video’s release came just two days before Trump was set to face then-candidate Hillary Clinton in their second debate and was considered a death knell to his campaign at the time.

White House press secretary Kayleigh McEnany told “Fox & Friends” on Monday that Democrats are replaying “the same playbook they tried in 2016 — the same playbook that the American people rejected and will do so again.”

At this point in the race, with voting already underway in many states and so few voters still undecided, it is unclear whether any new discoveries about Trump would make any difference. Trump’s support over the years has remained remarkably consistent, polls over the course of his presidency have found.

Yet the tax allegations go to the very heart of Trump’s appeal, especially among the blue-collar voters in states like Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Michigan who propelled him to the presidency in 2016. **AP**

Beijing using militarised outposts in South China Sea as platforms of coercion: US

Washington: China is using its militarised outposts in the South China Sea as platforms of coercion to assert control over waters it has no lawful claim over, the United States has said, demanding President Xi Jinping to honour his commitment that these maritime constructions “would not target or impact any country”.

Beijing claims almost all of the 1.3 million square-mile South China Sea as its sovereign territory. China has been building military bases on artificial islands in the region which, in parts, is claimed by Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan and Vietnam.

Beijing has impeded commercial activity like fishing and mineral exploration by neighbouring nations in recent years, saying the ownership of the resource-rich maritime territory belongs to China for hundreds of years.

US State Department spokesperson Morgan Ortugas on Sunday said five years ago on September 25, 2015 the Chinese President, standing in

the White House Rose Garden, promised ‘China does not intend to pursue militarisation’ of the Spratly Islands, and China’s outposts ‘would not target or impact any country’.

Instead the Chinese government backed by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has pursued reckless and provocative militarisation of these disputed outposts, deploying anti-ship cruise missiles, expanding military radar with signal intelligence capabilities, constructing dozens of fighter jet hangars and runways capable of accommodating combat aircraft, Ortugas said.

“The CCP uses these militarised outposts as platforms of coercion to assert control over waters to which Beijing has no lawful maritime claim,” Ortugas said.

They serve as staging grounds for the hundreds of maritime militia vessels and China Coast Guard ships that regularly harass civilian carriers and impede legitimate law enforcement activities, offshore fishing, and hydrocarbon development by neighbouring

China fires back at US over SCS, green damage

Beijing: US-China friction flared again Monday, with Beijing firing back at accusations by Washington that it is a leading cause of global environmental damage and has reneged on its promise not to militarise the South China Sea.

A document issued last week by the State Department cited China’s record on issues from greenhouse gas emissions to air and water and soil pollution, illegal logging and wildlife trafficking.

“While the Chinese people have suffered the worst environmental impacts of its actions, Beijing also threatens the global economy and global health by unsustainably exploiting natural resources and exporting its willful disregard for the environment,” the document said.

Department spokesperson Morgan Ortugas followed that with a statement Sunday saying China has “pursued a reckless and provocative militarization” of disputed outposts in the South China Sea’s Spratly Islands, adding that China’s ruling Communist Party “does not honor its words or commitments.” **AP**

FIRST 2020 PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

Trump, Biden face off today



Washington: Republican incumbent President Donald Trump and his Democratic challenger Joe Biden are all set to share the stage for the first time on Tuesday night when they will be going head-to-head in the first of the three presidential debates.

Dubbed as the “Super Bowl of American Democracy”, Trump, 74, and Biden, 77, would respond to questions on their track record, the Supreme Court, economy, race and violence in cities and integrity of the elections at the Case Western Reserve University and Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio — a key battleground state.

Popular Fox news anchor Chris Wallace would moderate the first debate, which would start at 9 pm EST (6:30 am IST). Steve Scully from C-SPAN Networks and Kristen Welker from NBC News would moderate the other two presidential debates on October 15 in Miami (Florida) and October 22 in Nashville (Tennessee), respectively.

Vice President Mike Pence, 61, and Democratic vice-presidential candidate Kamala Harris, 55, will participate in the only vice-presidential debate, to be hosted by USA Today journalist Susan Page, in Salt Lake City in Utah on October 7.

All the four debates are being organised by the Commission on Presidential Debates (CPD). The debates would be of 90 minutes duration.

In August, the CPD had turned down a request of the Trump campaign for a presidential debate in early September.

Trump told reporters on Sunday that former New Jersey governor Chris Christie and former New York mayor Rudy Giuliani were helping him prepare for the debates. The two were seated in the press briefing room along with the White House Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany during the news conference by the president. **PTI**

New US citizen refugees excited for first Prez vote

Phoenix: They came fleeing war and persecution in countries like Myanmar, Eritrea and Iraq, handpicked by the United States for resettlement under longstanding humanitarian traditions.

Now, tens of thousands of refugees welcomed into the US during the Obama administration are American citizens, voting the first time in what could be the most consequential presidential contest of their lifetimes.

With some states already sending out early ballots, the first-time voters from Arizona to Florida are excited but mindful of their responsibility in helping to choose the country’s next leader. **AP**

Around the Globe

Islamabad: Pakistan’s Supreme Court on Monday barred the Sindh government from releasing British-born al-Qaeda leader Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh and his three aides - the main accused in the abduction and murder of US journalist Daniel Pearl in 2002.

Seoul: South Korean President Moon Jae-in apologised for the first time on Monday for the death of a man who was shot by North Korean troops last week, saying his government failed in its responsibility to safeguard a citizen.

Berlin: Germany has launched a new search for a site to store its most radioactive nuclear waste, eliminating a disputed site at a former salt mine that was earmarked decades ago and has long been a focus of protests.

Warsaw: Polish leaders on Monday rejected suggestions that LGBT people are deprived of any of their rights in the country, after an open letter from 50 ambassadors and international representatives cited a need to work for “non-discrimination, tolerance and mutual acceptance.”

US judge suspends Trump’s ban on TikTok downloads

Washington: A US federal judge late on Sunday halted a politically charged ban ordered by the Trump administration on downloads of the popular video app TikTok, hours before it was to go into effect.

District Judge Carl Nichols issued a temporary injunction at the request of TikTok, which the White House has called a national security threat alleging that its Chinese parent firm is tied to the Beijing government.

The opinion was sealed, so no reason for the decision was released in a one-page order by the court in Washington.

The Trump administration order sought to ban new downloads of the app from midnight (0400 GMT Monday) but would allow use of TikTok until November 12, when all usage would be blocked. The judge denied TikTok’s request to suspend the November 12 ban. **AFP**

Top Afghan negotiator in Taliban talks arrives in Pak

Islamabad: Afghanistan’s top official in negotiations with the Taliban arrived in Pakistan’s capital Monday on a three-day trip during which he will meet with the country’s prime minister and other government officials.

Abdullah Abdullah, who leads the Afghan High Council for National Reconciliation, was received by top government officials on arriving in Islamabad.

Apart from meeting with Prime Minister Imran Khan, the Afghan reconciliation

leader also will meet with President Arif Alvi, Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi and other officials.

The council represents the Afghan government in historic peace negotiations with the Taliban which began in Qatar on September 12.

Those talks represent the most-serious effort yet at ending decades of war in Afghanistan that followed the 2001 US-led invasion that toppled the Taliban government, which then hosting al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden who

planned the September 11 attacks.

The Afghan-Taliban talks come after a deal signed in February between the US and the Taliban. That aims to allow the US to withdraw from Afghanistan and end the longest military engagement in American history.

Many Taliban leaders have lived in Pakistan since the 1980s. In those years they were part of the Afghan mujahedeen, allies of the US in ending the 10-year occupation of the country by the Soviet Union. **AP**

Armenia, Azerbaijan keep up deadly fight for disputed region

Yerevan: Armenia and Azerbaijani forces kept fighting Monday over the disputed separatist region of Nagorno-Karabakh after hostilities broke out the day before, with both sides blaming each other for resuming the deadly attacks.

The Azerbaijani Defence

Ministry claimed that Armenian forces started shelling the town of Tartar on Monday morning, while Armenian officials said the fighting continued throughout the night and Baku resumed “offensive actions” in the morning.

Azerbaijan’s Defence Ministry told the Interfax news agency Monday that over 550

Armenian troops have been killed, a claim that Armenian officials denied.

According to Nagorno-Karabakh officials, 31 servicemen have been killed so far. Armenian Defence Ministry spokesman Artsrun Hovhannisyan said Monday over 200 people have been wounded. **AP**

Pompeo pledges US support to ease Greece-Turkey dispute

AP ■ THESSALONIKI (GREECE)

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Monday the United States will use its diplomatic and military influence in the region to try to ease a volatile dispute between NATO allies Greece and Turkey over energy rights in the eastern Mediterranean.

Pompeo began a five-day regional tour Monday in the northern Greek city of Thessaloniki, days after Greece and Turkey committed to restarting a diplomatic dialogue on the dispute that triggered a dangerous military build-up — and fears of military conflict — in the disputed maritime area over the summer.

Spain’s top court rules to remove Catalan chief from office

Madrid: Spain’s Supreme Court on Monday effectively barred Catalonia’s regional president from his office for refusing to remove a banner that called for the release of imprisoned separatist leaders and was displayed on a public building ahead of the 2019 general election.

The ruling that Quim Torra disobeyed Spain’s electoral law triggers a new period of political uncertainty in the northeastern region where a demand by some for independence has triggered the country’s biggest constitutional crisis in decades.

According to the existing regulations, Torra’s deputy should take over as president-in-charge until the regional parliament elects a new leader or a new election is held. Pro-secession activists reacted by calling for protests later Monday in the regional capital, Barcelona.

In their ruling, the panel of judges unanimously agreed to uphold last year’s decision by a lower court to ban Torra from holding any public office for 18 months and fine him 30,000 euros (USD 35,000).

Torra, a staunch separatist who became the head of Catalonia’s government following the 2017 push for the region’s independence from Spain, had previously criticised the case as an act of repression against the democratic mandate of voters in the region.

His predecessor, Carles Puigdemont, who fled to Belgium after the Spanish government deposed him for pushing ahead with an independence declaration, criticised the court’s decision. **AP**

E TENDER NOTICE

YEAR 2020/21

Gandhinagar Smart City Development Ltd.
GANDHINAGAR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
Multi Storied Building, B-Block, First Floor, Sector-11, Gandhinagar
Gandhinagar Smart City Development Ltd. is inviting tenders for the work given below Bids are invited for the e-tendering rates from the reputable agencies

| Tender No. | Name of Work | Tender Fee | E.M.D. |
|-------------------|---|------------|------------|
| GSCDL-ICT-16-2020 | "Appointment of a Consultant/ Firm for providing Project Management Consultancy Services for Operations and Maintenance of ICT project of Gandhinagar Smart City" | 15,000/- | 1,50,000/- |

The tender form can be filled online by downloading from website www.nprocure.com from **Dt. 29/09/2020** to **Dt. 13/10/2020** upto **17.00 hours**. Pre Bid Meeting will be Scheduled on date **Dt. 09/10/2020**
Any documents for the necessary support of tender bid must be scanned in the electronic format and submitted online on www.nprocure.com. The technical bids and the amount of tender fees and the Demand Draft of EMD shall be submitted in hard copy in name of **CEO, Gandhinagar Smart City Development Ltd.** upto **Dt. 17/10/2020** by registered post or speed post till **17.00 hours**. Only those offers will be opened.
Online Technical Bid Opening **Dt.19/10/2020** at **15.00 hrs.**

Sd/-

Place:- Gandhinagar Municipal Commissioner, Gandhinagar and Dt. 29/09/2020 Chairman Gandhinagar Smart City No/INF/VPN/2020/G/980 Development Ltd.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Auction NOTICE

Auction of Lot No. 1, N.R. ZRT/CH, 647 numbers Dangerous trees and Lot No.2, Railway Colony, 463 numbers dangerous trees under Assistant Divisional Engineer/ Northern Railway Chandausi will be auctioned in the office of Assistant Divisional Engineer/Northern Railway Chandausi. All the interested bidders are invited to participate in this auction.

Auction place:- Office of the Assistant Divisional Engineer/Northern Railway/ Chandausi on date **15.10.2020 at 11:00 AM.**

- All the bidders will deposit cash Rs.100/- in the office of Assistant Divisional Engineer/Northern Railway/Bareilly which will not be refunded and shall also deposit Rs.8000/- in favor of Sr. Divisional Finance Manager Northern Railway Moradabad as a Demand Draft of SBI or other Nationalized Bank.
- All the bidders who will take part in the auction will also have proper knowledge of Auction rules and others allowances.
- Successful bidders will deposit the Demand Draft of SBI or other Nationalized Bank in favour of Sr. DFM/MB or station earning in cash on same day with following rate.
 - 10% amount of selling price or minimum amount Rs. 25,000/- whichever is maximum on purchase of more than Rs. 1,00,000/-
 - Balance amount will be deposited within 10 days including the date of auction.
 - GST will be deposited as per the standard rate.
 - The work should be completed within 60 days including the date of auction.
- Railway has right to close the work any time. In this situation the balance amount will be returned without interest.
- Complete Details of tree with locations will be available in the Divisional Office Moradabad.
- Bidders are requested to quote their rates according to the tree locations.
- Trees will be delivered and handed over in the presence of SSE/works, ISA and RPF.
- If the balance amount is not deposited within 10 days including the date of auction, then initial deposited amount will be forfeited.
- Bidders will not make any Kutcha/Pukka construction in the land of Railway.
- Bid will not be quoted below the base price.
- Demand draft will be deposited in the office of Assistant Divisional Engineer /Northern Railway/Chandausi from 09.00 am to 10.30 AM. After that no demand draft will be accepted.

Note: Each lot will be auctioned separately.
No. LMCT/REE/B/E/2020 Dated : 28.09.2020
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WESTERN RAILWAY

VARIOUS WORKS

Divisional Railway Manager(WA), Western Railway, 6th Floor, Engg. Deptt., Mumbai Central, Mumbai - 400 008. Invites E-tender as per details given as follows.

| Sr. No. | Tender Notice No. & Date | WORK AND LOCATION | Approx. cost of work in ₹ | EMD in ₹ |
|---------|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | BCT/20-21/212 dtd 28.09.2020 | Zone 4 A-2 :- New works and all ordinary repair works in the jurisdiction of SSE(W-I) Lower panel (Only for MX EMU Workshop). | 75,00,000.00 | 1,50,000/- |
| 2 | BCT/20-21/213 dtd 28.09.2020 | Dadar:- Providing Dy.CE(Bridge) office, yard master office, store and signal cabin, social welfare centre, under ground tank, Over head tank and pump room at Dadar colony in connection with Rehabilitation of western railway south colony in connection with relocation of infringing structure and proposed new STR in connection with 5th and 6 th line at Dadar station. | 2,48,44,199.12 | 2,74,700/- |
| 3 | BCT/20-21/214 dtd 28.09.2020 | Dadar- Rehabilitation of Dadar Rly colony-Type II(54-units), Type IV(2-units), Type III (1 units) along with Road, Drainage line, Toilets, Garden, Boundary wall in connection with rehabilitation of western railway south colony in connection with relocation of infringing structure and proposed new STR in connection with 5th and 6 th line at Dadar station. (Two Packet) | 14,25,09,697.28 | 8,62,600/- |

Sr. No. : 1 to 2 : Date & Time of Submission : On 27.10.2020 till 15.00 hrs. **Date & Time of Opening :** On 27.10.2020 at 15.30 hrs. **Sr. No. : 3 : Date & Time of Submission :** On 03.11.2020 till 15.00 hrs. **Date & Time of Opening :** On 03.11.2020 at 15.30 hrs. Regarding detailed tender conditions please visit www.reps.gov.in **Manual offers will not be considered.**

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SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, 3rd Floor, Plot No-23, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi- 110005

Whereas
A housing loan facility was granted pursuant to a loan agreement entered into between ICICI Bank Limited ("Secured Creditor, which term shall include its successors and assigns) and the borrower & co-borrower, mentioned below ("Borrower(s)", which term shall include his/ its/ their respective [successors, assigns, heirs), The undersigned being the authorized officer of the Secured Creditor ("Authorized Officer") under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, ("Rules") has issued demand notices under Section 13(2) of the Act calling upon the borrowers / co borrowers mentioned below to repay the amount payable pursuant to the loan agreement and as specifically mentioned in the said respective demand notices within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices.

The borrowers / co-borrower, having failed and neglected to repay the amount as claimed in the said demand notices, a notice is hereby given to the borrowers / co-borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Rules. The details including date of possession of the properties are as mentioned below

| Sr. No. | Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number | Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession | Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.) | Name of Branch |
|---------|--|---|--|----------------|
| 1. | Manoj Kumar Sharma & Kalpana Sharma/ LBDEL00001133502 | C- 22 F, Plot No- 9, C- 22 F, Frist Floor, Delhi Police, Appt Cghs, Mayur Vihar, Phase- 1, Delhi- 110091/ Sep 22, 2020 | November 30, 2019 Rs. 30,73,473/- | Delhi/ Ncr |
| 2. | Shubhankar Das Gupta/ Binata Das Gupta/ LBDEL00000369905 | Building No. 866, Unit Number F- 2 First Floor, Sector 5vaishali, Ghaziabad/ Mig- A-, 1332, First Floor, Sector- 29, Housing Board Col. Faridabad/ Sep 23, 2020 | February 26, 2020 Rs. 1,69,694/- | Delhi/ Ncr |
| 3. | Lakshminarasimhan N R/ L. Vajanthi/ LBDEL0000370533 | Mig- A-, 1332, First Floor, Sector- 29, Housing Board Col. Faridabad Haryana/ Sep 24, 2020 | January 31, 2020 Rs. 1,90,535/- | Delhi/ Ncr |
| 4. | Sarman Kumar/ Nisha Sarman/ LBDEL00000389253 | H. No.1599, Housing Board Colony, Sector- 29, Faridabad/ Sep 24, 2020 | February 26, 2020 Rs. 2,56,747/- | Delhi/ Ncr |

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : 29-09-2020
Place: Delhi/ NCR

Authorized Officer
Secured Creditor

Appeal for Identification

General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body **Name:** Unknown, **S/o** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** About 65 years, **Height:** 5'5", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Sex:** Male, **Wearing:** Green pant, White and Black Colour Lindar Shirt and Plastic chappal in feet was found foot path Ajmeri Gate side New Delhi Rly. Station on 25.09.2020 at 4:24 P.M. **ID Mark :** A mole on left forehead. In this regard, a **DD No. 18A, dated 25.09.2020**

has been lodged at PS New Delhi Railway Station, Delhi. Dead Body preserved LHMC Hospital Mortuary For identification for 72 hrs. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far. Any, person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following. **SHO P.S., New Delhi Rly. Station, Delhi Ph. : 011-23744073, 8750871305**

DP/4476/RLY/2020

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

The general public is hereby informed that an unidentified person about 30 years of age whose name, residence, and family is unknown had been found dead near Ring Road, Kela Ghat, Jamuna Bazar, Kashmere Gate, Delhi. In this regard, a vide has been registered with **DD No: 57-A dated 23.09.2020 at PS Kashmere Gate, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to identify the deceased person, but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the UIDB is as under: **Sex:** Male, **Age:** about 30 years, **Height:** 5'6", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Striped underwear and barefooted. If anyone has any information about his relatives, kindly inform the SHO/Kashmere Gate, Delhi.

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Fax : 011-24368639

SHO P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi. Ph. No. 011-23967889, 23968730

DP/594/N/2020

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a girl (depicted in the photo), **Named:** Pinki **D/o** Dukh Horan **Arya R/o** Jhuggi No. S-99/492, Moti Lal Nehru Camp, Shamsan Ghat, Munirka, New Delhi has been missing since 16.09.2020 from her house. In this regard a case vide FIR No. 400/2020 u/s 363 IPC dated 17.09.2020 has been registered at Police Station Kishan Garh, New Delhi.

PINKI
Her physical description is as under:-
Age : 16 Years 6 Months, **Height:** 4'6", **Complexion :** Shallow, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Thin, **Hair:** Black & short, **Wearing :** Pink colour top & white colour jeans and black colour shoes in feet.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing girl, may inform SHO, Kishan Garh, New Delhi at E-mail Id – cic@cbi.gov.in or Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>

Phone:
011-24368638, 24368641
Fax No. 011-24368639
DP/309/SW/2020

P.S. Kishan Garh, New Delhi South-West Distt., Delhi Ph. No. 011-26510075, 26510085

Paddy worth ₹10.53 cr procured in last 48 hrs

MSP buying begins in all States: Government

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A mid widespread farmers' Aprotest against the new farm laws, the Centre on Monday came out with the latest data of paddy procurement in the last 48 hours to allay any apprehensions over the minimum support price (MSP) buying.

With the latest procurement data, the Government aims to send a clear message - it has no intention of scrapping the MSP and that it has put in a mechanism for procurement of not only summer-sown paddy but also pulses and oilseeds this year.

Farmers in Punjab and Haryana and several other states are protesting against new farm laws which they feel

will lead to procurement in the hands of corporates and the end of the MSP regime.

"About 5,637 tonnes of paddy at MSP of ₹1,868 per quintal has been procured from farmers of Haryana and Punjab till September 27. The procurement of paddy for the remaining states commenced from today," the Union Agriculture Ministry said.

Paddy worth ₹10.53 crore MSP value has been procured from 390 farmers of Haryana and Punjab in the last 48 hours, it said in a statement. Paddy procurement in the ongoing 2020-21 Kharif Marketing Season has just started from Sept 26. The Govt has kept a rice procurement target of 495.37 lakh tonnes in the 2020-21 kharif marketing season.

Besides paddy, the Govt through its nodal agencies has procured 34.20 tonnes of moong worth ₹25 lakh MSP

value from 40 farmers in Tamil Nadu till September 24. Similarly, 5,089 tonnes of copra (the perennial crop) having MSP value of ₹52.40 crore has been procured, benefitting 3,961 farmers in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu against the sanctioned quantity of 95.75 lakh tonnes for Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala, it said. Based on the proposal from the states, the ministry said it has given nod for procurement of a total 13.77 lakh tonnes of kharif pulses and oilseeds from states of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Telangana and Haryana.

Markets soar for second day; financial, auto stocks lead rally

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Benchmark equity indices Sensex and Nifty surged as much as 1.6 per cent on Monday, lifted by intense buying in financial stocks on hopes of capital support to public sector banks and stimulus measures for the economy.

The BSE Sensex settled 592.97 points or 1.59 per cent higher at 37,981.63, while the NSE Nifty surged 177.30 points or 1.60 per cent to 11,227.55 - the second straight session of rise for the indices.

In the Sensex pack, IndusInd Bank was the top gainer, rising around 8 per cent, followed by Bajaj Finance, Axis Bank, PowerGrid, ONGC, Sun Pharma, ICICI Bank and M&M. On the other hand, Hindustan Unilever, Infosys and Nestle ended in the red.

All sectoral indices ended with gains, with BSE power, bankex, auto, realty, utilities, finance and metal rallying up

to 3.40 per cent. Broader mid-cap and smallcap indices surged outperformed the benchmark, rising up to 2.68 per cent.

"Key Indices ended high as bulls led the charge backed by financials and well supported by auto and pharma. Expectations of a stimulus coupled with capital support to state-run banks fuelled the rally in late afternoon trade," S Ranganathan, Head of Research at LKP Securities, said.

Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services, said global cues were also positive following positive industrial profits data from China, setting aside concerns about the increasing virus infections and related impact.

Indian markets were also banking on further stimulus and other measures by the government to boost the economy, he said.

According to traders, domestic equities also tracked strong buying sentiment in global equities ahead of the first US presidential debate.

Global investors are eyeing the first US presidential debate, set for Tuesday, between US President Donald Trump and Democratic candidate Joe Biden.

It could influence the course of US policies and is likely to affect share prices across the world, analysts said.

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

Stock exchanges in Europe were trading with strong gains in early deals. Meanwhile, international oil benchmark Brent crude was trading 0.68 per cent lower at USD 42.12 per barrel.

In the forex market, the rupee settled 18 paise lower at 73.79 against the US dollar.

COAI seeks urgent allocation of E and V band spectrum via auction to access providers

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Industry body COAI has cautioned that any decision on de-licensing or administrative allocation of high commercial value E and V bands spectrum will violate prevailing policy framework, create non level-playing-field for licenced telcos and cause huge revenue loss to the government.

In a letter to Communications Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad, the Cellular Operators' Association of India (COAI) on Monday called for allocation of spectrum in these specified bands "through transparent auction to access service providers immediately".

The COAI emphasised that these bands "are extremely valuable resources for India for 5G as well as backhaul for mobile broadband".

Radiowaves used for trans-

mitting signals to mobile phones are referred to as the access spectrum while backhaul spectrum augments signals between mobile towers at the back-end.

"...Any decision of de-licensing or administrative allocation of high commercial value spectrum in E and V bands: is technically not feasible, will be contrary to the prevailing policy framework of spectrum allocation, contrary to the principle promulgated by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, contempt of Hon'ble Supreme Court..." the COAI said.

Such a move would also lead to non-level playing field for licenced telecom operators, will not guarantee the efficient use of these bands, and "cause huge revenue loss to the exchequer", COAI Director General S P Kochhar said, in the letter seen by PTI.

₹3L cr PLI scheme for 10 sectors to boost domestic manufacturing

IANs ■ NEW DELHI

In a major push to domestic manufacturing in the country, the government proposes to pump in over ₹3 lakh crore through an umbrella production linked incentive (PLI) scheme that will run simultaneously in 10 identified sectors for a period of five years.

Sources privy to the development said that the Niti Aayog has been entrusted with the task to finalise a cabinet note proposing extension of the PLI scheme with separate budgetary allocation for each identified sector for the next five years starting FY22.

The allocation will have to be worked out within the confines of the suggestions given by the expenditure department based on expected savings from the withdrawal of the existing Merchandise Exports India Scheme (MEIS) introduced in April 2015 to promote manufacturing and exports of specified goods from India.

"A plan for a mega ₹3 lakh crore PLI scheme has been finalised by an empowered group of secretaries chaired by the cabinet secretary early this month. The allocation under the expanded PLI has been worked out on the basis of savings made by withdrawal of the MEIS scheme and liabilities on account of the new export incentive scheme, Remission of Duties or Taxes on Export Products (RoDTEP). This will ensure that there is no imbalance on account of introduc-

tion of PLI," said the source quoted above.

Under the proposed PLI scheme, the government will incentivise domestic production in 10 areas to begin with. These include battery storage, solar PV modules, electronics (laptop, server, IoT devices, specified computer hardware), automobile and auto components, telecom and networking products, textiles, food processing, speciality steel and white goods (air conditioners and LED).

Apart from these, large scale electronic manufacturing (mobile phones), pharmaceutical drugs and medical devices, which already have an approved PLI scheme, would be provided full budgetary allocation for next five years.

In the discussions by the EGoS, the highest allocation of close to ₹60,000 crore (over the next five years) has been proposed for automobile and auto component sectors. This is with the belief that this sector could help India become a global hub of manufacturing and source house for global industries.

The next highest allocation has been proposed for large scale electronic manufacturing at ₹40,000 crore, where the mobile phone manufacturing sector is already getting a PLI.

The PLI for pharma sector has also been proposed for a higher allocation of ₹30,000 crore to give a boost to production of API that is largely imported at present.

Housing sales up 34% in July-Sept, says JLL report



IANs ■ NEW DELHI

India's residential market got back to action as the lockdown restrictions eased in the third quarter of 2020. Housing sales, during the July-September quarter, jumped up 34 per cent compared to the April-June quarter, which was largely impacted by the nationwide lockdown, showed a report by JLL Research.

A total of 14,415 units were sold during the quarter ended September, as against 10,753 units sold during the previous quarter.

The report showed that Mumbai accounted for 29 per cent of the total sales during the period under review, while 22 per cent of sales was contributed by Delhi-NCR.

Growth in sales activity was also driven by stronger demand in Chennai, Hyderabad and Pune.

Ramesh Nair, CEO and Country Head, India, JLL, said:

"We are feeling cautiously optimistic about the residential market, driven by sales volumes in Mumbai and Delhi. A combination of favourable factors such as low mortgage rates, attractive prices combined with developers' lucrative payment plans together reinforce the longer-term potential of the sector. For end users, the next 12 months are ideal to buy a house."

"In the subsequent quarters, the translation of demand into sales will primarily hinge on enhanced consumer confidence, which, in turn, depends upon the continued implementation of progressive government policies amidst the gradual revival of the Indian economy at large," he added.

Residential market activity is also being supported by renewed interest from NRIs in Q3 2020, resulting in more pent up demand in the market and increased enquiries received by developers, the report said.

Govt-owned NABARD gives clean chit to Reliance Commercial Finance

IANs ■ NEW DELHI

Government owned National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), the second largest lender to Reliance Commercial Finance Limited (RCF) with over ₹1,100 crore of secured loan exposure has given clean chit to RCF and has removed its red flag.

NABARD is a part of the consortium of lenders and is signatory to an Inter Creditor Agreement (ICA) executed between the lenders of RCF under June 7, 2019 circular of RBI on resolution of stressed assets.

NABARD had classified the account of RCF as Red Flag

on February 25, 2020. Thereafter lenders conducted a detailed forensic audit by Grant Thornton (GT).

At a meeting of the Consortium of Lenders led by Bank of Baroda, held on Friday September 25, 2020, NABARD informed the consortium of lenders that having examined the GT forensic report, it found no element of fraud and has therefore removed the red flag.

Earlier, Delhi High Court on August 14 had stayed a move by Bank of Baroda, the leader of Consortium of Bank, to classify the accounts as fraud, restraining banks from taking any other coercive action till the next hearing. Similar action of Punjab National Bank was also stayed

by Delhi High Court on 11th August, 2020.

As per information reported on Central Repository of Information on Large Credits (CRILC), Indian Bank and Federal Bank have classified their exposure to Reliance Home Finance Ltd (RHFL) as a fraud account.

Indian Bank having an exposure of only Rs. 120 crore, made such classification on 29th August, 2020. The exposure of Federal Bank to RHFL is 100 crore -- out of the total RHFL debt of over Rs 10,000 crore. Action of Indian Bank and Federal Bank is despite the Delhi High Court staying such action by the lead bank Bank of Baroda on 14th August, 2020.

Appeal for Identification



General public is hereby informed that one person **Name:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** 30 Years, **Height:** 5'6", **Sex:** Male, **Complexion:** Fair, **Injury Marks:** A old scar mark on left arm, **Wearing:** Brown & Cream Colour T-Shirt (Military type) and Dark Blue Lower, **Place of Recovery:** He was admitted in SGM Hospital, Mangol Puri, Delhi vide MLC No. 11458/2020 due to an accident at Peera Garhi Chowk, Delhi on 19.09.2020. He was died during the treatment on 25.09.2020.

In this regard **DD No. 559/20, U/s 279/304(A) IPC, Dated 19.09.2020** has been lodged at **Police Station, Paschim Vihar East, Delhi**. Any clue come to notice please inform undersign.

SHO
P.S. Paschim Vihar East, Delhi
Ph.: 011-25263471, 25267286

DP/437/OD/2020

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one female namely **Reena, W/o Rajiv Kumar, R/o H-149, Naveen Vihar, Begumpur, Delhi, Age:** 35 years, **Height:** 5', **Complexion:** Fair, **Hair:** Black Long, **Face:** Round, wearing Unknown colour Suit & Salwar, has been missing along with her Children. since 31.08.2020. In this regards a **DD No. 76A, dated 07.09.2020** has been registered at **P.S. Begumpur, New Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the female & her Children but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about them please inform undersigned.

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DP/407/RD/2020 Tel.: 011-27581128, 8750870335

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P.S. Begumpur, New Delhi

SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL



General public is here by informed that one Girl **Namely:** Laxmi, **D/o** Kishan Bahadur, **R/o** H. No. 349, Ground Floor, Munirka Village, New Delhi. **Age:** 14 Years, **Height:** 5'2", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** White colour Kurta, Cream Colour Legging and Green Colour Slipper in feet. has been missing/ kidnapped since 10.08.2020 at 01:00 PM from her house in the area of Kishangarh.

In this regard a FIR No. 361/2020 U/s 363 IPC dated 12.08.2020 has been registered at P.S. Kishangarh, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this Girl but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this Girl kindly inform to the following.

E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641

SHO
P.S. Kishangarh, New Delhi
Ph. 011-26510075, 7065036264
DP/229/SW/2020

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that a male namely **Virender Kumar (along with two children namely Name 1. Divisha Tanwar, Age: 07 years, and 2. Himani Tanwar Age 04 Years) S/o:** Dharmapal, **R/o:** H. No. 61, near Shiv Mandir, Bakner, Delhi has been reported missing since 04.09.2020 at about 8:30 AM from her house. In this regard **DD No. 42A, dated 17.09.2020** has been registered at P.S. Narela, Delhi. The description of missing male and her two children is as under:

- Name:** Virender Kumar, **Age:** 35 Years, **Height:** About 5'6", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Green or Black colour T-Shirt, Blue colour pant and Black shoes in feet.
- Name:** Divisha Tanwar, **Age:** 07 Years, **Wearing:** Jeans Pant-Top and Golden sandal in feet.
- Name:** Himani Tanwar, **Age:** 04 Years, **Wearing:** Jeans Pant-Top and Pink Colour sandal in feet.

If anyone have any information about this missing male and her two children please inform P.S. Narela, Delhi.

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Police Station, Narela, Delhi
DP/488/ON/2020 Ph: 011-27280435, 7065036323

SEARCH FOR MISSING FEMALE



General public is here by informed that one female **Namely:** Mamta, **D/o** Unkown, **R/o** Bapnu Ghar, Bhagwan Das Road, New Delhi, **Age:** 26 Years, **Height:** 4'6", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Thin, she is mute, **Wearing:** Pink Colour Kurta & Salwar and Slipper in feet, has been missing since 26.08.2020 at 3:30 am from her house, New Delhi.

In this regard a DD No. 70A dated 26.08.2020 has been registered at P.S. Tilak Nagar Marg, New Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this female but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this female kindly inform to the following.

E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641

SHO
P.S. Tilak Nagar Marg, New Delhi
Ph. 011-23382100, 8750870526
DP/112/NDD/2020

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Manishya D/o Vijay R/o** Gali No. 4/2, 25 Foota Road Part-II Mukundpur, Delhi has been missing/ kidnapped since 09.09.2020 from the area of P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi. In this regard, a case **DD No. 11A dated 09.09.2020** has been registered at **P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi**. The description of the missing girl is as under.

Age: 15 Years, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Height:** 5', **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Dark blue colour Shirt, blue colour Pazami and grey colour shoes in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out her but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing/kidnapped person then please inform P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi at following Tel No./e-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in and Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax No. 011-24368639
DP/484/ON/2020

Sd/- S.H.O.
P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi
Phone: 011-27811933, 27811934

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified body of a male namely **Ravi, S/o:** Suresh Kumar, **R/o:** G-5, Gali No. 5, Wajirabad village, Delhi and gali no. 9 CM 770 Wajirabad village, Delhi was found on 15.09.2020 at In front of Batra Cinema, Delhi. Admitted in Bara Hindu Rao Hospital, Delhi. Vide MLC No. 2339/2020. During the treatment the doctors declared him dead on 19.09.2020. Dead Body has been preserved in Bara Hindu Rao Hospital mortuary for identification. In this regard **DD No. 42A, dated 19.09.2020 U/s 174 Cr.P.C.** has been lodged at Police Station, Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

Name: Unknown, **Age:** 42 Years, **Height:** 5'7", **Face:** Long, **Built:** Thin, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Hair:** Black, **ID Mark:** Mark of Burn on right arm, **Wearing:** Black Printed T-shirt, gray lower and mala Orange colour..

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

SHO
Police Station, Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi
DP/414/NW/2020 Ph.: 011-27654668, 27654675, 8750870231

SEARCH FOR MISSING FEMALE

General Public is hereby informed that one female (depicted in the photo) namely Mamta **W/o** Ganesh **R/o** C-4/8, Model Town-III, Delhi **Aged-**about 24 Years has been reported missing since 15.09.20 at about 5 PM from her residence vide **DD No.52A Dated 19.09.2020** registered at Police Station Model Town, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

Complexion: Fair, **Height:** 5', **Face:** Long, **Built:** Medium, **ID:** Mentally weak, **Clothing:** Blue coloured kurta, red & black coloured salwar and Blue coloured slipper in feet.

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

Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641 Sd/-
FAX No. : 011-24368639 SHO, Model Town, Delhi
DP/410/NW/2020 Tel.: 011-27459202, 27120032, 27456072



Mamta

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Monika, D/o** Anil, **R/o** H.No. 272, Village Naharpur, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since 17.09.2020 at 7 p.m. Himalaya Public School, Sector-7, Rohini, Delhi. In this regard **FIR No. 436/2020 dated 17.09.2020 U/s 363 IPC has been registered at P.S. North Rohini, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped girl but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing/kidnapped girl is as under:

Name: Monika, **Gender:** Female, **Age:** 13 years, **Height:** 5'1", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Identification Mark:** Cut mark below left eye, **Wearing:** White colour top and black colour jeans.

If anyone has any information regarding this missing girl, kindly inform SHO/ North Rohini, Delhi.

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Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax : 011-24368639

SHO
P.S. North Rohini, Delhi
Ph. No. 011-27048210-27048211
DP/412/RD/2020



Manisha

SEARCH FOR MISSING MALE

General Public is hereby informed that one male (depicted in the photo) namely Parveen Sonkar **S/o** Gyanchar **R/o** G-1519, Jahangirpuri, Delhi **Aged-**35 Years has been reported missing since 20.09.2020 at about 10 PM vide **DD No.118A Dated 21.09.2020** registered at Police Station Adarsh Nagar, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-

Complexion: Shallow, **Height:** 5'3", **Face:** Long, **Built:** Thin, **ID:** Put in front of the haircut, PS written on left hand, Silver bracelet left hand wrist, **Clothing:** White & blue coloured check shirt, Black coloured jeans and Sports shoes.

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

Sd/-
SHO, Adarsh Nagar, Delhi
FAX No. : 011-24368639 Tel.: 011-27674452, 27672452
DP/406/NW/2020 Mob.: 8750870229




Parveen Sonkar

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Don't ignore your mind's talks

Polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) is one of the most common hormonal disorders that affect at least one in every 10 women in India. Despite it being so severe, there is still less awareness around the syndrome and its potentially devastating symptoms. Women suffering from PCOS go through a range of bodily issues like excessive body hair, weight gain, acne and sometimes infertility if it's not managed well. However, it doesn't end here. A research has shown that women suffering from this condition are more likely to suffer from mental health problems like depress, anxiety and bipolar disorder.

PCOS is a severe genetic, reproductive and metabolic disorder and is one of the leading causes of female infertility in India. It affects the way the functioning of the ovaries, which results in irregular periods, excess androgens (male hormones) in the body and polycystic ovaries. Studies suggest that up to 60 percent of women with PCOS also suffer from some form of mental illness. It can be attributed to the physical symptoms and nature of PCOS, which is so serious that the mental illness is often overlooked. Though there is no scientific research to prove what leads to deteriorating mental condition, it is generally considered to be caused by coping with the PCOS. But with so many women affected, it is important to try and identify whether or not there is a more specific cause for anxiety and depression in women with PCOS and how it can be prevented.

Link between PCOS and bipolar
When researchers at the University of Cardiff assessed the mental health history of more than 17,000 women diagnosed with the condition, the results showed those with PCOS were more likely to be diagnosed with depression, anxiety and bipolar disorder. It's still not clear what actually causes the condition whether it runs in families or related to abnormal hormone levels like high levels of insulin. Other issues associated with PCOS, such as excess hair growth and acne, can also lead to low self-esteem.

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Even women, who are trying to get pregnant, also experience several mental turbulences because of with depression and anxiety caused by infertility. PCOS can host a series of mental conditions including:
■ Anxiety
■ Bipolar disorder
■ Major depressive disorders
■ Bulimia
■ Other eating disorders
■ Somatizations (physical manifestations of negative mental states)
■ Interpersonal sensitivity

It can be treated in two ways: treating the PCOS from its roots and treating the mental conditions arising from it. Many medicines are used to balance the blood sugar and insulin levels, normalize body weight and getting hormones balanced. One also needs to bring some lifestyle modifications including regular exercise, diet management by avoiding junk food and low-sugar diet and opting for healthy nutritious diet.

Treating the mental health issues needs a multifaceted approach. Cognitive behavioural therapy can be helpful in treating PCOS and anxiety attacks, and talk therapy can help people who are experiencing PCOS-related depression or general self-esteem issues. Even penning down your feelings will help to understand your patterns and triggers for mental illness. This will enable to practice self-care and stress reduction.

SUMMERCoolers

QUINOA: Quinoa contains almost twice as much fiber as most other grains which helps to relieve constipation and prevent heart disease by reducing high blood pressure and Diabetes. It makes a fine substitute for white rice or pasta when you're trying to add more fiber and nutrients to your diet. Moreover, it's flavoured, easy to digest, gluten-free, and high in protein.

Quinoa contains Iron that helps keep our red blood cells healthy and is the basis of hemoglobin formation. It also increases brain function because the

brain takes in about 20 per cent of our blood oxygen. Quinoa is rich in magnesium that helps to relax blood vessels and thereby to alleviate migraines. Magnesium also may reduce Type 2 Diabetes by promoting healthy blood sugar control.

It is also rich in B Vitamins, nutrients that help treat age spots and other conditions related to skin pigmentation by reducing the deposits of dark melanin in the skin. Quinoa is rich in lysine, which is important for tissue repair and growth.



Fight the killer

Every year, over one lakh people are diagnosed with blood cancer in India. DR SUNIL BHAT tells you the symptoms to look out for and how blood stem cell transplant can give patients a second chance at life

Blood cancer occurs when there is an abnormal blood cell growth which interrupts the normal blood cell functioning. When it comes to treating blood cancer, treatment depends on the type, age of the patient and stage of the cancer. However, the most common treatment includes chemotherapy, radiation and blood stem cell transplant.

Common symptoms:
■ Weakness or feeling fatigue due to decrease in red blood cells
■ Frequently falling ill and infections due to low immunity. Infections often develop in mouth, throat, skin, and lungs
■ Abnormal weight loss is also the primary symptom
■ Bleeding gums and blood from the nose

Blood stem cell transplant to lead a longer life

Every year, over one lakh people are diagnosed with blood cancer in India. Most often blood cancer can be treated by administering chemotherapy. However, for patients who cannot be treated with a chemo, their only hope of survival is through a blood stem cell transplant. A blood stem cell transplant infuses healthy blood stem

cells from a matching donor to the patient. Lymphoma, Leukemia, Myeloma and Hodgkin disease & other blood disorders such as Aplastic Anemia & Thalassemia can be treated with a blood stem cell transplant. A successful blood stem cell transplant in 70 per cent to 90 per cent of these patients may give them a second chance at life, depending on the disease condition and the donor type.

On registering as a potential blood stem cell donor

While lack of information is the biggest challenge faced by all potential blood stem cell donors today, multiple myths associated with blood stem cell donation pose a greater threat. These include a commonly believed notion that a few health risks are associated with the procedure; you are putting your life at risk by donating your blood stem cells etc.

A successful stem-cell transplant requires a perfect HLA type. There is a possibility of finding the perfect match from a donor of the same ethnicity. Sadly, patients of Indian ethnicity have a hard time in finding a match due to lack of potential donors.

Blood stem cell registries like

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DKMS-BMST help in unrelated donor transplant process that counsel donors, enroll donors, get their HLA typing done, facilitate search of the donors and later facilitate the blood stem cell collection and transplant. To reduce the gap and to ensure each blood cancer patient looking for a matching donor finds one, it is important to each of us to register as a potential blood stem cell donor.

Blood stem cell transplant during the pandemic

COVID-19 has definitely impacted healthcare delivery especially in blood cancer treatment. The virus poses a risk for blood cancer patients as they are immune deficient and are more prone to infection than any of us. We also see an impact on potential donor registration drives due to social distancing guidelines. This gap can be minimised by encouraging people to register online as potential donors and give patients suffering from Blood Cancer or other blood disorders like Thalassemia a second chance at life.

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GO BITE BY BITE

Most of the youngsters today suffer from heart diseases. The main reason being not eating a balanced diet. On World Heart Day, PRATISHTHA RAWAT lists out foods that can help keep your heart healthy



Eat what you may like, does not stand true in the current world shorn off physical activities. To ensure that the heart keeps running, you need to follow specific rules. It does not necessarily mean that you have to stop eating things randomly, but you should seek the advice of a health expert.

Without raising an alarm, the fact is that most of the youngsters face health issues such as Diabetes, thyroid, or hypertension. Most of these ailments or health problems are related to the quality of food that they consume. It is essential to include nutrient-vitamin rich food in diet to increase the life-line of a healthy heart. Usually, we ignore the signals that our heart gives us as we rely on old perception that heart diseases are only limited to a certain age. On the contrary, the fact is that one in four deaths in India is because of cardiovascular diseases and stroke is responsible for more than 80 per cent of this burden. On World Heart Day, here are a few food items that can be helpful to keep your heart healthy.

Berries: Berries are also full of antioxidant polyphenols, which help to reduce heart risks. They are a great source of fiber, foliate, iron, calcium, Vitamin A, and Vitamin C, and they are low in fat. You can add berries like strawberries, blueberries, raspberries with your everyday cereal or yoghurt.

Nuts: A handful of nuts like almonds and walnuts will not only be healthy for your heart but will satisfy your hunger as well. Walnuts and almonds have plant omega-3 fatty acids, vitamin E, magnesium, folate, fiber, heart-favorable monosaturated and polyunsaturated fats, and phytochemicals. Almonds help to lower blood pressure as well.

Seeds: Flaxseeds contain omega-3 fatty acids, fiber and phytochemicals to boost heart health. Chia seeds also provide omega 3, fiber and protein and can be eaten whole. You can sprinkle it on your breakfast cereal, on top of low-fat yoghurt, mix into muffins, or combine into your smoothies.

Green veggies: Vegetables like spinach, broccoli, and asparagus contain Vitamin C and E, potassium, folate, calcium, and fiber. Spinach makes an excellent base for salads and can be used on sandwiches in place of lettuce. Broccoli tastes great added to soups, mixed in with veggie dips, added to salads, or mixed with a brown rice dish. Asparagus makes an excellent heart-healthy side dish. Grill or steam lightly and sprinkle with some balsamic vinaigrette.

Simultaneously, one should also work on other lifestyle changes to prevent a heart attack. Some of the things that can help, include controlling your blood pressure and getting it checked regularly, keeping cholesterol and triglyceride levels under control, maintaining a healthy weight, eating a balanced diet and exercising regularly.

The writer is a Health Coach

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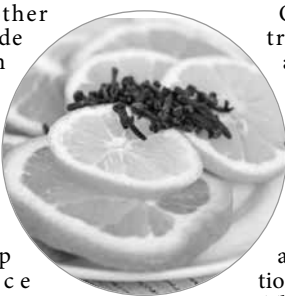
While not everything can be treated with home remedies, there are a few tried and tested remedies that have worked wonders. ROSHANI DEVI shares some tips that can come in handy



Scraps and bruises are common if one has boys. There are a few remedies that can help treat them. For bruises my mother always made us eat onion or any red vegetable because it is believed to go straight to the red cells and help reproduce more. There is only one side effect — one smells of onion all the time.

Another thing that my mother always kept in handy were potato peels. She would put these on the bruises to hurry the healing. For mosquito bites,

hold half a lime over the flame of the gas till charred. Let it cool a bit. Rub the charred bit over the bite.



One natural treatment for acidity is chewing a few *tulsi* leaves after a meal. It helps the body absorb food but also prevents reflux and the formation of ulcers. There are a lot of people who suffer from acidity. Sucking a piece of clove after a meal helps in reducing the problem. Boil six dates in 1/2 litre of milk for 25 minutes over low heat. Drink three cups a day for dry cough remedy.

TIPTOP

A groundbreaking interim report on a clinical trial being conducted in three Indian hospitals is showing that a combination treatment of an Ayurvedic Remedy called 'Immunofree' by Corival Life Sciences, and a Nutraceutical called 'Regimmune' by Biogetica has shown groundbreaking results against the present Govt SOP of conventional meds for coronavirus treatment.

The interim report shows that patients on the natural treatment are resolving most symptoms earlier than those on conventional medicines. Furthermore, numerous tests such as C reactive protein, Procalcitonin, D Dimer and RT-PCR for novel coronavirus are also showing 20 to 60% better improvement for the natural treatment, when compared to conventional treatment.

Numerous subjective endpoints such as body pain and fatigue are also leaning

towards the natural treatment. Both Clinician's Global Assessment of Symptoms and Subject's Global Assessment of Symptoms clearly showed improvements on both arms showing more significant data in the Test group. 86.66% of patients on the natural protocol have tested corona negative on day 5 vs 60% of patients on the conventional treatments. Moreover, on the 10th day test, all patients were negative, which could help in keeping the hospitals less occupied.

This CTRI approved trial is being conducted on Moderate COVID-19 positive patients. What sets this trial apart is the fact that it is the only time where half the patients in the trial have been given only natural treatment, which is being compared against the conventional treatment in use in India for COVID-19 patients.

SLIMLINE

On September 24, 2020 the Asia Pacific Medical Technology Association (APACMed) brought to fruition the first-ever hybrid virtual forum — Redefining Healthcare Agility, which welcomed more than 130 world class leaders from over 30 countries to share insights on how they are transforming the healthcare industry. The forum involved a plethora of interactive engagements, including live discussions, interviews and demonstrations.

The APACMed Annual MedTech Forum brings more than 1,000 delegates together

every year, making it one of the largest yearly forums in Asia Pacific. Owing to the pandemic, the 6th edition of the conference included on-site attendance of up to 50 people, along with virtual attendance of over 1000 delegates, thus becoming the first ever hybrid conference with a global reach to be hosted in the medical technology arena. The conference witnessed the participation of global and regional leaders, serving as the perfect setting for discussing collaboration and innovation opportunities in Asia.

INBRIEF

In the recent campaign to counter Covid-19, Narayan Garib Parivar Yojana has targeted to distribute monthly ration kits at home to 50000 families. Recently, Narayan Seva Sansthan (NSS) also distributed food, sanitisers and masks to 1000 families in Assam flood-affected area.

In the midst of the campaign, NGO has distributed food to over 12000 families from Udaipur, Delhi, Bhilwara, Alwar, Pali, Noida, Bikaner and Sirsa in various cities.

The NGO is also conducting health screening and clothing distribution camps. Amidst the lockdown NSS regularly undertook food distribution operations in Haryana, Uttarakhand and Maharashtra, where over 13,800 families got ration kits, 1,37,000 food packs, 68000 masks, 800 PP kits.

Prashant Agarwal, President of Narayan Seva Sansthan said: "Monthly food distribution campaign to poor-labor families, needy and differently abled with free equipment distribution camp, has attempted to share happiness in different ways.

Under the Narayan Garib Parivar Yojana, free food distribution camps are being organised in many states for the needy, so that no one who is needy starves."

The 34-year-old *seva yatra* has 418750 successful free operations of disabilities. A total of 2,63,000 tricycles, 2,70,000 wheelchairs, 2,90,000 crutches and 3,51,000 calipers are successfully distributed among the needy. Adding to this, NSS also supports education of children through free education of 200 orphans at its Campus in Udaipur.

Trend

Blazer

Farhan talks about vitriolic news reporting


Actor-singer-filmmaker **FARHAN AKHTAR** on Monday spoke out against what he feels is vitriolic news reporting. “Combined with Lata-ji’s birthday and Shaheed Bhagat Singh’s birth anniversary, here’s some more good news today. Sincerely hope that the top brands in question follow through on their valid concern about vitriolic news reporting,” tweeted Farhan. His tweet comes in reaction to a news piece that reads: “India’s top brands want news channels to stop being toxic, warn they could pull the plug on advertising.”






‘All this drug discussion would mean something if they pursued the actual hard drug cartels and suppliers also. It is also rather strange that a list of women stars are in the limelight even here. Like the men in film land only stick to milk and biscuits? Having said this I don’t have copious tears flowing for any film star.’
—Sona Mohapatra

Bollywood action star **TIGER SHROFF** stunned fans with his new Instagram video, where he is seen pulling off a flying kick after his recent injury. “Feels good to fly again after injury. Hope you guys have an unbelievable week and make the unbelievable believable! #YouAreUnbelievable,” he captioned. Recently Tiger, who is also a fitness enthusiast, flaunted his well-chiselled body on social media.



Paloma opens up on postpartum depression

Singer **PALOMA FAITH**, who is expecting her second child, has opened up about anxiety issues and postpartum depression that she faced had after her first childbirth three years ago. “I did have a traumatic first birth and post-partum depression. So I am trying to make sure I surround myself with people who know that. I don’t think I realised I was that ill until it went away. It’s quite difficult because you wonder whether you’ll be happy again,” she said.



Restaurateur **PRIYANK SUKHIJA** redesigns the interiors of his restaurant for post-COVID continuity and a safe and sure experience.
By **TEAM VIVA**



dine out with safety at its priority as he unveils the new look his restaurant — Dragonfly.

Says Priyank, “Our industry has been unlucky since the beginning of the pandemic. Gradually, when unlock happened people returned to restaurants despite the restriction of liquor sales. When the restrictions were finally removed, the second wave of cases came in and scared customers again. It was due to this reason that we thought of creating something which presents a safe alternative solution to our patrons. We actually did a research for approximately two months to think what could fit in with social distancing norms yet look spectacular. Hence, pods were the answer.”

So that’s how they were introduced, for each party group who wants to dine out without being concerned about their safety. “We created pods which are open from the top, have a capacity to host up to 12 guests, enclosed with acrylic walls, allowing them the view of the restaurant as well. The concept is created to make sure that each of the diners feel safe,” says he.

The partitions, the walkways between them and just the area needed to allow the swing of the doors of each pod eats up the floor space of the restaurant but Priyank feels that it’s totally worth it if it helps gain the trust of the customers and keep them secure. The process includes thorough sanitising of each pod after every seating. While the servers will be in full protective gear, the more cautious parties can ask them to leave their food and drinks on the small serving tables placed right outside the door so that no one enters their protective bubble.

Priyank, along with First Fiddle’s corporate head chef Sagar Bajaj, has curated a menu that comprises almost 80 per cent of exotic signature delicacies. The menu offers a blend of Asian fusion and European fusion dishes, modified to suit the tastes of Indians without losing the flavours of the authentic cuisines. Not only this, the restaurant has also introduced a few immunity booster dishes and cocktails in the menu.

Priyank believes that adapting innovative interiors will surely increase footfalls as people are very conscious now and are eagerly looking for such creative as well as safe experiences. “Pods will ensure your safety within confined limits, yet people will be able to enjoy the feel and services of the restaurant,” says he.

Expect the unexpected

In a new series, *Animal Impossible*, presenters **TIM WARWOOD** and **ADAM GENDLE** risk life and limb to discover the truth about animals.

By **TEAM VIVA**

Do cats always land on their feet? Could a squid sink a ship? Is spider silk really stronger than steel? Endlessly curious presenters Tim Warwood and Adam Gendle risk life and limb to discover the truth about animals in a new series — *Animal Impossible*. In a fresh take on natural history filmmaking, the intrepid pair conducts audacious stunts, including a nerve-wracking swim with a great white shark, to find answers. However, they find more than they expected, discovering a whole host of strange and remarkable truths about the animal kingdom. Locations include Namibia, South Africa, Morocco, Germany, UK, USA, Canada, Costa Rica, Guyana and China. Excerpts:

❑Why did you want to be involved with *Animal Impossible*?

Tim Warwood: I have to be careful about how I answer this as my wife might read it. But basically, it was a great opportunity to meet some incredible animals up close and personal, while travelling the globe. It’s a no brainer to be honest. And to do it with my best mate was too good to be true. I also like to be the person that regals facts and stories so the whole series provides me with loads of ammo.

Adam Gendle: Same as Tim really! I’ve never had the opportunity to see wildlife like that and travel to so many incredible places. It seemed like the job of a lifetime. Being able to share it with my best mate makes it all the more special even if I did have to look at him in a skin-tight zorbi suit in the bull’s episode.

❑What’s going to surprise people most about it?

Tim: So each episode has that one single fact which we set out to discover the truth behind. But we learn plenty of other facts along the way. I think I find some of those just as amazing. In the ‘can you fool a sniffer dog’ for example, I can’t believe that dogs can be taught to sniff out of USB sticks!

Adam: I think it might surprise people that they’re watching a wildlife show without wildlife experts presenting it. That’s one of things that makes it more exciting and fresh. We’re not experts at all but we get to experience these incredible animals and react to them in the same way anyone watching at home would. They’ll definitely be surprised by some of the facts we find out along the way too.

❑How was it like working with your best mate on this series?

Tim: Terrible. I did this show to get away from my wife but ended up being forced to spend the whole time with him (laughs). It’s all good. It’s great to have Gendle there. Sometimes when the experts are telling us that everything will be ok, even though I know they are the experts with all the experience, all you need to hear is — ‘it will be alright mate’ — from your best friend.

Adam: It was brilliant. We’ve known each other all our lives and had some incredible times but I think this year has been on another level. It’s great to have your best friend there just so you can say ‘can you

❑Who was the most accurate at predicting which facts were true or false?

Tim: Me. I am generally the cleverest of the two of us. I am the worst timekeeper though. And I always lose stuff.

Adam: Me! Maybe it was pretty even but yes, Tim does lose everything. He lost about seven metal water bottles over the whole series. I kept one the whole time so I’m better than him (laughs).

❑What all did you discover?

Tim: I think the sniffer dog one. You can’t fool a sniffer dog. Also, the cat one. Cats always land on their feet. In fact, quite a few of them. And obviously sharks are mindless man-eaters. That’s a big one as many people in the world are scared of sharks. So hopefully on the quest to prove that one wrong, we can help a few people with their fear of the deep.

Adam: Definitely Sharks are mindless man-eaters and Piranhas can strip you to the bone. Mainly because I was the one putting my body on the line with the challenges for those ones. I got a bit obsessed with sharks in general and followed every shark channel on Instagram.

❑Which animal fact outcome surprised you the most?

Adam: Scary for you! How do you think I felt? Yes, the great white shark was something I’ll never forget. When I watched the show, the whole thing came back to me, the nerves of waiting and the excitement of being in the water, and of course the relief of not being bitten in half.

(The series premieres on October 5 at 9 pm on Sony BBC Earth.)



believe we’re doing this’. In the moments where we’ve both been petrified, the other one always makes a joke to relax the other, which works most of the time.

Dance your heart out

On World Heart Day, choreographer **ASHLEY LOBO** shares how dancing leads to a happy mind and a healthy body

Indian-Australian choreographer Ashley Lobo is an advocate of movement related wellness. He believes dance is a doorway to physical, mental and emotional health. His message is particularly pertinent on September 29 which is observed as World Heart Day. This initiative by the World Heart Federation, aims to spread awareness about cardiovascular diseases (CVD), including heart disease and stroke. Research has connected CVDs to sedentary, unhealthy lifestyle, unbalanced diet, excessive use of tobacco and alcohol.

Ashley reminds us that in India alone, the prevalence of CVDs is estimated to be around 54.5 million. As individuals, we may not always be able to control ambient air pollution or other environmental risk factors, but we can mitigate lifestyle risk factors. We could eat healthier, cultivate better habits and yes, dance!

Says Ashley, “Dance, I always say, is not just about technique but also the heart and spirit. When you move to music, you shift the energy within and around you but there is research that shows us that dance is good for the heart as well. When you are dancing, you are working out, engaging multiple muscle groups, sweating it out just as you would if you were on a running track or in a gym. It really doesn’t matter how you dance, as long as you do!”

The choreographer has students from various age groups, and he recommends dancing as a means to not just find joy in every day ennui but to keep the heart pumping to the beat of good health and peppy music. He concludes, “Don’t forget that heart is an organ too that needs to be exercised. We all have access to music and if we start moving a little every day, we will be happier and also dance our way to better heart health.”



I have been hitting it well for the past one year. So I was just sticking to my routine and feeling confident. I am happy to win a few games

That was something else, wasn't it? What we have seen from Tewatia in the nets is what we saw in that Cottrell over

Five (sixes) in the over, that is amazing. I tried to hit the leg-spinner, but unfortunately I couldn't. So I had to hit other bowlers

The kind of cricket we are playing, the brand of cricket and the plans we are executing, we are quite happy with that



Devdutt Padikkal batting during Indian Premier League match between The Royal Challengers Bangalore and The Mumbai Indians held at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium

DP, AB take RCB to 201/3

PTI ■ DUBAI

AB de Villiers turned the clock back with his magnificent hitting after Aaron Finch and Devdutt Padikkal's stroke-filled half-centuries took Royal Challengers Bangalore's to an imposing 201 for 3 against Mumbai Indians in an IPL game despite another failure from skipper Virat Kohli.

It was De Villiers, who used all his might during the death overs to smash his way to an unbeaten 55 off 24 balls, taking the score past 200-run mark. His innings had four sixes and as many boundaries as the swift yet brutal assault of Jasprit Bumrah (0/42 in 4 overs) will be remembered for a long time.

Even James Pattinson (0/51 in 4 overs) received a lot of stick as two speed merchants accounted for 8 off the 10 sixes in the RCB innings.

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The remaining couple were hit off MI's most successful bowler Trent Boult (2/34).

The last five overs produced 78 runs with Shivam Dube scoring 27 not out off 10 balls.

While Australia's white ball skipper Aaron Finch scored 52 off 35 balls to get his team off to a flying start, the extremely elegant Padikkal upped the ante in the later half with some delightful big hits, scoring 54 off 40 balls. The duo added 81 runs for the opening stand.

Padikkal's innings was studded with five boundaries and two sixes and a good stand of 62 runs for the third wicket with De Villiers, who then provided the final flourish as he has been doing for years now.

The tall upright Padikkal's second IPL half-ton will be remembered specially for two sixes off fast bowler James Pattinson. The first was when the left-hander rocked on the

backfoot and punched it over mid-off and the next was a stand and deliver straight into the sight screen.

This was after Finch took on the MI attack in the Powerplay overs and attacked both Bolt and Pattinson with great gusto. When leg spinner Rahul Chahar was introduced into the attack, Finch hit him for three boundaries as the 50 came off 31 balls. At that point Padikkal was only on 16.

Once Finch was holed out off a Boult slower, in came Kohli and looked as rusty as the last match during his nine ball stay. MI skipper Sharma changed Chahar's end, it yielded result as a delivery stopped on Kohli and his lazy inside out lofted shot was gleefully accepted at extra cover by Rohit.

Once De Villiers came in, Padikkal, changed gears as both started attacking the bowlers as a square cut off Kieron Pollard brought up his half century.

DC EYE HAT-TRICK

PTI ■ ABU DHABI

Off to the best possible start with two wins on the trot, a confident Delhi Capitals will hope to keep the juggernaut rolling when they take on the winless Sunrisers Hyderabad in an IPL match here on Tuesday.

Both sides have endured contrasting campaigns so far.

Delhi head in to the game after two morale-boosting victories. The Shreyas Iyer-led side edged past Kings XI Punjab in a thrilling Super Over before thrashing Chennai Super Kings comprehensively to jump to the top of the points table.

On the other hand, Sunrisers are the only side yet to register a win in the tournament, having lost both their games and David Warner and his men will be desperate to turn things around.

In their opening encounter, despite opener Jonny Bairstow (61) and Manish Pandey (34) putting Sunrisers in a winning position in a chase of 164, the team failed to cross the line.

Against Kolkata Knight Riders, the middle-order failed to fire and the team settled for a below-par total which the bowling unit couldn't defend.

Wriddhiman Saha was particularly slow and would be expected to play an innings more suitable to the format.

For Delhi, the South African pace duo of Kagiso Rabada and Anrich Nortje has looked sharp with the new ball while spinners Axar Patel and Amit Mishra have performed splendidly in the absence of



Ravichandran Ashwin.

Ashwin suffered an injury in the team's first outing and is likely to miss the match against Sunrisers.

"It is not a major injury, he bowled in the nets yesterday, he will comeback very soon. He is being monitored by physio, today again he will bowl at the nets. Maximum, he

might miss one more match," Amit Mishra said in a pre-match presser.

In batting, the onus will be on seniors such as Shikhar Dhawan to lay the foundation, and he will have the talented Prithvi Shaw at the top of the order for company.

Rishabh Pant and Iyer have also looked in good nick, after rescuing the team from a spot of bother in the first game, the two pitched in with valuable runs against CSK. Australian all-rounder Marcus Stoinis has proved he is handy with the willow while Shimron Hetmyer can also compliment the strong batting line up.

For Sunrisers to do well, they would need to look beyond Warner and Bairstow. The side must click as a batting unit to post its first win of the season on Tuesday.

The 2016 champions replaced the injured Mitchell Marsh with Afghanistan off-spinner Mohammad Nabi, who played a quick cameo with the bat and also bowled an economical spell later.

However, with the batting unit letting them down in both outings, Sunrisers might consider bringing in Kane Williamson, who has recovered from his injury, to provide stability to the line-up. He would be coming in place of Nabi.

Sunrisers spinners led by Rashid Khan continue to impress but the side is lacking an out and out pace bowler who can hit the deck and push the batsman back off a good length.

Australian fast bowler Billy Stanlake is an option but with only four overseas slots available, his inclusion looks unlikely.

Dube not right choice at death: Pathan

IAN S ■ DUBAI

Former India fast bowler Irfan Pathan believes Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) should avoid bowling Shivam Dube at the death in the upcoming matches of the Indian Premier League (IPL).

RCB have so far played two matches in the tournament. In the first match, they registered a 10-run win against Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) while in the next game, the Virat Kohli-led side suffered a crushing 97-run defeat against Kings XI Punjab.

"Look, I think they will get better as soon as Chris Morris comes in. I see Morris coming in, (Dale) Steyn going out and they are settled. What I don't want from RCB is

Shivam Dube bowling the death overs," said Pathan while speaking on Star Sports show Cricket Connected ahead of RCB's clash against Mumbai Indians to be played at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium on Monday evening.

"They have a better team, they have better batsmen comparatively. They are not just dependent on AB de Villiers or Virat Kohli. This year they have Aaron Finch as well, (Devdutt) Paddikal started very well," he added.

According to the former India all-rounder, Navdeep Saini should bowl a minimum of two overs at the death as "he's the guy who can nail those yorkers as well as he can just bluff the batsmen and bowl bouncers at the death as well".



IAN S ■ SHARJAH

While all the limelight was taken away by Rahul Tewatia during Rajasthan Royals' historic win over Kings XI Punjab, it was the incredible innings from Sanju Samson which laid the platform for the Steve Smith-led side during their chase at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium.

Samson scored 85 runs as Royals chased down the target of 224 — highest ever in history of the Indian Premier League — with four wickets in hand and three balls to spare. His 42-ball knock was studded with four 4s and seven 6s.

Taking note of Samson's innings on Sunday, Congress MP Shashi Tharoor said on Twitter: "What an absolutely incredible win for Rajasthan Royals! I've known Sanju Samson for a decade and told him when he was 14 that he

Don't compare Sanju with MS

would one day be the next MS Dhoni. Well, that day is here. After his two amazing innings in this IPL, you know a world-class player has arrived."

However, Gautam Gambhir and S Sreesanth don't want the 25-year-old to be compared with the former India captain.

"Sanju Samson doesn't need to be next anyone. He will be 'the' Sanju Samson of Indian cricket," tweeted Gambhir replying to Tharoor.

"He is not next Dhoni, he is Sanju Samson the one and only. He should have been playing from 2015 regularly in all formats. Please don't compare him, if he had given right opportunities then, he would have been playing like this for India and would have won World Cups," said Sreesanth while replying to



Sanju Samson plays a shot during Indian Premier League

the Congress MP. "I am sure he will still keep playing well and it's not just these two innings...He is gonna break a lot of records

too and win many more world cups for our country. So please don't compare him to anyone...he is an amazing

Malayali from our Gods own country. His best is yet to come," he added.

The right-handed batsman had scored 74 runs off just 32 deliveries in Royals' first match of IPL 2020 which his side won against Chennai Super Kings by 16 runs.

Rajasthan Royals brand ambassador Shane Warne had praised Samson and said it was shocking to see that a talent like Samson is not a part of Team India across all formats.

"I have said for a long time and I think Sanju Samson is probably one of the most exciting players I have seen for a long time. I am surprised that he is not playing all forms of cricket for India," Warne had said in an Instagram live session done by the Royals before Sunday's game.

Want to host Eng series in India: Ganguly

PTI ■ KOLKATA

BCCI President Sourav Ganguly on Monday said the Board will do all it can to ensure that India's home series against England remains in the country and domestic tournaments kick off at some point despite the "fluid" COVID-19 situation.

"...Priority is to make this (series against England) happen in India. We will try to make this happen on Indian grounds. The advantage in UAE is they have three stadiums (Abu Dhabi, Sharjah and Dubai)," he said in a media interaction here addressing speculation that UAE could be the host for India given the COVID case count here.

BCCI has recently signed a Memorandum of

Understanding with the Emirates Cricket Board for greater cooperation in conducting matches there.

"We also have the same facility in Mumbai — CCI, Wankhede and DY Patil. We also have Eden Gardens. We have to create a bubble. We want to hold our cricket in India, that's where the game is, that's where the heart is. But we are monitoring the COVID situation," Ganguly said after being named brand ambassador of the Bengal Peerless group here.

"Everything is fluid. It's been hard for the last six months to keep everything in order. You want your cricket to happen. You want lives to get back to normal, there are players involved. But you also want to have a close look at the COVID situation," Ganguly

added.

On to domestic cricket and under normal circumstances, the BCCI would have already started its mega season with Ranji Trophy and Duleep Trophy, the U-23 CK Nayudu Trophy, Vijay Hazare and Deodhar Trophy, and the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy.

In 2019-20 it hosted 2036 domestic games across various age groups in the men's and women's category but creating a bio-bubble for so many teams across the country will be next to impossible given the virus threat.

"We are monitoring it. We want to have our domestic season. We have all the combinations, situations ready in our mind. We will try and make it happen as much as we can," he reiterated.

AP ■ MADRID

Luis Suárez quickly made an impact at Atlético Madrid. Former teammate Lionel Messi was his usual impressive self for Barcelona.

Suárez, who had his debut Sunday with Atlético after being told he was not wanted by Barcelona, scored twice and had an assist in the nearly 20 minutes he played in Atlético's 6-1 rout of Granada in the Spanish league.

Messi, who was forced to stay at Barcelona after telling the club he wanted

Wonderboy Fati

to leave, scored once and helped his team beat Villarreal 4-0 in its league opener under new coach Ronald Koeman. It was Messi's first official game with Barcelona since the club denied his request to leave in the offseason. He was outspoken against the club but had promised to give his best in what could be his final season at Barcelona.

Messi celebrated as usual after scoring from the penalty spot in the 35th minute at the Camp

Nou Stadium. He later also played a role in the own-goal by Pau Torres before halftime, as the Villarreal defender tried to intercept a cross by the Argentina great.

Messi missed a few other chances to score in the comfortable opening win for Koeman. The 17-year-old Ansu Fati, one of the players helping to make up for Suárez's absence in attack, put Barcelona on its way to victory with goals in the 15th and 19th minutes.

AP ■ ROME

Even on a night when Juventus was outplayed for long stretches, the nine-time defending Serie A champion managed to salvage a point in a 2-2 draw at Roma.

Cristiano Ronaldo scored twice, including a second-half equalizer with a towering header after Juventus had been reduced to 10 men, while Jordan Veretout had a brace for Roma.

"We got back into it, even after the red card," Ronaldo said.

"By the end of the sea-

Ronaldo saves Juve

son this could prove to be an important point."

Veretout put Roma ahead in the 31st with a penalty following a handball from Adrien Rabiot, who was trying to block a shot from Veretout.

Ronaldo then equalized from the spot after Lorenzo Pellegrini used his arm to block the five-time Ballon d'Or winner.

Veretout scored his second in first-half added time as Roma tore past Juventus' veteran but aging center backs Leonardo Bonucci



and Giorgio Chiellini. Henrikh Mkhitaryan escaped down the left flank and crossed for Veretout, who used one touch to get

away from a defender before shooting past goalkeeper Wojciech Szczesny.

Juventus was reduced to 10 men in the 62nd when Rabiot picked up his second yellow card for sticking his boot into the left thigh of Mkhitaryan.

Moments earlier, Roma forward Edin Džeko struck a shot off the post after his marker had already fallen to the ground.

Juve then had a chance to equalize when Ronaldo volleyed directly at goalkeeper Antonio Mirante.

Thiem eases past Cilic

AP ■ PARIS

U.S. Open champion Dominic Thiem advanced to the second round of the French Open by beating former U.S. Open champion Marin Cilic 6-4, 6-3, 6-3.

The third-seeded Austrian won his first major tournament at Flushing Meadows two weeks ago and is among the favorites again at Roland Garros after losing the past two finals to Rafael Nadal.

Thiem broke the imposing Croatian's serve six times in cool conditions on Court Philippe



Chatrier.

Cilic led 2-0 in the third set but Thiem reeled off the next five games before Cilic held again.

Thiem will next face American qualifier Jack Sock. He beat Reilly Opelka 6-4, 6-4, 6-3.