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Farm Bills anger farmers, protest spreads

Protests in Maharashtra, Punjab, Haryana, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, western UP; farmers' body plans rail roko from September 24 to 26



armers raise slogans during an ongoing protest outside the residence of former Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal against nee agriculture-related bills, at Badal village in Sri Muktsar Sahib, on Friday

The Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill 2020 CONCERNS

PROVISIONS
To provide for the creation of an ecosystem where the farmers and traders enjoy the freedom to sell and purchase products outside mandi
To encourage interstate and intra

The Bill is against Minimum Support Price procurement system state trade Reducing marketing /transportation

The role of commission agent is eliminated if farmers trade outside mandi

rvices Bill, 2020

To provide for a national framework on farming agreements that protects and empowers farmers to engage with agri

Monopoly of big players and exporters in the market

Farmers in a contract farming arrangement may find it difficult to negotiate

PNS NEW DELHI

A day after the Lok Sabna passed two contentious agriculture Bills, despite the opposition by BJP's oldest ally Shiromani Akali Dal terming it as an "anti-farmer" move, farmer's protests have spread in several States, including day after the Lok Sabha eral States, including Maharashtra, Punjab, Haryana, Telangana, Chhattisgarh and western Uttar Pradesh.

western Ultar Pradesh.
A protesting farmer in Punjab on Friday tried to commit suicide by consuming poisonous substance. Farmers' organisations have decided to hold a "rail roko" agitation from September 24 to 26 in protest against the Bills. Thousands of farmers from western Ultar Pradesh held a sit in protest on the Delhi-Meerut expressway on Friday. expressway on Friday.

The Congress has announced to launch a nation-

THE ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 2020

To remove commodities like cereals, pulses oilseeds, edible oils, onion and potatoes from the list of commodities To attract foreign direct investmen

Latest decision to ban onion export creates

wide agitation against the farm Bills and is in talks with other Opposition parties to corner the Modi Government Punjab Finance Minister Manpreet Singh Badal on Friday said Punjab alone would suffer a loss of ₹4,000 core every year due to these legislations that will lead to mass destruction of rural livelihoods, increase farmer distress. "We have decided to hold a rail roko nationwide agitation from September 24 to 26

"We have decided to hold a rail roko nationwide agitation from September 24 to 26 against the three agriculture legislations," Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee general

secretary Sarwan Singh Pandher said. Already, differ-ent farmer organisations in Punjab have given a call for a 'bandh' on September 25. A protesting farmer has tried to commit suicide in Badal village, the hometown of the Badals, in Muksar district. He ate poison on Friday morn-ing around 6:30 and his con-dition is still critical. Thousands of farmers are stitting on dharna in Muktsar, Amritsar and other areas in Punjab under the banner of Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee, Bhartiya Kisan

Union, All India Kisan Sangharsh Coordination Committee and Rashtriya Kisan Mahasangh. The farmers argue that the legislations would lead to the dismantling of the minimum support price (MSP) system, leaving them at the "mercy" of big corporates. According to Rakesh Tikait, Bharatiya Kisan Union, thousands of farmers Union, thousands of farmers have protested at the Delhi-meerut Expressway against the passage of farm Bills. A member of Punjab Aarhtia Association, said, "These legislations will ruin the

and exporters in the market
agriculture marketing infrastructure network created in
the past five decades. Benod
Antand of Rashtriya Kisan
Mahasangh, an organisation of
62 farmers unions, he said,
adding that farmers will hit the
road on September 24 across
India.

The Centre has brought the
Bills without discussion with
stakeholders, he alleged.
"Agriculture falls in the
State list of subjects, he said,
adding that the Union
Government's action impinges
on the State's rights.

Traditionally at odds
(farmers and arthiyas) are
together in this one-on-one
against the BIP-led Centre
aided by Opposition parties,
farmers' organisations and
activists.

Perhaps the real issue is too
technical and the threat of
new ecosystem rendering MSP

Don't be misled by dalals' advocates: PM to farmers

Bills 'rakhsha kavach' to save interests of

farmers, savs Modi PNS NEW DELHI

A cusing the opponents of the agriculture Bills passed by the Lok Sabha of standing with middlemen', Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday assured farmers that the Government's purchase of their produce and Minimum Support price (MSP) would continue. He asked them 'not to be mislead by the lies' of those 'who ruled the country for

decades."
Asserting that three Bills passed by the Lok Sabha on Thursday were aimed at reforming agriculture, the Prime Minister said the legislation would "free" farmers to sell their produce anywhere in the country and fetch them more returns.
He said new moves by the Government would provide farmers with "rakhsha kavach" and save them from brokers." But a few people who ruled the country for decades are trying to mislead farmers and telling lies. They had promised about the reform in their manifesto but forgot after reforms and when

these people are creating mis-givings," Modi said on the occasion of inauguration of occasion of inauguration of Kosi rail mega bridge in Bihar while addressing through

while addressing through video conference. Without maming the Copposition party for 'double crossing' farmers and creating 'disinformation'. Praising Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, Modi said, "Nitish understood what damage Agriculture Produce Market Committee (APMC), set up by States to regulate markets, had done to the farmers and "removed APMC Act in the State."

irrelevant more impacting. In Haryana, the members of the Bharatiya Kisan Union blocked the national highway-44 on September 10, demanding the immediate withdrawal of the agriculture ordinances. Protesters were also baton charged in Pipi near Haryana's Kurukshetra, for defying the administration's warnings dur-ing the coronavirus pandemic.

* These path-breaking legislations of the Modi Government will transform the agriculture sector, set farmers free from the clutches of middlemen and help them overcome other obstacles. These Bills will provide farmers with new avenues to sell their produce, which will increase their income AMT SHAM*—In the every farmer union and farm leaders. Our effort was that whatever feelings they have should be incorporated in the Bills... But they did not agree to it.... But they did not agree to it... The second of the secon

Farmers have lost faith in the Modi Government as there is a difference between its deeds and actions. This Government wants to benefit its "friends" by attacking the lives and livelihood of farmers RAHUL GANDHI

Dushyant meets Khattar to discuss way out JJP leader Digvijay

accuses Congress of misleading farmers, savs coalition strong

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A day after Akali Dal's
Harsimrat Kaur Badal
resigned from the Union
Cabnet opposing the controversial farms Bills, Haryana
Deputy Chief Minister and JIP
leader Dushyant Chautala met
Chief Minister Manohar Lal
Khattar on Friday in a bid to
find a way out of the vexed situation with farmers on the
warpath in the State.
Sources said the State
Government would reach out
to the farmers and their

to the farmers and their organisations to take the mes-sage across that the Bills would actually help their

JJP leader Digvijay Singh Chautala asserted that the

party's coalition with the BJP in Haryana is going strong and accused the Opposition Congress of trying to mislead the farmers. He downplayed reports that there was fissure in the alliance saying the Congress spreads rumours. Interestingly, IJP had earlier apologised for the lathicharge on farmers in Kurukshetra's Pipli last week was finder to be considered to the constance of the control of t

13 more die of virus, State toll now 682

4,140 new positive cases; total 1,71,341

Day's highest 688 in Khordha again; 4,101 more recover; total rises to 1,37,567

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As many as 13 patients succumbed to the corona infection on Friday, pushing the State's Covid-19 death toll to 682, the Health and Family Welfare Department said. Three fatalities were reported from Khordha district, two each from Kendrapada and Puri and one each from Cuttack, Bargarh, Balangir, Gajapati, Kandhamal and Mayurbhanj districts.

Gajapati, Kandhamai and Mayurbhanj districts.

The Khordha casualties included a 49-year-old man of Bhubaneswar and a 39-year-old man and a 78-year-old woman elsewhere in the district. The deaths in Kendrapada were of a 90-year-old woman and a 97-

year-old woman. The deceased in Puri were a 65-year-old man and a 79-year-old man. The other deceased were a 25-year-old man of Bargarti, a 65-year-old man of Bargarti, a 65-year-old woman of Galpati, a 50-year-old woman of Galpati, a 50-year-old woman of Mayurbhanj and a 77-year-old man of Kandhamal. Meanwhile, 4,140 new josticus of Mayurbhanj and a 77-year-old man of Kandhamal. Meanwhile, 4,140 new josticus of Mayurbhanj and a 77-year-old man of Kandhamal. Meanwhile, 4,140 new josticus of Mayurbhanj and a 76-year-old man of Kandhamal. Meanwhile, 4,140 new josticus of Mayurbhanja of

and the rest 1,714 were local contacts. Khordha again reported the day's highest 688 cases fol-lowed by Cuttack 492, Jajpur 184, Puri and Sundargarh 166 each, Mayurbhanj 163, Rayagada 160, Angul 155, Baleswar 133, Sambalpur 127, lagatsinghpur 123, Kendrapada Jagatsinghpur 123, Kendrapada 121, Bargarh 100, Koraput 99.

Plus II admission: First phase merit list out

Ravenshaw gets top cutoff marks in all 3 streams

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The first cut-off marks and the related merit list of students for admission into various Plus II courses in Higher Secondary Schools in the State were published by the Directorate of Higher Secondary Education on Friday. Friday.
As per the merit list of Plus

Friday.

As per the merit list of Plus II Science, the cut-off marks in the Ravenshaw Higher Secondary School, Cuttack, in different categories stootd at 89% (GC) followed by BlB HS School, Bhubaneswar, with 88.6% (GC) and the Saraswati Vidya Mandir HS School, Nilakanthanagar, Brahmapur, wilkanthanagar, Brahmapur, School, Nilakanthanagar, Brahmapur, HS 6.67% (General), 51.5% (ST) and 37% (SC). The Ravenshaw HS

BJB second, N'nagar Saraswati HS third top

School has also the highest cutoff mark in Commerce stream.

Its cut- off marks stood at
75.83% (General) 33% (ST) and
57% (SC) followed by
Rourkela Government HS
School with 75% (General),
63.67% (ST) and 57.67% (SC)
and the BJB HS School,
Bhubaneswar, with 74%
(General), 33.33% (ST) and
47.33% (SC).

The Rayenshaw HS School

The Ravenshaw HS School The Ravenshaw HS School too got highest cut-off marks for admission into Arts stream with 72.5% (General), 36.5% (SC) followed by BI SH School with 71.83% (General), 44% (ST) and 58% (SC) and Rourkela Government HS School with 67.83% (General), 62.67% (ST)

in Science; admission from Sep 21 to 26 and 52.83% (SC). Students can check their ranks on the web-site of Student Academic Management System (SAMS) https://samsodisha.gov.in/Juni orweb.aspx.

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Students to be selected in the first phase will take admis-sions in their respective allot-ted schools from September 21 to 26 till 6 pm.
According to the SAMS Schedule, the second phase cut-off marks will be pub-lished at 11 am on October 3, 2020.

2020.

The admission of students selected in this phase would be conducted between October 5 7. The spot selection merit list would be published on October 13.

COVID MANAGEMENT

Niranjan writes to CM against BMC callousness

In a strongly-worded letter, Pradesh Congress Committee president Niranjan Patnaik on Friday slammed the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) for its cal-lousness towards the citizens.

lousness towards the citizens.
"My letter has nothing to
do with my political views,
and I merely speak as a citizen
of Bhubaneswar, stated Patnaik
in the letter. He requested Chief
Minister Navene Patnaik to get
a review done by Chief
Secretary to find out why there
is universal anger against BMC.
"In normal times, this level of
anger would have manifested in
agitational programme. But
these are not normal times,"

Niranjan Patnaik observed While stating that he stands with Government in fighting Covid-19, the concerns of Bhubaneswar citizens need urgent attention. Among issues raised Patnaik, who is also a former Health Minister, are: BMC officials are not approachable and are only interested in one-sway communication.

interested in one-sway com-nunication.
It is difficult to speak to the Ward Officers, let alone the BMC Commissioner. The helpline number, though has started functioning, is often expressing helplessness. The BMC is relying too much on antigen test and number of RT-VCP teste is inadequate, Test is antigen test and number of RT-PCR tests is inadequate. Test is not available on demand as had

been advised by Government of India. People, who come to know that they had come in contact with virus, are not able to get tested and remain under Test reports take days to

come and people often are under stress. Those in home isolation have not been pro-vided pulse oximeter and are vided pulse oximeter and are receiving poor support. There is an acute shortage of hospital beds. For one ICU bed being vacated, three are five persons waiting to get it. While express-ing satisfaction at low death rate in Odisha like all over Asia, the PPC chief asked Chief Minister to take an objective view and take action as deemed appro-priate.

Seashore scam: CBI raids MLA Mishra house



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I ducted a raid on the resi-dence of BJD MLA and former Minister Debi Prasad Mishra here over the Seashore chit fund scam. A five-member team conducted raid.

WhatsApp number for **Covid aueries**

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The State Government on Friday issued a WhatsApp number -99375 64066- for addressing Covid-related queries on this instant messaging plat-form, an official said at a Press conference here.

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People can ask their questions between 3 pm and 3.30 pm and queries would be answered by doctors and experts. National Health Mission (NHM) Director Shalini Pandit informed at news conference that over 70 per cent of COVID-19 positive cases in State are currently under home isolation.

HEAVY RAIN IN STATE

IMD issues warning: SRC alerts DMs

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The remnant of the tropical storm Noul which developed over the South China Sea this week is likely to create a low pressure area over the north east Bay of Bengal on Sunday which could concentrate into a depression on land over West Bengal the next day, the Centre for Environment and Climate (CEC) at the SOA here said on Friday.

The system was likely to move into Gangetic West Bengal on Sunday night and

NOUL TO TRIGGER

then move in a westerly direction into Jharkhand and then Chhattisgarh thereafter and have its impact till September 23. Under its influence, heavy rainfall is likely to occur in the districts of north Odisha on September 20 and 21. Parts of western Odisha would also receive rainfall on September 22.

Rainfall may also be experienced in south Odisha and the coastal region from September 19 to 21 due to wind flow from central India as well as the Arabian Sea.

as the Arabian Sea.

Russian couple adopts Hinduism



A Russian couple, who was seen sitting under a banyan tree near the Baleswar district Collector's office on Friday, said they have adopted Hinduism and accepted Lord Krishna as their only god after coming in contact with ISKCON devotees.

Covid-19 IN INDIA **TOTAL**

CASES: 52,83,641 DEATHS: 85,179 RECOVERED: 41.80.844 ACTIVE: 10.16.879



STATES	TOTAL CASES	DEATHS	RECOVERE
Maharashtra	11,45,840	31,351	8,12,354
Andhra Pradesh	6,09,558	5,244	5,19,891
Tamil Nadu	5,30,908	8,685	4,75,717
Karnataka	5,02,982	7,808	3,94,026
Uttar Pradesh	3,42,788	4,869	2,70,094
Delhi	2,38,828	4,907	2,01,671
West Bengal	2,18,772	4,242	1,90,021
Odisha	1,71,341	735	1,33,466
Telangana	1,67,046	1,016	1,35,357
Bihar	1,65,371	859	1,51,400
Assam	1,52,858	540	1,21,610
Kerala	1,26,383	502	90,085
Gujarat	1,20,498	3,287	1,01,201
Rajasthan	1,11,290	1,308	92,265
Haryana	1,06,261	1,092	83,878
Madhya Pradesh	1,00,458	1,901	76,952

Funds available, but spending remains dismal

Spending in MGNREGS, other Central schemes also very poor the Chief Minister has directed the authorities to scale up the credit facilities for the farm

Agri, Forest, **Environ Depts** record dull expenditure

PNS BHUBANESWAR

While funds are available for undertaking normal developmental works, most of the departments have not achieved expected spending, posing a grave concern for the State Government.

poor spending by major departments during last five

months.It was pointed out at a review meeting that normal expenditure on programmes are needed to be taken up as funds are available.

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Even as Rs 4,000 crore is available in the RIDF, infrastructure development has taken a back seat in rural areas as projects have not been taken up. As compared to last year till August, spending is less than 35 per cent during this fiscal till August of the property of the state of the stat

said officials.Funds are available with Central Schemes as the Union Government has provided at least Rs 6,000 Crore

the Union Government has provided at least Rs 6,000 Crore during this period, but implementing agencies reluctance in taking up projects has resulted in poor spending.

What has created the situation more serious is that many departments and organisations have parked funds in banks and reported that spending has taken place in programmes. It was revealed at a review meeting held by the Chief Secretary Utilisation of funds in agri-cently.

Utilisation of funds in agri-culture and allied sectors is

ed the authorities to scale up the credit facilities for the farm sector. The MSME sector has performed well in arranging credit for the entrepreneurs during the Covid-19 pandem-ic, said officials.

It has come to the notice of the State Government that majority departments like Agriculture and Forest are pur-chasing planting materials from Andhra Pradesh and north east States.

Accordingly, the Chief Secretary has asked the horti-culture department to set up Secretary has asset the not a-culture department to set up mega nurseries for generating planting materials. Sources said that the Forest Department has decided not to purchase Utilisation of runds in agri-culture and allied sectors is poor, which is 70 per cent less than the corresponding period of the last year. While extendhas decided not to purchase planting materials from outside the State from the next year. of the last year. While extend-ing credit facilities in the agri-culture sector has gone down.

Concast Steel workers stage demonstration Demand jobs, arrear dues

PNS JHARSUGUDA

ocals on Thursday launched Locals on Thursday launched can agistation in front of the main gate of Concast Steel Company at Hirma village in Iharsuguda demanding jobs for the locals and pending arrears. The plant was shut 3 years ago and it was to open and start operation again. They alleged that the villagers have been neglected in getting jobs. The people losing their homes for the industries were not given employment in the company by the management, they told, adding that outsiders from States like Bihar,

Irom States like Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhatisgarh and UP were given preference.

Behera in BJP, may contest in Tirtol

As speculated, a day after quitting the Congress, Rajkishore Behera along with his followers joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BIP) at the party's State headquarters here on Friday.

Besides, former Jagatsinghpur Congress MLA Kailash Mallick also joined the saffron party.

Behera had resigned from primary membership of Congress and tendered his resignation to Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) president Niranjan Patnaik.

Speculations are also rife that Behera is likely to contest Tirtol Assembly by-election in speculated, a day after



Jagatsinghpur distict as a BJP candidate

The BJP is yet to make any formal announcement in

any formal announcement in this regard. Behera had unsuccessful-ly contested the 2009 and 2014 Assembly elections from Tirtol as a Congress candi-date.

OJEE rescheduled from Oct 12 to 19

PNS BHUBANESWAR

The Odisha Joint Entrance Examination (OJEE)-2020, which was scheduled in the first week of May but postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, would be held from October 12 and 19, according to sources.

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The test would be conducted in Computer Based Test (CBT) mode for all the courses in three shifts on each day of the examination.

The shift-wise complets schedule of the examination as well as the dates of downloading of admit cards indicating Roll Number, shift and centre of examination would be displayed on the websites www.ojee.nic.in/ www.odishajee.com by end of September.

Eco retreats planned at 5 locations this vr

Besides Konark, list has Satkosia, B'kanika, Daringbadi, Hirakud

PNS BHUBANESWAR

Odisha Tourism is going to meet tourists' dreams at five locations after months' break during the Covid-19

pandemic.

After success of the firstever eco retreat festival at
Konark, the Tourism
Department has decided to

Department has decided to organise such events this year at four new exotic locations, Satkosia, Bhitarkanika, Daringbadi and Hirakud apart from Konark again.
Inspired by annual Rann Utsav held at the Rann of Kutch in Gujarat, a Marine Eco Retreat was organised at Konark in December last year to showcase Odishak food and culture for high-end tourists. The festival was held for 49

official said.

The department has invitated bidders for development and promotion of the eco retreat project sites. "A tender has been invited to develop, finance, operate, promote and market the project.

The Government will provide only basic amenities at the sites. As the Covid-19 situation still continues, the tourists will have to follow the Covid-19 guidelines during their stay at

have to follow the Covid-19 guidelines during their stay at the sites," the official said. The private operators would set up the tented cot-tages, restaurants, conference halls and receptions. The ser-vices provided at the eco retreat would be at par with any 3-star

would be organised for a period of three months starting from December 1 till February 28 next, an Odisha Tourism official said.

category hotels. While the eco retreat at Konark would have 10 presidential cottages, 30 premium swiss cottages and 30 deluxe swiss cottages, the other destinations would have 25 normal tents.

ormal tents.

The purpose behind the events is to attract a greater number of tourists so that they can experience Odisha's rich culture, handloom, handicrafts

neip in development of the State's tourism sector, the official said.

Along with luxurious Along with luxurious accommodation, the eco retreats would feature enter-tainment, adventure activities and water sports activities such as jet ski, speed boating, parasalling, archery, rille shooting, cycling and beach volleyball.

Nandankanan loses 11 animals in a month Over 30 zoo inmates dead

during 6 months

PNS BHUBANESWAR

The Nandankanan Zoological Park (NZP) near here has witnessed the death of at least 11 animal just

death of at least 11 animal just in a month during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The sudden surge in the animals' mortality at the zoo raised concern among the authorities after a 27-year-old female Indian bear succumbed to a kind of infection just in 12 to a kind of infection just in 12 hours of the death of a same bear species, 'Debasish', aged about 7-and-half-year. The female bear Arati died

under treatment, informed NZP Deputy Director Bimal

Fresh graduates

Chandra Acharya. She was an inmate of the zoo since September 13, 2013 when she was 20 years old. Following her death, Professor Niaranjan Sahoo from the OUAT conducted the autopsy that revealed that the animals intestine was infected with a same virus detected in body of Debasish.

oasish. With these two deaths, a total of three bears have died in the zoo in the last 18 days. Meanwhile, another Indian bear 'Lija' (8) is now undergoing treatment in the ICU of Nandankanan veteri-ICU of Nandankanan veteriarry after being infected with the same deadly virus. She had been brought to Nandankanan after being rescued from Khallikote in Ganjam district when she was only two years old.Besides, two more bears have show similar symptoms at the zoo.

The veterinary doctors have begun their treatment.

As a precautionary measure, 15 Indian bears, including five females, have been vaccinated to protect them from infection.

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Reports said that over 30 animals have died at the zoo in a span of six months during the pandemic. Such a situation had never occurred in the past at the zoo, which is closed for over 180 days since March 2020 due to the pandemic.

Though no bigger animal has died in the recent past, the death of a few rare species including an anaconda and at Himalayan bear have upset wildlife lovers.

On August 16, two baby marmoset monkeys were born, of which one died within two days. Presently, there are four marmosets at the zoo. Two days after the incident, on

August 18, a 25-year-old Brahminy kite died due to age-related ailments. With its death, only one Brahminy kite is left. In the past one month, one sambar and two deer have died at the zoo.

sambar' and two deer have died at the zoo.

On August 25, a female golden pheasant died following an infection. Among the snake species, only two king cobas are now at the zoo after the death of one on August 31.

Notably, the N/ZP now has only five anacondas. Last year, two anacondas hast year, two anacondas hast year, two anacondas were brought to Nandankanan from the Madras Crocodile Bank Trust and Centre for Herpetology in Chennai on October 22, 2019.

The first death of anaconda at the zoo was reported on November 28, 2019. The zoo lost its second anaconda in two days on November 30, 2019.

93-kg ganja seized in city

One arrested: Bolero vehicle during search seized

PNS BHUBANESWAR

Excise officials on Friday intercepted a Bolero vehicle and during search seized 93 kg of ganja near Bharatpur here and arrested a person in connection with the case.

The accused was identified as Debendra Rout, a resident

ident of Jajpur. Acting on a tipoff, Excise officials inter-

cepted the Bolero near Khordha-Cuttack bypass and later recovered the contra-band item, which was being transported to Bhubaneswar from Kandhamal district. 93 Kg ganja stacked in 92 packets was kept in a secret chamber of the vehicle. The vehicle had reportedly two to three such chambers. The excise team has also seized many registration number plates from the vehicle. The registration plates

plates from the vehicle.

The registration plates were changed frequently to avoid any suspicion at the toll gates, police said.

Even as further investigation are underway the accused were forwarded to court later in the day.

Rally by murder accused: One booked under NSA

PNS BHUBANESWAR

The Commissionerate police which drew flak from various quarters following some murder accused took out a procession from the pharpada jail to Sundarpada violating the Covid-19 norms, swung into action on Friday and booked one of the accused Roshan Jena under the National Security Act (NSA).

under the National Security Act (NSA).
Police said Jena was acting in a manner prejudicial to public order. The cops action would also be taken against other accused. Roshan, an accused in Amaresh Nayak's murder case, had take out a rally, with over a hundred of murder case, had take out a rally with over a hundred of supporters following he and his

three associates were released three associates were released from the [harpada jail on September 13 night after they were granted bail by the Odisha High Court. He was seen sitting in an open jeep along with his supporters during the proces-sion.

supporters during the procession.

Police said Roshan has eight cases pending against him at various police stations.

The procession that had started in front of the lharpada jail continued for four kilometre flouting the social distancing norms. Most of the participants had not even worn face masks. The family and relatives of Amaresh alleged that due to loopholes in the chargesheet filed by police, the High Court granted bail to four accused.

invited for TULIP internship

BBSR Smart City to issue certificates PNS BHUBANESWAR

Under the ambitious Urban Learning Internship Programme (TULIP) of the Union Government, fresh graduates would now get an opportunity to work with var-ious projects of Bhubaneswar Smart City, Fresh graduates would be call for internship within 18 months from decla-ration of final wear results

The flagship internship programme was launched on June 4, 2020 under the theme "Aspirational India". Under the Bhubaneswar Smart City pr Bhubaneswar Smart City pro-jects, interns are invited under Administration, Engineering, Finance and Technology cate-gories. Students can now apply for the TULIP internship by visiting the link https://intern-ship.aicte-india.org/mod-ule_ulb/Dashboard/TulipMain /index.php.

ule_ulb/Dashboard/TulipMain /index.php. A student has to login and register and then apply through appropriate segment of TULIP. The Internship was designed keeping in mind individual needs of the participants. The programme intends to deliver strengthening of institutional capacity of urban ecosystem and youth engagement towards urban initiatives.

Withdraw University Amendment Ordinance' AIDSO stages demo; AICEC submits memo to Governor



PNS CUTTACK/ BHUBANESWAR

The All India Democratic Students Organisatoin (AIDSO) and the All India Save Education Committee (AISEC) on Friday demanded withdrawal of the Odisha

withdrawal of the Odisha University Amendment Ordinance 2020 at the earliest. AIDSO activists led by Cuttack committee president Bhagyarabi Das, VP Tarunsen Nayak and Secretary Binod Sethi staged a demonstration in front of the Ravenshaw University Act 2005 and sought allocation of adequate funds for the universities."The decision of making teacher recruitments though the OPSC, scrapping Senate system and sending a Government representative to

Vice-Chancellor Selection Committee in place of a Syndicate representative are all Syndicate representative are all undemocratic and anti-teacher and anti-student moves," said

the protestors.

In Bhubaneswar, the All India India Save Education Committee submitted a memorandum, signed by over a hundred of intellectuals, to Governor Prof Ganeshi Lal, demanding withdrawal the

demanding withdrawal the ordinance.
"The new system will pave way for political and bureau-cratic interference in the management of universities and take away autonomy from them," alleged signatories.
Among others, Prof Swadhin Patnaik, former Director of Institute of Mathematics, Surendra Mohan Pani, former Principal of Radhanath Institute of Advanced Studies in Education.

TOTAL NOW 17.925

305 new infection cases in **BBSR**

215 local contacts outnumber 90 quarantine cases: 517 recover; total recoveries 13,631

Capital city Bhubaneswar on Friday reported 305 new Covid-19 cases, taking its total tally to 17,925, which included 4,212 active cases.

Out of the 305 new cases, 90 were detected in quarantine while 215 were local contact cases.

es. The local contacts included iThe local contacts included in private hospital staffs, nine cases of IRC Village, eight cases of Nayapalli, five cases each of Patia, Hanspala, Patrapada and Chandaka and four cases each of Unit- 9, Bapuji Nagar and

Jagamara.
The local contacts included six cases of Unit-6, three cases each of Chakeisiani, Jharpada and Unit-9. However, 517 patients recovered in city on day, taking total recoveries to 13,631.

NEP will keep Indians old-fashioned: FPI

ACHYUTA SAMANTA

Pandemic fatigue is as real as

The National Education Policy (NEP)-2020 and the call for "Indian ethos" is old call for "Indian ethos is our dashioned and regressive and not going to help build a mod-ern education system free from blind beliefs and superstition, opined Freethought Party of India (FPI). The FPI is quite biage as "Indian ethos" in the entire text of the Constitution of India. The FPI is quite clear that all the concepts of Hindu Sanatan Dharm will come into Sanatan Dharm will come into play under the term of "Cultural Preservation", the term that has figured in the first paragraph of the Introduction Chapter of the NEP and the rest will be formulated under the banner of "Indian ethos". In other words,

tancing in addition to economic and financial hardships has caused a huge damage to many people's psychological wellbeing. Information influx, intensive theories and the standard programme of the standard programme in the stan

wellbeing. Information influx, intensive theories and uncertainty, all this is tiring. It is important to note that people are both in under-stimulated and over-stimulated states and both can result in negative impacts on moods.

To add to the fatigue is the

impacts on moods.

To add to the fatigue is the screen fatigue. Classes work, zoom meetings, presentations have now brought a realisation in people about the importance of ace-to-face laughter and camaraderie and community.

Many neonly have tarted.

the BJP-led NDA Government wants that all Indians should carry on the heavy load of all the blind beliefs that have been there in India since time

immemorial.

"It means that all educational institutions in the "Hindu-Dominated" Republic of India will be modelled on the pattern of Utkal University that has already 22 Hindu temples in

becomes like an essential work. The masked world have left the trus and its play to destiny and adjusted to the new normal. Pandemic fatigue has logically followed the Quarantine fatigue. It has come with adjustments and o find ways to adapt to current circumstances. Routines and schedules are helpful to chalk out the plans and days.

Making personal time.

come to study to get a degree that would help them to get jobs and if they revolt at all they would be "victimized" and their academic career will go to dogs,"

How to fight pandemic fatigue

resilient and that we have the ability to get through hard times. Taken in a positive note, the pandemic and social distancing guidelines provide us with new opportunities to be creative, work differently and come together as family.

creative, work differently and come together as family, friends, colleagues and community.

We also know by now that being kind and charitable to other people is therapeutic; so, reaching out and being that cheerful presence for somebody else is a great thing to do because kindness is conus and has a shield to fight tagious and the fatigue.

(Dr Samanta is MP, Kandhamal, and founder, KIIT & KISS) the

BBSR Judicial Complex containment zone

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Following detection of sev-eral Covid-19 cases in Civil Court, Khordha, here, the Bhubaneswar Judicial Complex and the DLSA have been declared as a containment zone to prevent the spread of the

"The area coming within the boundary of Bhubaneswar Judicial Complex and DLSA, Lewis Road, Bhubaneswar, is hereby declared as a containment zone for the period from 19th September to 25th September.

This excludes the Office of the Sub Collector,



Friday.No public shall be allowed to move into the con-tainment zone; and the inhab-itants within the containment zone shall not move out, the order stated. Bhubaneswar, Office of the Tahasildar, Bhubaneswar, and District Sub-Registrar Offices," an official order of the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) said on

Rly engineer succumbs to corona

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Senior member of the East SCoast Railway Engineers' Association (ECOREA) and Senior Section Engineer (Works) of East Coast Railway Kanduri Charan Pradhan passed away on Thursday night in a private hospital here due to corona.

in a private hospital nere oue to corona.

Pradhan had started his service in the Railways under the undivided South Eastern Railway in Daitari-Banspani project at Keonjhar. He died when he was looking after the Khurda Road-Bolangir project. For his sincerity and dedicated hard work, he was sawarded and felicitated at different levels.

melphil to chaik out the pians and days. Making personal time while also connecting with friends and family is very important, more so during this period. Physical exercise and maintaining a diet while staying away from less healthy vices are also the need of the hour. This keeps the immunity stronger. It's important to remember that human race is Many people have started moving out, because staying indoors for long is not possible. In a long term, every work given in this publication is merely for reference and must not be taken as having authority of or binding in any way on the writers, editors, publishers, and printers and sellers who do not owe any responsibility for any damage or loss to any person, a purchaser of this publication or not for the result of any action taken on the basis of this work. All disputes are subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of competent court and forums in Dehi\New Dehi only. Readers are advised and requested to verify and seek appropriate advice to salisty themselves about the veracity of any kind of any exemplate advice to salisty themselves about the veracity of any kind of any exemplate advice to salisty themselves about the veracity of any kind of claim made by the advertisers of the products & services and shall not be made responsible for any kind of loss, consequences and further product-related damages on such advertisements.

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in home isolation

Patients feel better at house. says study

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The share of Covid-19 patients staying in home isolation has risen to whopping 69 per cent as the State Government is allowing asymptomatic and mildly symptomatic cases to opt for the Government is giving such an option because statistics have proved that more and more people felt better in

and more people felt better in home isolation, including in

home isolation, including in rural areas.

As many 34,418 active cases (69 per cent of total active case) were in home isolation as on September 16.The highest number of home iso-

lation cases is in Bargarh and Rayagada districts, where 88 lation cases is in Bargarh and Rayagada districts, where 88 per cent of the cases preferred the facility. Boudh comes second with 86 per cent and Nabarangpur and Subarnapur third with 85% each.

According to official saymptomatic cases is on the rise mostly in rural areas.

Nuapada and Angul districts are having 84 per cent of active cases in home isolation, while in Bolangir 85 per cent of active cases in home isolation, while in Bolangir 85 per cent of active cases in home isolation, in Koraput and Baleswar, home isolation percentages were 79 and 78, respectively. In Gaipapti 76 per cent, Konjihar 70 per cent and Mayuthani 99 per cent have opted for the facility.

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In Jajpur, Dhenkanal and Jharsuguda districts nearly 67 per cent opted for home isola-tion while nearly 66 per cent of

the cases opted for the faciny in Puri, Nayagarh and Sundargarh districts followed by nearly 65 per cent in Cuttack and Kendrapada districts. The percentages in Kalahandi and Khordha are 63 and 62, respec-

Khordha are 63 and 62, respectively.

Home isolation in Mordha, which includes Bhubaneswar, was 32 per cent only as on September 1.

In Ganjam, at least 61 per cent active cases are in home isolation, while it is 55 per cent in Sambalpur, 51 per cent in Jagatsinghpur and Deogarh districts and 46 per cent in Malakangiri district. Notably, Malkangiri district had topped the list with nearly 98 per cent of active cases staying in home isolation so on September 1.

The lowest 45 per cent of positive cases preferred home isolation in Kandhamal district where 484 active cases were

Now, 69% Covid cases | Odisha universities ordinance opposed

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A webinar of senior universisty teachers and academicians on "Odisha Universities Amendment Ordinance-2020" was conducted by the Biswabidyalaya Banchao Abhiyaan on Wednesday. Wice-Chancellors and intellectuals joined and gave their opinions. The key speakers included former Vice-Chancellor of Sambapur University Prof MC Das, former Vice-Chancellor of Birla Global University Prof Sudhakar Panda, former Professor of Psychology of JNU Dr Ajit Mohanty, former Professor of Political Science Prof Surya Mishra, former Professor of Philosophy Prof Niranjan Padhi and former DGP Odisha AB Tripathy. The speakers in one mind considered the recent university ordinance as 'retrogressive' and may result in transferring uni-



Open cinema halls, pleads shopping centres' assn

versities into an undergraduate college fully controlled by the State Government.

Most of the speakers were also of the opinion that such ordinance is contrary to the well established provisions of Indian Constitution, UGC Act and related Central legislations. Sources also said that intellectuals, academicians and retired Professors are contemplating to move the CM, University Chancellors, Prime Minister and President of India Minister and President of India to counter the State

TATHYA III RHIIRANESWAR The Odisha Government has

The Odisha Government has been requested to open cinema halls and multiplexes on immediate basis to support livelihoods and the economy. Cinema halls are closed since March and despite four rounds of Unlock announced, cinema halls are not allowed to recopen.

reopen.
The Shopping Centers
Association of India (SCAI) has

Government's move to restore

Government's move to restore autonomy soon. Similarly, a well known physicists and former Professor of Physics of Sambalpur University is in favor of initiating a signature drive against the move.

The new ordinance is an attempt to reduce the space for functional autonomy of universities by shifting responsibility of recruitment of teachers to OPSC and a dangerous attempt to undermine benefits of unitary university systems, it was pointed out.

and safety as top priority. While malls and shopping centers are allowed to open, nultipleses are not allowed to open. The SCAI has requested the State Government to allow opening of multiplexes in the State, which supports livelihood of hundreds of people and employs large numbers of them directly.

Earlier, the All Odisha Cinema Hall Owners' Association (AOCHOA) had appealed the State Government for exemption of minimum demand charges on electricity as the cinema halls are closed since March 20.

"There is zero income and the cinema hall owners are not in a position to pay minimum

INBRIEF

ANOTHER DOCTOR DIES OF COVID

Cuttack: Another frontline Covid warrior in the State died due to the viral infection on Thursday. Dr Nikunj Bihari Das passed away due to Covid-19 while undergoing treatment at Me Ashwin Hospital here. Das, who was working as an Assistant Professor a Department of the State of the Covid-19 was not the State of Medicine of Hitech in the line of duty. ine of Hitech Medical College Hospital, contracted the infection

AIIMS DONATES LIVELIHOOD KITS TO PWDS



Bhubaneswar: AIIMS Bhubaneswar Director Dr Gitaniali Batmanabane donated livelihood tool kits to 21 persons with Batmanabane donated Invelinoot tool isk to 27 persons with disabilities (PMS), who have been trained by National Career Service Centre for Differently Ablad (NDSCDA), Bhubaneswar. The livelihood kits include four multifunctional sewing machines, eitht welding kits, three mobile repairing kits, three AC repairing kits, three electrical kits. Dr Gitanjali distributed the kits on the occasion of the birthday of her granddaughter Advalta, who is in Canada. NCSCDA Head Ram Kishor Sharma appreciated Dr Gitanjali's initiative.

VEDANTA GIVES JOB TO FOOTBALLER TANILIA



Jharsuguda: Former National Women Football player Tanuja Baghe has been given a job as sports coordinator in the JMD Company, ar has been given a job as sports coordinator in the JMD Company, an associate of the Vedanta Aluminium Company Limited. In the chamber of district Collector SK Samal, Vedant CEO Chhabinath Singh gave the appointment letter to Tanuja in the presence of ADM PK Sahoo, District Sports Officer SK Mishra and senior officers of Vedanta Company Chandrasekhar Sahoo, Sanjeeb Patnaik, N Sundarraj and Pranay Satpathy, Notably, Sports and Youth Services Minister Tusharlantil Beher had asked for assistance to Baghe, who was earning her livelihood by herding goats and also working as a housemand.

INTER-STATE GANJA RACKET BUSTED IN MOHANA



Paralakhemundi: On the instruction of Gajapati SP Tapan Kumar Patnaik, the Mohana police seized a truck that contained 688.420 kg Patnaik, the Mohana police seized a truck that contained 688.420 kg of ganja valued at Rs 35 lakh on Friday. The contraband was being transported from Antarba to Jharkhand. Truck driver Indrade'v Yadav smd helper Jaguram Dhobi both belong to Chatra of Jharkhand. They were arrested in the presence of Mohana Tehsildar Kalyani Sanghamitra Devi and Mohana PS IIC Sujit Kumar Nayak.

14TH TVW REING ORSERVED IN TSI PI



Champua: The Tata Steel Long Product Ltd (TSLPL), a Tata group company situated at Bläipada under Joda block of Keonjhar district, is observing voluntary week (TWN) from September 5 to Orbober 7. The TSLPL employees are rendering voluntary services in the peripheral villages which include education, healthcare. Covid-19 awareness, stress management and sustainability. While maintaining social distancing, both online and offlire methods of instructions are being followed. The programme is the 14th edition of TWW.

Corona robbed Odisha of many sons of soil

Thanks to spread of infection after migrants brought back to State

KRUSHNA KUMAR MISHRA

Many veteran artists like Bijay Mohanty, Ajit Dash, Sarada Prasanna Nayak, Nadia Bihari Mohanty have died, mostly due to Corona.

Besides, many Government officials, doctors,

Government officials, doctors, businessmen, senior citizens, teachers, ASHAs, health workers and Sarpanchs, those were working as the in-charge of TMCs, Covid care centres and Covid hospitals have faced untimely death.

Many senior citizens are now told to remain in their houses like house arrest for no crime or fault. Small vendors, makeshift shops, salons, betel shops, gymnasiums, cinema hall owners were ordered to close their opperations. The stu-

Oxygen therapy

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In a bid to provide relief to the patients with breathing difficulties three oxygen therpy enters were opened in three different PHGs in town on Thursday. These PHGs at Sowarampur, Sahadevkhunta and Sunhat began operational from day as oxygen therapy centres after their inauguration. District Collector K. Sudarshan Chakravarthy informed that patients both Covid as well as non Covid diseases would be provided oxygen and other allied treatment facilities in these centres.

They would be referred to DHH. Each PHC with this therapy facility has four beds and would be opened round clock. From September 20 three each ANMs would be deployed in these centres.

The district administration meanwhile has released phone numbers of in-charge doctors of these centres for any infor-

numbers of in-charge doctors of these centres for any information, suggestion and treatment etc.

opened in 3

B'swar PHCs

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uncertainty due to long day clo-sure of schools and colleges. D evotees lost their mental peace as they were not allowed to enter any temple premises. It is known to all that, all these unpleasant situations emerged as the authorities failed to check the Corona infection.

nnection.

Now many intellectuals are asking the State Government, why such a situation was allowed to emerge, when Odisha was one of the safest places till March.

However any are a situation.

places till March.

However, everyone knows it that all the hell broke loose when the migrant workers were brought back to Odisha from highly infected States.

from highly infected States.

Many now question why
these prodigal sons were
allowed to enter Odisha instead
of making arrangement of their
treatment at their working

violation

Petrol pumps

fined for Covid

IN JAJPUR



places. Why the State Government has not imple-mented the Ayushman yojan-in the State, which could have proved beneficial for the migrants? Why Prime Minister did not order the BJP ruled State Corporate to the care State Governments to take care of the migrants labours?Where as 8 lakh migrant labourers

bilitate them and provide them jobs. Our State is still in short of agricultural labourers, construction workers, carpenters and domestic helps.

These migrants prefer to work in other States while they hesitate to work in their own State. If they have no contribution in building Odisha, why we should sympathise them like our sons?

RESIDENTS WANT ILLEGAL SAND LIFTING STOPPED

Budhabalanga sand mafias taken to task PNS BALESWAR

A group of residents residing fin the bank of river Budhabalanga, besides alleging that sand mafias were active despite administrative restrictions, demanded strong action against them.

The residents belonging to

against them.

The residents belonging to riverside villages including Kantabania, Dahapada, Gambharia, Kasaba and Fuladi headed by local leader Ranjan Pradhan submitted a memorandum to Additional District Magistrate Sambit Nayak, demanding his urgent intervention.

Magistrate Sambit Nayak, chemanding his urgent intervention.

In their petition, they said that rampant sand lifting from the river bed had been going on unabated despite restrictions under Section 144 CrPC.

They mentioned that mindless stealing of sand from the riverbeds had posed a serious threat to the environment. Besides bank crossion, due to sand lifting, several huge sand lifting, several huge craters had formed posing a threat to their mud houses.

Maoists, police exchange fire in K'mal

Association of India (SCAI) has requested the State Government to allow opening of multiplexes and cinema halls towards taking a positive step to support livelihoods and economy. One of the most important components of shopping centers and malls continues to be cinema halls.

The SCAI has developed protocols for the public at large while keeping social distancing appeal to the Chief Minister.

Arms, uniform, literature seized

PNS # PHULBANI

Police based on reliable inputs about movement of Maoists launched a combing operation on September 13 by a joint team of the Special Operations Group (SOG) and the District Voluntary Force.
On September 15, the SOG and DVF personnel had a faccoff with the ultras in the Pokharibund Reserve Forest under the Baligda police station.

Spotting the cops, the Maoists fired indiscriminately from sophisticated weapons. The police party retaliated in a controlled manner in self-defence. The Red rebels escaped from the spot taking advantage of the dense forest and hilly terrain. Police recovered three country made weapons with sling two plastic box, Maoist literature, uniforms and other articles said



Kandhamal S Vinit Agrawal.

police recovered syringes, ration, thermo flask from the spot left behind by the fleeing ultras.

ultras.
Police suspect 10 to12
rebels were present in camp
including top leaders like
Murali of the KKBN Division,

In a special drive, three petrol pumps in lapur district were inspected by officials on Friday and a fine of Rs 15,000 was collected from them for not adhering to the Covid-19 guideline of social distancing. The drive would be continued and the outlets sealed if they continue to violate the norm, said Jajpur Tehsildar Susant Kumar Pati. "The safety **Needed: Pragmatic studies of stratospheric ozone**



every year, September 16 vas celebrated as the A severy year, September 16 was celebrated as the World Ozone Day as declared by United Nations General Assembly. The stratospheric ozone layer absorbs a portion of the radiation (UVB) from

n a special drive, three petrol

the sun, preventing it from reaching the surface of the earth. The UVB is very harmful which can cause skin cancer, cataracts, genetic disorder and crop damage etc.

Experiments on fish suggest that 90 to 95 percent of malignant melanomas (a form of skin cancer) may be due to UVA and UVB radiation below 300 nm.

Ozone depletion may also affect the climate though not clearly understood. With its depletion, spectrum of incoming radiation will change and hence may produce new molecular species which may change the radiation emitting and absorbing properties of atmosphere. This may cause formation of more tropospheric ozone.

In the absence of ozone

of the customers and staffs is of paramount importance for the administration to check spread of Covid-19. We have directed all filing stations to take appropriate measures to ensure that the petrol pumps remain clean and cofe of 21-11-11.

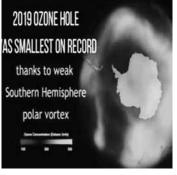
de petrol pumps remain clean de safe, added the officer. District Collector hakravarti Singh Rathore has

Chakravarti Singh Rathore has directed the civil and police officials to launch crackdown on the violators of the Covid protocols.

hence change the vertical distribution of molecules in the troposphere and stratosphere which in turn change the rate of vertical circulation.

Extensive use of chemical like chlorofluorocarbons (CECs), carbon tetrachloride, halons, methyl bromide etc. are responsible for depletion of zoone layer. These chemicals have atmospheric lifetimes long enough to allow them to be transported by wind to the stratosphere which catalytically destroy ozone.

Exposure to strong UV radiation breaks these molecules to release chlorine or bromine in atomic state. One chlorine atom can destroy over 100,000 ozone molecules. Atmospheric models indicate that the chlorine cycle plus the analogous bromine cycle account for more than 70 per cent of the ozone loss in the stratosphere. The remainder of



the catalytic cycle for chlorine radicals that exist throughout and ozone depends on OH the atmosphere. OH reacts

with ozone to form the inter-mediate HO2. More depletion means less protection and hence more UVB reaches the earth.

One percent loss of ozone could result in about a million extra human skin cancers per year worldwide if no protective measures are taken. Ozone reforms naturally, but not nearly as fast as it is reforms naturally, but not nearly as fast as it is destroyed. The hole in the layer over the Antarctic was discovered in the 1980s. It regularly tends to form in August, reaching a maximum size late September or early October before it fills again in December.

The size is dependent on weather conditions. This year, the hole began forming earlier than before (World Meteorological Organization).

Antarctica's exceptionally cold winter temperatures (+850 to -900C) help break down

ozone. Almost every year since it was discovered, the Antarctic ozone hole has grown. In 2000 the region of ozone depletion covered 29.8 million km² (about the size of North America).

This phenomenon is now spreading to other parts of the world. Ozone depletion has been observed also over the North Pole.

In 1985, nations around the world in the Vienna Convention for the ozone layer developed a framework for coperative activities to save the ozone layer.

As an international response in 1987 an international meeting in Montreal, Canada, produced the Montreal Protocol on phasing out most use of CFCs by 2000. CFC production in most developed countries has fallen sharply since 1989. The Montreal Protocol has been

successful in reducing ozone depleting substances and reactive chlorine and bromine in the stratosphere. CPGs are being substituted by HCPCs (hydro chlorofluorocarbons) which release much less chlorine per molecule.

The 2019 ozone hole is indeed the smallest since recording of its size began in 1982 but the ozone is also influenced by temperature shifts and dynamics in the atmosphere through climate change. In 50 years or so, stratospheric ozone levels are expected to be back to normal. However the final recovery is expected to require several lifetimes.

(Dr Senapati is Dean Computer Application & Science, Biju Patnaik University of Technology and Professor of Chemistry, Trident Academy of Technology Bhubaneswar)

RS passes Bill to cut MPs' salaries by 30% for yr



Parliament on Friday passed La Bill to reduce for one year the salaries of MPs by 30 per cent "to meet the exigencies arising out of the Covid-19 pandemic". The Bill was passed in Rajya Sabha with a voice vote while Lok Sabha had passed the Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament (Amendment) Bill, 2020 Bill earlier this week. The Rajya Sabha also approved two Bills, replacing ordinances related to the Central Council. While supporting the cuts in salaries, most Opposition members who participated in the discussion urged the government to review its decision to suspend the Members of Parliament Local Area Development (MPLAD) scheme for two years saying it Parliament on Friday passed

respective constituencies. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi, however, said this was a temporary suspen-

.. Minister of State for Home Minister of State tor Home G Kishan Reddy moved the Salaries and Allowances of Ministers (Amendment) Bill, 2020 and both bills were taken up simultaneously and passed by voice vote.

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During the debate, Joshi said it did not matter how much money was being saved through salary cuts of members. "Charity should begin from home and that is the concept we have started. It is not \$74 crore saving as said by DMK member but \$75.90 crore per year from members' salary," he said. DMK member Put Wilson had earlier during the discussion said the measure would entail savings of just \$74.

Indian genes helpful in battling coronavirus, reducing mortality rate: Study

PMS # NEW DELHI

Indian genes are helping batthing coronavirus and reducing the mortality rate in comparison to the US and Europe,
according to scientists including an expert from the Banaras
Hindu University (BHU). The
study is published in the PLOS
ONE journal.

A team comprising distinguished genetic experts from
six institutions, led by Prof
Gyaneshwer Chaubey of the
BHU, analysed complete DNA
data of the Angiotensin-converting enzyme 2 (ACE2) gene
of X chromosome from various
continental populations and

of X chromosome from various continental populations and found that it is the Indian genes that have protected the popu-lation and helped battle the deadly virus.

This explains why the mor-

Crore.

On several opposition members asking the government to stop various projects like Bullet train and construction of a new Parliament building to cut costs, Joshi sad, "First you say public spending should be increased and now you are demanding that all these projects should be stopped. At least, we don't pay



been much higher in European countries and in the US, as compared to India and Southeast Asian countries, they

The scientists have provid-

to some private trust from PM Relief fund. These people raised similar issues in 2019 election and people have answered," Joshi further said. Reddy said COVID-19 has impacted the incomes of peo-ple working in the private sec-tor and so the Prime Minister initiated this bill which entails 30 per cent reduction in min-isters' salaries.

ed in the current global distribution of reported COVID-19 cases per 1,00,000 inhabitants. The international team analysed complete DNA data of the ACE2 gene from various continental populations and found that certain mutations in this gene are helping South Asian and East Asian populations in successfully battling the virus and reducing mortality rate in comparison to the US and Europe.

There have been a few initial studies on the ACE2 gene by other research groups, but all of them looked for the presence or absence of various

all of them looked for fun-presence or absence of various mutations, whereas, this team used more powerful haplo-type-based analysis (the method in which experts break the whole length of DNA into several pieces and make com-

small roads and community

small roads and community centres.

"It (MPLAD) should not be suspended for two years. How did you presume that corona will go on for two years? Even if you had to do it you should have reduced it by half to ₹2.5 crore. My suggestion to the Government will be to reduce it to one year and in that one year ₹2.5 crore fund be

parisons).

The second important finding is about two major mutations which are responsible for strengthening the entry point of the Coronavirus among South Asians. "Thus, this paper adds important potential implications to understanding the transmission patterns of Coronavirus in various populations across the world," said Anshika Srivastava, one of the authors of the paper. Rudra Pandey and Prajwal Singh from BHU, Avinash Rasalkar, Panka) Srivastava from Sagar Central University, Rakesh Tamang from Calcutta University and Pramod Kumar from National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) were also involved in this research.

kept," he said.
Similarly, Vishambhar
Prasad Nishad (SP), V Vijayasi
Reddy (YSRCP), K
Somaprasad (CPI-M), Fauzia
Khan (NCP), Veer Singh (BSP),
Nazir Ahmed Laway (PDP)
while supporting the reduction
in salaries, sought restoration
of the MPLAD scheme.
Pointing at the PM CARES
fund, Congress MP Rajeev

Central Council (Amendment) Bill passed

PNS III NEW DELHI

Earlier in the day, the Homoeopathy Central Council (Amendment) Bill, 2020 seeking to further extend the time to form the Central Council of Homeopathy by a year and the Indian Medicine Central Council (Amendment) Bill, 2020 also (Amendment) Bill, 2020 also seeking a year's time to recon-stitute the central council and provides for a board of direc-tors to exercise its powers in the interim period was passed in the Upper House after a debate.

Satav said "no one knows to whom it is caring". He also pointed out expenses by the government during the pandemic on projects such as Central Vista, Bullet train and a special ₹850 crore aircraft for the PM. Trinamool Congress member Dinesh Trivedi said the bill for reduction of members' salaries was decided only by some MPs on whatsapp.

Cong to launch nationwide stir against farms Bills

The Congress on Friday announced to launch a nationwide agitation against the Centre's three agriculture-related Bills. It is in talks with related Bills. It is in talks with other Opposition parties to come on board to corner the Modi Government on the farmer related issue which has also led to the resignation of Union Minister Harsimran Kaur of Shiromani Akali Dal, BJP's oldest ally in the NDA.

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For appearing in competitive examinations for jobs in Governmen Public Sector and

With farmers protesting against the bills, Congress alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi las misled the farmers and the country and Modi is a big liar.

"Person sitting on prime minister's post should not mislead farmers and country. The PM is lying at a time when the country is battling coronavirus and China is breathing down our neck," Congress chief spokesperson Randeep Singh Surjewala said

Scholarship of Rs.500 per month for day scholars and Rs.800 per month for hostellers plus book grant

and disability allowance ranging from Rs.2000/- to Rs.4000/- per annum.

Rs 2004: of Rs 4000- per annum.

There are different rates mantenance allowance for Pock-Graduate, Carduste, Diptoma, professional ourses leading to degree, diplome, professional ourses leading to degree, diplome et in different disciplines. It ranges from 18:900-1600, mm, for hostilities and 18:5507-500 pm, for day scholars plus tuition fee (maximum celling 18:1.50 lash palling has the professional carding for the 2000- to Rs 4000- per annum). Book allowance ranging from Rs 2000- to Rs 4000- per annum.

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scholars, Rs. 2000/- per scholars, Rs. 2000/- per month disability allowance, book grant Rs. 5000/- per annum and tuition fee upto Rs. 2.00 lakh per annum.

Monthly Rs.31,000/- for JRF (first two years) and Rs.35,000/- for SRF (3rd

ter apprication ratios. Coaching less shall be payable to empanelled Institute by this Department. Stipend and Special allowance for Disability & Rs.7,000/- per month for outstation candidates and Rs.4,500/- per month for local candidates shall be payable.

Government of India Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divayangjan)

5th Floor, Pt. Deendaval Antyodava Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110003 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities is implementing the umbrella scheme "Scholarships for Students with Disabilities" for their empowerment through education w.e.f. 1st April, 2018. There are six components of this scheme i.e. Pre-matric, Post-matric, Top Class Education, National Overseas Scholarship, National Fellowship and Free Coaching. The brief details of the umbrella scheme are given below:

at AICC Press conference near Parliament.
Congress said any move to "disturb" the present procurement system may deepen "social unrest" amongst farmers of the state". "We urge upon the government to review and reconsider these measures as these are unlikely to deliver on the promises made to them. Agri-marketing should be left to the states as envisaged in the Constitution, "the party said.
Congress again ques-

These three scholarships scheme are being implemented through National Scholarship Portal (NSP). Apply on-line or National Scholarship Portal (www. scholarships.gov.in). The portal has been opened for registration from 16th Aurust 2020.

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ie. www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in. Application may be submitted in the prescribed proforma to Under Secretary (Scholarships). Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Room No.519, 5th Floor, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110003

Selection is done by the University Grants Commission. The candidates may apply online as and when applications are invited by UGC. No application is required to be sent to Department of Empowerment of

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per cent own less than two acres of land. How can such poor farmers have access to far-off markets," Surjewala said. He was joined by his party colleagues and Parliamentarians Gaurav Gogoi, Rajeve Satav, Jasbir Singh Gill, Hibi Eden, and Amar Singh.

Surjewala further asked the Centre, "How will small farmers fight for rights against mega corporate?"

against mega corporate?"
"When APMC act will no longer be there, how will small farmers, mandi workers and transporters earn their livelihood? The mandi fees

Senior Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad said around 70 per cent MPs depend on their salaries and have to take care of every expense through these emoluments alone. He said MPLAD funds are meant for taking care of needy people in their constituencies and are utilised for various things like purchasing ambulances, making

livelihood? The mandi fees helps development in villages." Surjewala said also announcing for the joint agitation against the decision. AICC sources said that agitation being planned with other parties can be both physical and virtual.

Accusing the Congress of doublespeak, the BJP has been pointing out that the opposition party itself had in its manifesto for 2019 Lok Sabha elections proposed the

its manifesto for 2019 Los Sabha elections proposed the abolition of APMC Act and making agricultural produce free from restrictions. But former Haryana Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda said his party will move a resolution will move a resolution against the legislations when the assembly session is con-vened. Talking to reporters later, Hooda said Haryana later, Hooda said Haryana farmers are facing an existential crisis due to the three black laws", which will "take away" the protection provided to them. It is important that all parties raise their voice in the interest of the State's farmers, he said, adding that they will not allow the implementation of the legislations in Haryana.

Corps Commander-level talks between India, China likely in next 3 days

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Following the agreement between External affairs minister S Jaishankar and his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi on September 10 to defuse tension at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) at the earliest, the next round of military level talks will see India urging simultaneous disengagement and de-escalation. The Corps Commander-level talks between the two armies are likely to take place in the next two to three days.

The Indian stance during

the forthcoming military level talks was discussed at great length for more than 90 minutes in the China Study Group(CSG)meeting chaired by National Security Advisor Ajit Doval here on Friday, sources said. The top defence brass including Chief of Defence Staff(CDS)General Bipin Rawat took part in the crucial meeting, they added.

The two commanders Lt. General Harinder Sineh and

The two commanders Lt General Harinder Singh and Major General Liu Lin have held five rounds of parleys so far since June 6 but no signif-icant improvement took place

on the ground. The last round was held on August 2 when it was agreed to disengage and de-escalate.

However, China did not honour the commitment and in fact tried to unilaterally alter the LAC in south bank of the Pangong Tso(lake)on after the LAC in south bank of the Pangong Tso(Jake)on August 29 and 30. The aggres-sive action was thwarted by the Indian army. Moreover, both the sides in the last fortnight fired more than 200 rounds in the air on

at least four occasions thereby increasing tension at the already volatile border.

Sudarshan TV requests SC for live telecast of hearing on 'Bindas Bol'

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Sudarshan TV, which is fac-ing legal proceedings in the Supreme Court, has moved an application seeking a live tele-cast of the hearing of the plea, which has raised a grievance over its "Bindas Bol" proover its "Bindas Bol" pro-gramme, the promo of which had claimed that the channel

had claimed that the channel would air a "big expose on the conspiracy to infiltrate Muslims in government service."

On September 15, the top court had restrained the channel from 'telecasting the episodes of "Bindas Bol" till further orders, saying that 'the intent' of the episodes 'prima facie' appeared to 'vilify' the Muslim community. The application filed by Sudarshan News through its director and editor Suresh Chavhanke said, 'It is respect-

fully submitted that the present case is one of the most important cases concerning the public at large as the question of freedom of press protected by Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution of India is involved."

It said crores of viewers of the channel want to know about the legal proceedings and hear the points of argu-ments being raised by the par-

ties.

"Direct for a live telecast of
"inge of this case "Direct for a live telecast of the proceedings of this case through audio-visual broadcasting/telecasting universally by an official agency as the court may deem fit and proper," the application said.

A bench comprising justices D Y Chandrachud, Indu Malhotra and K M Joseph will take up the matter for hearing at 12 noon.

Apex court hikes damages for victims of road accidents

road accidents

Pn■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has
Tenhanced the compensation to a victim of road accident
saying that courts should be
mindful that a serious injury
not only imposes disabilities
but also inflicts deep mental
and emotional scars.

The apex court said it has
emphasised time and again
that "just compensation"
should include all elements
that would go to place the victim in as near a position as sho
or he was in, before the occurrence of the accident.

The top court said that no
amount of money or other
material compensation can
erase the trauma, pain and suffering of the victims.

States bank on herbal immunity boosters to defeat corona

As the Covid-19 battered world continue to scout for vaccine to combat the deadly virus, States in India are banking on herbal immunity boosters among other safety norms like masks and social distancing to keep the pathogen at a bay which has so far infected 54 lakhs people and claimed 83,000 lives across the country. While Tamil Nadu is distributing Siddha-based herbal immunity boosters like 'Athimathuram' and 'Kabasura Kudineer', Karnataka is supraccine to combat the deadly

Kudineer', Karnataka is sup-plying ayurveda-based immu-nity enhancing tablets and decoction to the locals as part

of the fight against coronavirus. So is the case with Delhi and Punjab where cops are being armed with the formulation

runjan where cops are being armed with the formulation based on medicinal plants and sesential oils to fight the virus from the front.

Punjab has recently announced dolling out to its police personnel Covid-care kits having medical gadgets medicines and an herbal immunity booster Amynity Plus to combat the virus. Nearly 3,800 police personnel have tested Covid positive in the State.

The herbal formulation is extract of around 51 herbs like harad, Neem, Amia, Sunthi, Ashwagandha, Gudduchi

besides eight essential oils to empower immunity of the body

empower immunity of the body system. Dr Sanchit Sharma, Executive Director of AIMIL

Executive Director of AIMIL
Pharmaceuticals which has
developed the herbal brew,
noted that not only a strong
immune system but multi-system immune defence could be
the perfect solution to tackle the
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Nadu is offer-ing the concoc-tion like 'Athimathuram' and 'Kabasura Kudineer'. "These are not a cure for Covid-19 but for boosting the

Palaniswami launched the scheme by distributing the drink to police personnel. Similarly, Karnataka Government is offering ayurveda-based immunity boosting tablets and decoction to lakhs of families in Shivamogga under an initiative by Karnataka Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister KS Eshwarappa as part of the fight against covid-ty. Likewise, Uttar Pradesh too is pushing herbal immunity boosters to fight the Virus

In fact, scientists from Government organisations too are doing their bit in this regard. For instance, Dr Sanjay Jachak, scientist from Researchers from National

Researchers from National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) in Mohali, Punjab has devel-oped an immunity booster herbal tea —a combination of herbal tea —a combination of six herbs such as Aswagandha, Giloy, Mulethi, Tulsi and GreenTea--to strengthen the body and build physical resis-tance to the virulent infec-

The Coaching Institute may send their proposals in the prescribed application form with the recommendations of concerned State Govts/UTs and having GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 for empanelment of the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in RO NO. 82888

(made from Giloy), oil to be used as nasal drops and pack of Chyawanprash while Tamil

or further details, please visit: www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in

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Kerala: Covid-19 surge continues

4.167 more afflicted on Friday

The forecasts made by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and ealth Minister KK Shylaja early this Health Minister KK Shylaja early this month is coming true in Kerala as the number of persons diagnosed with Covid-19 continued to surge ahead on Friday too. The last 24 hours saw the State identifying 4,167 new patients across Kerala out of which 3, 849 per-sons contracted the disease through secial context.

social contact.

The death toll in the State touched by Friday evening as the artment of Health confirmed that 12 persons succumbed to the pan-demic. Kodiyeri Balakrishnan, CPI(M) demic. Kodiyeri Balakrishnan, CPI(M) State Secretary who addressed the media earlier in the day blamed the opposition BJP and the Congress for the surge in the Covid-19 cases. "The demonstrations and rallies staged by the BJP and the Congress

They threw to the wind all safety pr tocols and restrictions like wearing

they uneve to the wint an sately pro-tocols and restrictions like wearing facemasks and maintaining social dis-tancing. Balakrisham said while speaking to the press after the State Sceretariat men district topped the table with 926 new patients on Friday while Kozhikode diagnosed 404 patients. Except in Wynadu district which diagnosed 68 new cases, all dis-tricts registered high numbers of patients. The medical fraternity in the State is uspet over the ever increasing number of health workers who con-tract the pandemic. On Friday 102 health workers were diagnosed with Covid-19. As on Friday, there were 35, 724 Covid-19 patients in the State. On Friday, 3.28 persons were admitted to hospitals across the State.

I&K sees 1,330 new infections, 15 deaths

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ JAMMU

Pifteen more Covid-19 patients died here in Jammu & Kashmir while 1,330 new cases of coronavirus were reported taking the total tally of active positive cases to 20,770 and the total number of deaths to 966 on Friday. Compared to Kashmir valley, the situation is worrisome across Jammu region as no district remains untouched with the spread of the virus in the last two weeks.

The hilly districts of Doda and Kishtwar and twin border districts of Rajouri and Poonch are recording spike in number of cases due to blatant violation of social distancing norms and ignorance over use of face masks in public. Several social gatherings in the region were directly linked to spread of the virus in remote areas of the hilly districts. Meanwhile, situation across Jammu hospitals remain grim. Large number of patients from the periphery are reaching GMC, Jammu for admission and when they failed to get hospital bed or admission in the isolation ward the caretakers show their resentment as chaos is prevailing in the hospital premiser.

According to the media bulletin, 672 cases were reported from Jammu while Kashmir region recorded 658 cases. Out of fifteen deaths, 10 patients died in Jammu and five in Kashmir valley on Friday. Out of 20770 active positive cases, Jammu region accounted for 11823 patients while Kashmir reported 8947 cases. Out of 966 deaths, 757 were reported from Kashmir and 209 from Jammu region.

A total number of 39,305 patients have recovered so far across Jammu & Kashmir.

BJP, Congress conspiring to sabotage Govt: CPM

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN III KOCHI

The CPI(M) on Friday alleged That there was a deep-rooted conspiracy by the BJP and the Congress against the Government of Kerala and the current unrest seen in the State is a proof of this secret plan.

"The BJP and the Congress want to sabotage and derail the Kerala Government led by the CPIMAN & Comprisors has been

Kerala Government led by the CPI(M). A conspiracy has been hatched by the Sangh Parivar and the Congress to muder Minister K T Jaleel. The attacks on the official car of the Minister on Thursday by the BJP elements is proof of this plan; said Kodiyeri Balakrishnan, CPI(M) Kerala secretary during a press meet at the capital city of Friday.

Balakrishnan was addressing the media after Friday's State Secretariat meet of the CPI(M). He said there was nothing unusual in

Secretariat meet of the CPI(M). He said there was nothing unusual in the National Investigation Agency summoning Jaleel to their office. "The NIA in its letter of invitation sent to Jaleel has said that the agency would like to speak to him as a wit-

ness. But the Congress and the BJP are blowing it out of proportion," said the Secretary who se son Binesh Kodiyeri too had been Directorate recently, Balakrishnan said that the BJP and the Congress were on a massive drive to recruit goondas to eliminate the CPI(M) cadre and the State Government has all the documentary evidence. "The Congress is organizing get togethers of its goonda elements across Kerala. The BJP is also doing the same thing," he said.

The State Secretariat in its meeting concluded that the Centre was deliberately denying and delaying the financial dues meant for blate. "The Congress is upset over the general impression that the CPI(M) would come back to power in the 2021. Assembly election and that party is staring at a bleak future.

in the 2021 Assembly election and that party is staring at a bleak future. Irrespective of the attitudes of the BJP and the Congress, the CPI(M) is going ahead with its development agenda for the welfare of the peo-ple," said Balakrishnan while explaining the decisions taken in the Secretarist meeting. explaining the decision Secretariat meeting.

Kerala Police spying on us to Subvert probe: Central agency

RUMAR CHELIAPPAN WOOTH

Pen as the CPI(M) State Secretary Kodiyeri splaakrishnan alleged about a BJP-Congress conspiracy to derail the Kerala Government, the Central investigating agencies, probing the gold smuggling-import of Quran and violation of protocols by a Minister, said that the Intelligence Wing of the Kerala Police was spying on them.

"Telephones of senior investigating officials are being tapped by the State Intelligence Wing reporting directly to the Chief Minister. They are keeping an eye on all out activities in the gold smuggling probe, Quran import case and drug trafficking probe, a senior official in the investigating team told The Pioneer on Friday. He said though he or other officials in the am are not familiar with the nuances of telephone tapping, it is a truth that the State officials were resorting to all links of dirty tricks to keep track of the progress they make in the investigating. The Intelligence Bureau is closely following the activities of their Kerala counterparts.
"It is routine and characteristic of the CPI(M) to ensure that their people are guarded and protected from the investigation. They feel that we do not know of their antecedents. Swapna Suresh and her associate were taken to the Thrissur Medical College Hospital so that they could communicate with her through the mobile phones of the hospital staff. A minister (A C Moideen) reaching the hospital at that time was not a coincidence," said the official.

Fashion designer Sharbari Dutta | Aligarh, 1st in State found dead at her Kolkata home

SAUGAR SENGUPTA
KOLKATA

Eminent fashion designer Sharbari Dutta on Friday was found dead under mystewas found dead under mysterious circumstances police said adding she was discovered dead inside her bathroom with blood oozing out of her mouth and some bruises on her

Dutta 63 and daughter of Dutta 63 and daughter of Dutta Bengali poet Ajit Dutta, was a pioneer of male fashion designing. She had draped a galaxy of cricketing icons like Sachin Tendulkar, Sunil Gavaskar, Imran Khan, Kapil Dev, Sourav Ganguly apart

from a host of film personalities and politicians.

Dutta reportedly did not enjoy good chemistry with his son and his wife who lived in the same building running separate brands after the mother and the son parted ways three years ago.

er and the son parted ways three years ago.

Though preliminary postmortem reports suggested she might have suffered a cerebral attack," the police would not come out with any final conclusion. "The investigation process is on and things would be clear in a few days though initial PM reports suggest that she had suffered cerebral stroke."

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to get electricity bill on WhatsApp

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If your electricity bill is not reaching your home or there is a mistake in the bill, then don't worry, you will have to send the old bill to Whatsapp number 9193304552 of the Electricity Department and the problem will be resolved.

If there is not too much mistake in the bill then the new bill will be generated in an hour and will be reached on your Whatsapp, otherwise, it will be available on the second day, Aligarh is the first district in the state to start this facility.

During the corona period, the bill not reaching the consumers. Meter readers also did not stop visiting the homes to

not stop visiting the homes to take the readings during the

Junior engineer suspended for giving wrong power connection

PRADEED SAYENA III ALIGARH

Tunior engineer Dharmpal of Junior engineer Dharmpal of medical road electricity house was suspended for giv-ing the wrong electricity con-nection. On his suspension, the union of JEs visited Superintendent Engineer SK Jain and said that wrong action has been taken against Dharmpal. In this case, the inquiry committee has been established.

established.

In the medical road powerhouse, there was a domestic connection in the name of Aslam. Executive engineer Akhilesh Kumar told that a bill was outstanding for Rs 3.67 lakh on Aslam's connection. A new connection cannot be given on an outstanding bill connection.

Aligarh Admin bans oxygen cylinder supply to industries

PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH

Precause of the increasing Oxygen demand the district administration has barned the supply of oxygen cylinders for industries. Now cylinders will be supplied in the hospital only. An order has been issued on behalf of the drug inspector to all four wholesalers in the city. The cylinder will be issued for industry only under special circumstances.

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There are 4 wholesalers supplying oxygen gas cylinders 5 times since March. 1 the district. These include Radhika Air Traders based at Ram Ghat Road, Universal Gas (Pytinder at Masudabad, and Trilok Gas Service at Marris is getting oxygen somehow but the Road. These traders are supplying cylinders for industries and medical purposes. Etals, Kasganj, Hathras, and Agra also getting cylinders from these godes of the company of the compan

rising rapidly. In Covid and other hospitals, the consumption of oxygen gas for patients suffering from lung infections and other heart-related diseases has increa:

Aligarh lock industry hit hard by new trends

PRADEEP SAXENA III ALIGARH

There was a time then the whole world was crazy about the cycle and all the cycles around the world were fitted with Aligarh lock at that time. The frame lock was not made anywhere in the world were fitted with Aligarh lock at that time. The frame lock was not made anywhere in the world except Aligarh. Its technology and design were prepared by technicians of the Aligarh lock industry. That lock was manufactured in more than hundreds of factories here.

But now the time has changed and this industry has changed and this industry has been reduced to 30% only. In addition to the decreased demand for bicycles, the increasing demand for the cable lock and wire lock alone some frame locks.

All kinds of locks are made in Aligarh from the vault to furniture and are export to different countries from here, but by the year 1980, Aligarh was recognized worldwide for its bicycle lock. Konark Lock, Link Lock, Harrison Lock,

Master Bajaj Lock, and other well-known brands had estab-lished unitary rule on domes-tic and foreign markets. At that time, 70 to 100 skilled laborers worked in a factory. With pass-ing time, the design of the bicy-cle changed and the demand also started decreasing because of the bike market. Ranger Cycle replaced Standard Cycle.

Cycle replaced Standard Cycle.

The locks installed in them started being made in other countries as well with new technologies. Cable and wire lock started trending in the market. Due to the fashion look, the demand of Aligarh's frame lock started decreasing. After 2005. Chinese made cheap wire and cable locks came in the market, this directly affected the manufacturing unit of Aligarh.

ny arected the manufacturing unit of Aligarh. President of Aligarh Manufacturing Bicycle Lock Association Hari Om Aggarwal said that Aligarh bicycle locks had a worldwide identity but changing trends brought the crisis on this business.

440 more die in Maha. toll rises to 31,791

TN RACHIINATHA III MIIMBAI

I Jaipur: Rajasthan Commissioner of Information and Public Relations Department Mahendra Soni said that to prevent the rising corona infection in the State, the resolution of "no mask-no entry" and other measures should be made available to the people. Spread wide public awareness of corona by using various means of publicity. Soni was directing the district information and public relations officers through video conferencing from the The daily Covid-19 toll Crossed 400-mark in Maharashtra for the second consecutive day on Friday, as 440 more deaths were reported in the state, while 21,656 more people tested positive for Coronavirus.

A day after stagering 468 deaths were reported in the state, Maharashtra logged 440 more deaths on Friday, taking the total number of deaths to 31,791.

lic relations officers through video conferencing from the headquarters here on Friday. Commissioner Soni said that cases of corona infection in the State have been steadi-ly increasing ncreasing. In view of this, we all have In view of this, we all have to become more serious and responsible, he said. For this, eminent doctors of the coun-try have considered masks to be the most useful. According to him, if all people have masks, then the possibility of infection of this virus is great-ly reduced.

31,791.
Of the 440 deaths recorded on Friday, 405 deaths were reported today while 35 old deaths were added to the tally after the updation of the Covid-

19 portal.
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Of the total 440 deaths (including 35 old deaths) reported on Friday, Nagura accounted for a maximum of 64 fatalities, while there were 52 deaths in Mumbai, 39 in Pune, 34 in Satara, 32 in Pune, 34 in Satara, 32 in Pune, 21 each in Ahmednagar and Sangli, 16 each in Nashik and Jalgaon, 12 each in Noslapur, Aurangabad and Latur and 11 deaths in Kohlapur and 10 in Yavatmal.

Similarly, in the lower range, there were 9 deaths in Raigad, 7 in Beed, 6 in Sindhudurg, 5 in Palghar, 4 each in Nanded and Gondia, 3 each in Dhule, Parbhani and washim, 2 in Osmanabad and one each in Jalna, Hingoli, Akola, Amravati and Buldhana. In addition, two from outside the state died in Maharashtra.

2 more Maha Ministers test corona positive

TN RACHIINATHA III MIIMRAI

TN RACHUNATHA II MUMBAI

Two more Maharashtra Ministers — Nitin Raut and Hasan Mushiri – tested positive for Covid-19 on Friday.

The two ministers took to twitter to share information about their having contracted Coronavirus.

Sixty-three-year Raut, who is Maharashtra Energy Minister and the State working president of Congress, tweeted: "I have tested positive for COVID-19. I would request all those who had come in contact with me to get themselves tested as a precautionary measure. Stay Safe everyone and take care".

Mushrif, who is the State Rural Development Minister and NCP leader, said in a Marathi tweet posted on his official handle. "I have tested positive for COVID-19 and those who came in my contact should get themselves tested. I will soon be at your service defeating coronavirus. My health is fine."

With Friday's development, the total number of Maharashtra ministers testing positive for Covid-19 has gone up to ten. Earlier, Ministers; Jitendra Awhad (housing), Ashok Chavan (PWD), Dhananjay Munde (social justice), Sunil Kedar (animal husbandry), Balasaheb Patil (cooperation), Aslam Shaikh (textile), Abdul Sattar (MoS-rurd development), Sanjay Bansode (MoS-environment) and Vishwajit Kadam (MoS-cooperation) had tested positive for Coronavirus.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that one girl namely Sunita, D/o Pukar Mehto, R/o Village Hajipur, Distt. Aara, Bihar, Age: 11 years, Height: 4', Complexon: Shallow, Face: Oval, Built: Thin, wearing Purple Suit, Red Salwar, Yellow Dupatta and Hawai Chappal in feet, has been found unattanded from D No. 51, dated 30.08.2020 has been registered at S. Alipur, Delhi.

P.S. Alipur, Delhi.

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

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Farmers' woes

The farm Bills may claim to open up the agricultural sector but the implied corporatisation may engulf farming communities



orporatisation of agriculture in the US, where factory farming birthed an uninterrupted chain of "farm to fork," has wiped out rural communities, their organic methods, their unique produce, their relevance and independent existence. It all began in the 1970s to realise a dream of becoming big enough to command the world's food market with industrialised processes merging of lands and shifting priorities to commodity crops. But in no time there was a glut due to over-production, farmers could never get the commensurate prices and were driven to debts. They had no option but

to foreclose and sell out. Now farmers do not even make up a quarter of the total US agricultural production. Buying into the promise of "making it big," they stretched their resources and were subsumed by food giants. This is exactly the scenario that our farmers fear following the passage of farm Bills, which began as ordinances during the lockdown, in the Lok Sabha, Yes, structurally, they may seem to streamline the agricultural processes but the farmer is not willing to give up his right to exist on his terms. Worse, he fears that these could ultimately reduce the current system of open-ended FCI procurement by the State. Little wonder then that farmers have taken to the streets across North India despite the Prime Minister's assurance that the new Bills would "empower" them by giving them direct linkages to the market and that their minimum support price (MSP) would still be guaranteed. Such has been the cascading effect of their anxieties that regional parties that sustain on the rural votebank, namely the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) and the Jannayak Janata Party (JIP), are under pressure to withdraw support to the ruling BJP as allies. The farmers have made it very clear that there would be no political future for parties and MPs that voted with the Government. So the lone SAD Minister, Harsimrat Singh Badal, resigned as Union Minister of Food Processing Industries while in Parliament Sukhbir Singh Badal warned that the proposed laws would "destroy" the 50 years of hard work done by successive Punjab governments to build the farm sector. While the Government insists that the new laws will help create "one nation, one market" and remove trader barriers so that farmers can sell their produce outside notified grain markets, the latter fear that in an open, competitive market, they would not get the minimum support price that the Government has promised to continue. Besides, they feel that entering into contracts with corporations would willy-nilly give the latter negotiating rights and greater control that would impinge on their autonomy and decision-making. And that although the older system would continue, as a weakened parallel mechanism, it would ultimately crumble before emerging monopolies. It is the implication behind the grandiloquence of a prosperous countryside and the devil in the detail that have our farming com-munity up in arms. For example, the Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill 2020, allows buys and sales outside the notified Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) mandis, thereby limiting their cartelisation tendencies. It also prohibits State Governments from collecting the fee, cess or levy for trade outside the APMC markets. A licence won't be required to trade in farm produce and anyone with a PAN card can now buy directly from growers. Hence they want clarity on what "outside" means and contrary to perception that they want middlemen out, they actually have a trusted bond with their existing commission agents, as their licence is proof enough of their credibility and delivery abilities, and would not want to experiment with an untested model. With most of them not literate enough about exercising their rights, dispute resolution could also end up being loaded against them. Besides, they would want direct payment as banks could deduct amounts as loan recovery. State Governments like Punjab are obviously upset that access to another market would dry up their own revenue from APMC *mandis* and are seeing this as an affront to federal controls. The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill, 2020, seeks to bring uniformity in contractual farming rules and State APMC acts. So the farmer can now enter into a contract with a corporate entity at a mutually agreed price. The problem here is that the mechanism for price fixation is not codified and farmers fear that corporations could use their institutional heft to manipulate or browbeat them into accepting their terms. Finally, the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill, 2020, aims to remove cereals, pulses, oilseeds, edible oils, onion and potatoes from a regulated list, which is being seen as a major threat to the food security of the poor. The Government argues that as a food-surplus nation, we don't need it anymore but the pandemic-induced crisis has shown us how supply chain disruptions and local level hoarding can lead to a price spiral.

Farmers are not entirely without reason, battling as they are bad loans and non-payment of sugarcane dues in Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan. They do not want to be swamped. Many experts would argue that it is easy enough to push reforms in a sector that anyway makes a very small portion of our GDP. But farmers make up 60 per cent of the country's population, a voter base that no political party can ignore. Both the SAD and JJP owe their political legitimacy to farmers and have no option but to advocate their rights. Besides, both represent States that are heavily dependent on procurement at MSP. The Bills may well turn out to be the BJP's Achilles' heel provided the Opposition is quick enough to

Flight of fancy

Aerial sightseeing has become very popular as several nations still have travel restrictions on incoming arrivals



It began with some intrepid folks chartering planes to fly around. Then airlines such as Singapore Airlines and Australia's Qantas caught wind of the idea and ran with it. What are we talking about? The concept of "flights to nowhere in particular" seems to have taken off, literally. Qantas' recent trip, involving low-flying, aerial survey of the Great Barrier Reef, was sold out. Airlines are happy as this allows them to fly their aircraft relatively full, thus keeping some jobs safe and their expensive assets, the planes themselves, flying. Of course, scenic flights that operate in and out of the same airport are not a new concept. Qantas itself has run sea-

sonal flights to Antarctica for several years every southern summer. But 2020, as we all know, is not like any other year, with several nations still putting travel restrictions on incoming arrivals, some not even allowing non-citizens to return and others instituting strict guar-

antine regulations, even for travel within a country.

As a result the global aviation business is hurting, thousands of pilots, cabin crew, ground crew and aircraft maintenance engineers have already lost jobs and unless things change dramatically, several thousand more will lose their jobs in the coming months. Many airlines have already shut for good and many more are in deep financial distress. It is not a good time to be an airline or be employed by one. So yes, while these flights of fancy might seem extravagant and a waste of money and resources, even adding pollution, their popularity means that airlines will probably survive as well as regain some overall confidence in flying. Let us not forget, these flights are being bought by people, who after six months of being grounded, want to get back in the air. They want to experience airport security and airline food for better or for worse. The very frequent flyer might have celebrated the first couple of months of no flying but almost every single person in that cat-egory misses that experience now and these flights, pointless as they might seem, allow these people to get a fix. There are many willing to take off in India as well and maybe a scenic flight or two around the Himalayas or the wonderful coastal areas may not be a

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Presumption of innocence

The media overlooked the principles of ethical juridical coverage while tracking Sushant Singh Rajput's death and its sordid aftermath



HIRANMAY KARLEKAR

edia, particularly television, coverage of Sushant Singh

television, coverage will call the manner of his death so until established otherwise — and its aftermath has raised questions. Avoiding the mutually accusatory statements that have been doing the rounds, I would rather focus on some of the deeper issues involved. The first is whether the extent of coverage extended to it is justified.

The event, doubtless, was most tragic. A young man, who has given much to Indian cinema, and could have given more, has been cut short in his prime. The unnatural nature of his passing, the allegations and counter-allegations ranging over it, the controversy about who should investigate it, the Centre's decision to put the CBI in charge, the Supreme Court's verdict endorsing the transfer and the subsequent developments, certainly merited media coverage. But did it have to take up huge chunks of prime-time coverage on most channels since June 14 when the alleged suicide

media coverage. But did it have to take up huge chunks of prime-time coverage on most channels since June 14 when the alleged suicide occurred?

The question is relevant when the country is facing a serious hread of Chinese aggression, a raging and escalating COVID-19 pardenic and an economy in crisis—to mention three of the most important challenges. The argument that these are also receiving attention raises the question: Is the attention of the deserved quality and extent? The question can be countered by two arguments. First, any answer, in the negative or affirmative, will involve a large measure of subjective judgement and, hence, cannot be regarded as definitive. The second can be that viewers want the kind of coverage provided.

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As to the first, all judgments on all issues are subjective in the sense that whatever the quality of the evidence, a person or a group must assess it and come to a consuison. The assessment is by individuals who have their own predilections and orientations, which they may or may not be able to overcome. But then, a society would not have been able to function if it did not proceed by accepting as valld udgements that, under the normative criteria embedded in its underlying social contract, passed the tests of rationality and morality.



Here, rationality dictates the question: Whether Rajput's death and its sordid aftermath has greater relevance to the lives of the country and its peo-ple than the Chinese aggression, ple than the Chinese aggression, the COVID-19 pandemic the COVID-19 pandemic and/or the economic crisis? One can argue that the aftermath's importance can hardly be under-stated because it is leading to the unravelling of the Bollywood drug network, which in turn may lead to the eradication of the drug trade's tentacles throughout the country. Against this, one has the Union Minister of State G Kishan Reddy's writern reply to a question by a

this, one has the Union Minister of State G Kishan Reddy's written reply to a question by a Congress MP K Sudhakaran, in the Lok Sabha on September 15 stating, "Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) carries out search, seizure, arrest and investigation continuously throughout the year on the actionable inputs developed on its own and/or on receipt from other sources. During the period of COVID-19 lockdown, no such actionable inputs were received by the NCB revealing the nexus between people in the film industry and drug traffickers." He, however, added, "However, a case in this regard has been registered by NCB Mumbai zonal unit on August 28, 2002. Till date, in this case 10 persons have been arrested. Drugs such as Ganja, Hashish, Tetra Hydro Cannabinol and Lysergic acid De-ethylamide have been seized in the operation."

would be a bit too much to cite the possibility of its unearthing a pan-India drug racket to jus-tify the massive coverage gives to the train of events following Rajput's death. This leads to the

seaght seath: In this may be second justification cited above. Viewers want it. This may be true given that the titillation and voyeuristic pleasure that a very large number of people get from watching the lives of celebrities unscramble or the aftermath of a shocking tragedy unfold.

The mere fact that people want to see something does not make it acceptable. Time was when nothing was considered wrong with masses assembled in Rome's Colosseum roaring in applause as a gladiator killed another or a lion. Even now, many in Spain are happy to witness bullfights in which matadors kill bulls in unequal combat, and thousands participate in jallikattu in South India in which bulls suffer horribly. Clearly, popular participation or viewing does not by itself justify an event or its extensive and approbatory coverage — especially when it diverts attention from critical issues facing a country and trivialises discourse in what the German social philosopher, lurgen Habermas, calls the "public sphere" The latter, he states in The Structural Transformation of the Public Sphere (1962), is a virtual or imaginary community which does not necessarily exist in any identifiable space. In its ideal form, the public sphere is "made

up of private people gathered together as a public and articulating the needs of society with the state." It is a space where private individuals discuss public matters, which mediates between society and the state, leading to a critical consensus translating itself into a coherent public opinion, which makes the state accountable to citizens.

The media has a critical role providing information for discussion in the public sphere. It, however, also has a responsibility to ensure that investigations proceed along right lines. Investigating and prosecuting agencies charged with delivering criminal justice are known to make mistakes and even frame innocent persons, often when under pressure to solve a crime. This writer's decision to become a journalist has been significantly influenced by his witnessing, as a school student in the early 1950s, the film Call Northside T77. Directed by Henry Hathaway, it was based on the real life efforts by a Chicago Daily Times reporter, James McGuirc, undertaken at the behest of the city editor, Karin Walsh, that led to the release of Joseph Majczek, wrongly convicted of murdering a police officer and serving a 99-year prison term.

One, however, must proceed with extreme caution. Pressures on investigative agencies to produce resulfs can make probe go horribly wrong, leading to prolonged, rough interrogation, arrest and prosecution of innocent people whose lives are dev-

astated in the process even if the judiciary exonerates them in the end. The matter reminds one of the title of Malcom Feeley's much-discussed book, The Process is the Punishment: Handling Cases in a Lower Criminal Court, first published in 1979. Doubtless, the book deals with lower criminal courts in the US and not India. Also, we are talking here not just about lower criminal courts but the entire process. It can be a long haul, involving expenses in the form of lawyers' fees and transport, time spent in preparations, which often involves time taken off from income-generating activities and, of course, stress and worry.

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nd worry. Should a person, eventually snoud a person, eventuany proved innocent, have been made to suffer all this because media pressure led to him/her being pronounced guilty? This does not mean that investigative journalism should not extend to cases under investigation. But it does mean scrupulous observance of the canons of fair play and integrity and two cardinal principles of democratic, libertarian jurisprudence, wedded to respect for human rights.

The first is enshrined in Article 11(1) of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the United Nations in 1948. It reads, "Everyone charged with a penal offence has the right to be presumed innocent until proved guilty according to law in a public trial at which he has had all the guarantees necessary for his defence, It is also incorporated in The European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights, originally Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, which came into force on 3 September 1953. It states in Article 6(2), "Everyone charged with a criminal offence shall be presumed innocent until proved guilty according to law."

The famous English jurist, William Blackstone, articulated the second principle when he wrote in Commentaries on the Laws of England," all presumptive evidence of felony should be admitted cautiously, for the law holds that it is better that ten

holds that it is better that ten gully persons escape than that one innocent suffer." Benjamin Franklin, one of the founding fathers of the United States, went further and said, in a letter in March. 1785, "That it is better 100 gully Persons should escape than that one innocent Person should suffer, is a Maxim that has been long and generally approved." Journalists should remember both, always.
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Tension continues to simmer at LAC

I have always enjoyed watching Dhoni play because of the style h has. The aggression...I really like that. It has influenced me in my game, too, as football is a game where you need to be tough.



Farming is the soul of Punjab. Wounds on the body can heal but wounds of the soul will not be tolerated and condoned.

Congress leader



Since the beginning of the Coronavirus pandemic, Asian-Americans have bee forced to endure demeaning and disgusting acts of bigotry and hate.







LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Question Hour matters

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Sir — Question Hour is the livelises thour in Parliament and lends a certain depth to proceedings.
MPs ask questions to hold the Government and its Ministers accountable. It is a sacred parliamentary device meant for exercising legislative control over executive actions. Unfortunately, the ruling party has watered down the Question Hour for this monsoon ession. This decision erodes the constitutional mandate of parliamentary oversight over executive actions as envisaged under Article 75 (3) of the Indian Constitution.

Noor Ahmad

Noor Ahmad Hyderabad

Stranded Indians

Sir — It was heart-wrenching to watch the viral video on social media, which claimed that thousands of Indians, mostly from UP and Bihar, are lodged in jails of Saudi Arabia for more than six months now. With the lockdown eased, many Governments have evacuated their citizens as has ours. But somehow we have been callous about these helpless

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recurring frictions could escalate anytime. The Defence Minister underlined the state of preparedness of Indian troops for any eventuality. At the same time, he sound-ed statesman-like when he observed that there are many ways to start a war, not many to end it. Hence, it is axiomatic that cooperation is better than confrontation.

matter of national security. An English newspaper report said that a company associated with the Chinese Government and the military is monitoring the Internet and social media activities of about 10,000 distinguished Indians and their close noes. It is clear from this that along with strategic and economic aggression, the digital breach is also a part of China's hybrid war against India. Along with the expansion of information technology and the Internet, the issue of data security is a matter of grave concern.

Bhupendra Singh Ranga
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Classes resume matter of national security. An

Classes resume

Sir—The Telangana Government has announced that senior stu-dents of classes IX to XII should dents of classes IX to XII should start attending school with 50 per cent teachers. However, with many parents unwilling to pay the fees for the month of June, the State Government must arrange the necessary amount from its Treasury to get the sys-tem rolling. m rolling.

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Biased investigation

Sir — The ongoing investigation into the Delhi riots of February 2020 has begun to assume a far-cical character. The focus of the

investigation has shifted from the perpetrators of the riot and its instigators and turned towards only civil society dissenters and protesters of Government policies. In effect, the conspiratorial net has been cast so wide as to capture anyone who opposed the Citzenship (Amendment) Act (CAA), be it a student activist, political leader or voluntary worker. The investigation must

China's digital theft

Sir — The collection of digital data on our President, Prime Minister, politicians, judges, mil-itary officers, industrialists and other dignitaries by China is a

FIRSTCOLUMN

The expanding judicial remits

Over the years, the courts have changed the face of justice in India and focussed on issues where the executive has failed in its duty



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In any system of governance, the judiciary is always an essential part of civilised life. In Indian history, too, kings played a very important part in dispensing justice. In the days of yore, population pressure was less, crimes were few as people were more law-abiding, resources were available in abundance and the system of justice was not stretched like it is today. By and large the judicial system followed the diklats of the rulers and it sufficed. However, with the advent of democracy, modern jurisprudence developed. Independent jurisprudence got a big boost after the Magna Carta was signed by the King of England in 1215. Now, people in most parts of the world recognise the judiciary as an independent pillar of Covernment. It is complementary to the executive and the legislature but independent from the other branches of Government, as judicial account-ability enshrines the principle of neutrality.

The beginning of codified common law in India can be traced back to 1726 when a Mayor's Court in then Madras, Bornbay and Calculta was established by the East India Company, Needless to say, the courts changed the face of justice in India and focussed on issues where the executive failed in its duy. This judicial assertion started from the Kesavananda Bharati case when it ruled that least feature of the Corethire careat the chanced. The openance

tion started from the Kesavananda Bharati case when it ruled that basic features of the Constitution cannot be changed. The enunci-ation of the doctrine of Public Interest Litigation (a relaxation on the traditional rule of locus standi) by Justice PN Bhagwati opened the courts to socially-disadvantaged sections of society and course cor-rection in the functioning of the executive.

In the recent past, many landmark judgments in the field of envi-ronment have endeared judges to the people of the country. Notable among them were Justice Kuldip Singh and Justice AN Verma. The 1996 Godavarman case tur management in India. Despite the enactment of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 and the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, the lackadaisical attitude of the Central and State Governments put for lackdastical addition of the Central and State Governments but forests and biodiversity at great risk. Interventions by courts in the last 24 years forced executive agencies to act for the smooth implementation of constitutional provisions for the conservation of forests and

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Intid was one of the earliest nations in the tropical world to implement working plan provisions for managing forests sustainably. However, the working plans were almost forgotten by it. The Supreme Court, through its interventions, streamlined forest management in the country and forced respective governments to prepare and regulate management of forests through working plans. Now the results are visible on the ground.

Similarly, rampant mining in forest areas is being closely monitored by the apex court. This positive action of the Supreme Court struck a balance in restoring the constitutional obligation of the executive. Yet another instance of excellent intervention relates to declaring Ganga River a live entity by the Uttarakhand High Court. Such decisions have touched the lives of millions of our citizens. What is most significant in this regard is the recognition of the rights of those who cannot speak for themselves like trees, animals and fivers which are crucial for sustaining life on Earth. The establishment of the Compensatory Alforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) in the country, which now has an impressive collection of nearly ₹50,000 crore in its kitty, was possible on the direction of the Supreme Court.

In yet another epoch-making intervention, the apex court came dwn heavily on the rail estate-politician-bureaucrat nexus in Noida. A Supreme Court Bench, headed by Justice Arun Mishra, sent a stern message to those involved in the Armapail housing projects. The builder Anil Sharma, who was allegedly in league with politicians and officers of the Noida Authority, swindled more than 78,000 crore of homeburyers' hard-earned money. This crime was perpetrated under the noses of those who were supposed to protect the interest of the people. The problem with our goverance system is

trated under the noses of those who were supposed to protect the interest of the people. The problem with our governance system is such that it gleefully ignores the sufferings of the people at the hands of criminals and the corrupt. The Supreme Court has been retent-lessly trying to restore faith in the rule of law among the 40,000 mebuvers while the executive with all its power has failed inspired interests to multiple assessment of the court had appointed a receiver for the case, tied up funds from banks and asked the National Building Corporation to complete the projects. The promoters of Armapali are cooling their heels in jail for the last six months and their propare under auction

The vital question is why does the executive fail in its duty and In evital question is why does the executive fail in its dufy and why does the judiciary have to step in 7Th en answer lies in the lop-sided democracy we follow, wherein only vote-fetching and Government formation are a priority of our political masters and public interest takes a back seat. Because of this the remits of the judiciary are being redefined. The judiciary, however, also needs to reinvent itself on certain issues concerning quick delayery of affordable justice so that it does not fall into the same rut like the executive.

POINTCOUNTERPOINT

YOU LOOK AT COUNTRIES IN AUSTRIA THEY LIVE IN THE FOREST, AND THEY DON'T HAVE FIRES LIKE THIS, AND THEY HAVE MORE EXPLOSIVE TREES. -US PRESIDENT





ALISTRIA IS A COLINTRY WHERE PEOPLE DO NOT LIVE IN THE FOREST, BUT RATHER WITH THE FOREST AND IN A CLOSE, SUSTAINABLE RELATIONSHIP WITH NATURE. -AUSTRIAN AGRICULTURE MINISTER

A matter of interest

If borrowers get interest relief during the moratorium period, bank investors and depositors would stand to lose unless compensated by the Govt, like it happens in farm loan waivers



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Responding to the pandemic, the Reserve Bank of India (RB) had 'permitted' banks to grant moratorium on payment of instalments of term loans due after March 1 up to August 31. A similar dispensation was "allowed" on recovery of interest on working capital. The moratorium was initially permitted up to the end of April and 55.1 per cent of customers of Schoduled Commercial Banks (SCBs), accounting for 50 per cent of outstanding credit, had availed this facility. In Public Sector Banks (PSBc), 80.3 per cent of all individual customers, accounting for 80 per cent of total outstanding individual loans, opted for the moratorium. A whopping 74 per cent of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) borrowers and 28.8 per cent tof corporate borrowers, covering 81.5 per cent and S8 per cent (by outstanding amount in category loans), availed the facility.

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The Supreme Court has extended the moratorium and the Central Government has appointed an expert panel to look into the issue. Exactly how many loans accounts and what loan amount is under moratorium are not known. Some borrowers may

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of parts of the "orders" issued under the DMA is not peremptory, prescriptive, definitive but indicative, persussive and advisory in nature. Hence, legally binding orders regarding timely payment of full salaries, non-recovery of rent and school fees and so on could not be issued for this reason. Appeals to good conscience is a different matter.

Likewise, the Banking Regulation Act (BR Act) would by itself not confer any rights on the RBI to mandate any alteration in individual contracts entered into by the banks unless supplemented with legal remedies under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Securities Interest Act (SARFAESI Act) or the Insolvency and Bankrupty Code (IBC). of Securities Interest Act (SARFAEM Act) or me Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC). Appropriately, the RBI has "permitted" grants of moratorium while extending regulatory forbearance on recognition of the non-performing asset (NPA). The BR Act does not empower the RBI to mandate



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changing loan terms already contracted. Loan contracts can be changed only on the orders of insolvency courts. Mandatory moratorium requires more than the BR Act. There are no free lunches in economics except those paid for by others. If borrowers get interest relief during the moratorium period, bank investors and depositors would stand to lose unless compensated by the Government, like it happens in farm loan waivers. Charity at others expense is systemic. Relief to borrowers at the expense of depositors is akin to relief to consumers ending up suppressing remunerative market prices for farmers. The bank depositors are also adversely impacted by the pandemic-induced fall in interest rates that stand to benefit new borrowers as well as the borrowers who borrowers as well as the borrowers with a continuous fall in the continuous fall in the proposition of the proposition of

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There are no fiscal guarantees to depositors on minimum interest rates and the IBC haircuts have been too costly in some cases. When corporate borrowers get a tax reduction bonanza, they don't share the boot with lenders as they are not obliged to. When farm loans are waived, Governments provide fiscal support to banks but at present the Centre does not seem able and willing to compensate the banks for interest relief.

In the absence of fully disaggregated data on different types of loans under moratorium, a back-of-the-envelop quantification of the impact of interest relief can be ₹1 lakh crore per month,

assuming interest relief to be about one per cent per month on total pre-pandem-ic outstanding credit of about ₹100 lakh crore. Even direct fiscal relief to the gen-

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ic outstanding credit of about \$100 lakh crore. Even direct fiscal relief to the general population is not of this magnitude. Financial stakes on the Supreme Court's verdict are very high. The interest relief has been sought from the highest court of justice is being watched by distressed bornowers and anxious depositors. All borrowers are not equally distressed by movers are not equally distressed by movers are not equally distressed by the properties of th

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As on liph 31, the total deposits of SCBs were ₹141,61,689 crore (₹127,44,583 crore a year ago); outstanding credit was

₹102,65,888 crore (₹97,29,002 crore a year ago) and investments were ₹42,78,294 crore (₹35,57,063 crore a year ago). The combined effect of risk aversion of banks

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We have made great strides in terms of expanding the reach of banking services and financialisation of savings but high-profile delinquencies by those when a flower of the profile and afford to pay continue to eclipse these achievements.

The gross NPA of SCBs that had peaked to 11.2 per cent in 2017-18 has been brought down to 8.5 per cent by March. This achievement is at great cost to bank investors/depositors on account of hefty haircust following not-so-competitive slump sales of distressed companies under the conventional, single round bidding system being followed under the IBC. The RBI has assessed that the gross NPA of all SCBs may increase from 8.5 per cent in March to 12.5 per cent by March 2021 and even to 14.7 per cent if the adverse economic impact of the pandemic is very severe. Seeing the plight of forecasting tools, the economic fallout of the contagion is hard to predict and measure.

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Since bank lending is only about 50 per cent of the GDP and post-pandemic recovery would require a heavy dose of credit, it is imperative to maintain incentives for financial savings.

Erosion of bank profitability runs the risk of dire consequences of de-finacial-sation or informalisation of savings, derailing the hard-won recovery. The banking system needs calibrated support to prevent relapse into transmitted sickness.

Fight hunger with an inter-sectoral strategy

The 'POSHAN Abhiyaan' seems to have made some headway with an ambitious target of achieving a malnutrition-free India by 2022



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It is disconcerting that every sectord child in India suffers some form of nutritional failure in India. Over the years, Government data have borne witness to how many people, especially women and children, do not get three square meals in a day. Worryingly, the potential disruptions caused by the lockdown may make the varied forms of malnutrition a lasting reality. However, the launch of the Governments flagship programme 'POSHAN Abhiyaan,' seems to have made some headway, with an ambitious target of achieving a malnutrition-free India by 2022. It also aims to reduce stunting in children aged between zero and five

years from 38.4 per cent to 25 per cent during the same period, along with reducing the level of anaemia and low birth weight in children.

With inter-sectoral convergence being the key strategy, the programme makes a shift from the existing approach of making planning and implementation the responsibility of noe Ministry, Instead it rightly notes the various critical components of success and makes "POSHAN Abhiyaan' a multi-ministeral initiative. While the Ministry of Women and Child Development acts as the nodal office, the Ministry of Drinksing Water and Santiation is responsible for Notes and Sanitation is responsible for the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) that ensures cleanliness and hygiene and the Ministry of Education is responsible for the Mid-Day Meal

responsible for the Miller Co., Scheme (MDMS).
Two other Ministries, that of Health and Family Welfare and the one responsible for Rural Development, are looking after health programmes such as Mission

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Indradhanush for immunisation coverage and rural income schemes, such as MNREGA, respectively, The LPG distribution scheme by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas enabled safe and hygienic cooking in underprivileged households.

But will India accept malnutrition as everyone's problem? The copious fund allocation for the POSHAN Abhiyaari and its increase in the passistance years have shown the Government's sincerity in taking the mission to its intended conclusion. From 79-50 crore in 2017-18, the current allocation for the "POSHAN Abhiyaari reached a sum of 73-400 crore for the financial year 2019-20. However, the potential challenge can be bringing social and behavioural change towards malnutrition at the community level. Ensuring equitable nutrition to build a healthier nation will require the following.

Eating local and seasonal food: This comprises a part of the trend known as "sustainable eating" and has

been proven to be an economical solution to the food crisis globally. This saves time and the cost of transportation while promoting the use of fewer preservatives. Such food items are also suitable to fulfil the nutritional needs of the people in a way that is commensurate with the local environment.

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The concept of introducing kitchen gardens in schools to fulfil some part of the requirements under the MDMS is an innovative step. In the coming days, introducing more steps, such as promotion of local, nutritious millet and crop diversification to promote traditional millet will be the right steps to complement this ongoing effort. Recent studies have observed that investing \$1 in nutri-tion-related interventions will have economic gains of about \$19 to \$22.

Addressing intrinsic social and cultural biases: In his paper POSHAN Abhiyaan: Making Nutrition Jan Andolani, NITI Aayog member Vinod K Paul and co-

authors observe that despite the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 mandating the legal age of marriage at 18 for girths, 30 per cent of them are married before that age and eight per cent are already pregnant by the time they are 15-19 years of age. Facing intra-household deprivations due to their sex and abject poverty, these young girls often forego necessary nutrition, care, and rest even during their pregnancy, thus delivering low birth weight babies. For these babies, the cycle of malnutrition has already begun, they note.

This long-standing social bias deepens with socio-economic nuances. For example, in tribal households, the overall amount of food is anyway low and the men, by tradition, get the larger share of it, considering the physical labour they must undertake. A male child may get less to eat than his father, but is likely to get more than his mother, grandmother or sister. There is a need to free nutrition from the perceived requirement of the

receiver. Disseminating a scientificalhy-waldated diet chart according to age
and sex to the Panchayat level can help
in spreading awareness and help
households modify their practices.

Clear and visible measures for
better accountability: Owing to the
possible institutional leakages,
Government initiatives should be
monitored by some metric for
accountability: For this, an enhanced
information and process system is
crucial. Monitoring, surveillance, and
evaluation remain critical to all
Government initiatives snot only to
firm up the people's trust but for better outcomes as well. Understanding,
ground-level realities will not only
princip policymakers' understanding,
it may help in building a positive perspective among beneficiaries about
public interventions. Public consultations, surveys among beneficiaries
and social audits are some of the most
effective ways to do this.

Building a case against hidden
hunger: Few realise that malnutrition

is not exclusively a rural phenomenon. Many people, especially children, in the cities, too, suffice from mainutrition, albeit of a different kind. Since a good part of their diet is filled with refined and finished items, not to mention the large amounts of salt, sugar and trans-fat they consume, the children lack micronutrients such as iron and zinc. Traditional crops and millet, marked as nutri-cereals that should have been part of our diet, are fast becoming a favourite of the educated and wealthier part of the society. However, as companies producing fast-moving consumer goods look to the rural market to revive from the economic effect of the pandemic, it is important to ensure that rural consumers do not acquire the habits of cities. The onus is on the Government to ensure that learnings from the cities reach the villages before it is too late.

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US bans TikTok from Sun, WeChat from November 12

Washington: The United States on Friday ordered a ban on downloads of popular Chineseowned video app TikTok and use of the messaging and payment platform Wechat, saying they threaten national security. The move, to be implemented Sunday, comes amid rising US-China tensions and efforts by the Trump administration to engineer a sale of TikTok to American investors. "The Chinese Communist Party has demonstrated the means and motives to use these apps to threaten the national security, foreign policy, and the economy of the US, Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said in a statement.

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The initiative would ban WeChat, an app with massive use among Chinese speakers, and TikTok from the online marketplaces operated by Apple and Google.

But while WeChat will effective the statement of the statement

tively be shut down from Sunday in the US, existing TikTok user

will be able to continue using the app until November 12 -- when it would also face a full ban or

app unit November 12 -- when it would also face a full ban on its US operations. But the Commerce Department said if national security concerns over TikTok were resolved before then, the order may be lifted. TikTok's brand of brief, quirky videos made on users' cellphones has become hugely popular, especially among young people.

The plan follows through on a threat by President Donald Trump, who has claimed Chinese tech operations may be used for sping, and it ramps up Chinese tech operations may be used for syping, and it ramps up the pressure on TikTok parent ByteDance to conclude a deal to sell all or part of TikTok to allay US security concerns.

A deal which appeared to be taking shape would allow Silicon Valley giant Oracle to become the tech partner for TikTok, but some US lawmakers have objected to allowing ByteDance to keep a stake.

China flies 18 warplanes near Taiwan during US envoy's visit

Senior US envoy holds talks in Taiwan amid Chinese drills

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Taipei: China's military sent 18
Janes including fighter jets
over the Taiwan Strait in an
unusually large show of force on
Monday as a US envoy held a
day of closed-door meetings
on the self-governing island
claimed by China.

Under Secretary of State
Keith Krach, who handles the
economic growth, energy and
the environment portfolio, held
talks with Taiwan's minister of
economic affairs and vice premier. He also met with business
to dine with President Tsia ling-wen
lare Friday.
In response to Krach's visit.
Eastern Theater Command
of the Chinese People's
Liberation Army held combat
exercises near the Strait, in al
least the second round of war
games this month aimed at
intimidating supporters of the

island's independent identity.

Taiwan's defense ministry
said two bombers and 16 fighterjets from China crossed into
Taiwan's air defense identification zone. It said it scrambled jets
in response and monitored the
movements of the Chinese
planes. Chinese defense ministry
spokesperson Ren Guoqiang
called the drills a "legitimate and
necessary action taken in
response to the current situation
across the Taiwan Straits to
safeguard national sovereignty
and territorial integrity."

"Recently, the U.S. And
Taiwan's Trailing Democratic
Progressive Party authorities
have stepped up their collusion
and frequently stir up troubles,"
Ren told reporters Friday
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Taiwan to contain China or "Whether it is using Taman to contain China or relying on foreign powers to threaten others, it is wishful thinking and is destined to be a dead end." In a brief message on its microblog, the Eastern Theater Command said the exercises involved naval and air the transmitter in the Taiwan Strait force units in the Taiwan Strait aimed at gauging their ability

to carry out joint operations.
China's Ministry of Foreign
Affairs also defended the move.
Ministry spokesman Wang
Wenbin said China has the
firm will, full confidence and
sufficient ability to thwart all
external interference and separatist actions by Taiwan independence forces. Beijing views
Taiwan as part of its own territory and strongly opposes any
type of formal interaction
between other countries and the
self-ruled island democracy.
Krach's trip follows a visit in
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It is one of a series of moves by the Trump administration to strengthen relations with Taiwan, including stepped-up arms sales and support for the islands participation in international for

Kosovo awards Trump with Order of Freedom for peace efforts

Pristina: Kosovo awarded US
President Donald Trump on
Friday with one of the country's
highest honours for his government's efforts on peace and
reconciliation in the former
war-torn region.
President Hashim Thaci
awarded Trump with Kosovo's
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strengthening of Peace and reconciliation in the region."

The honour is given to local and foreign citizens for their high contribution in defending Kosovo's freedom. Trump's administration has been working to normalise relations between Serbia and Kosovo, two former Balkan war foes, and two weeks ago Serbian President Aleksander Vucic and Kosovo Prime Minister Avdullah Hoti signed an economic normalisation deal at the White House.

Thaci also awarded Trump's National Security Adviser Robert O'Brien and his envoy for Serbia-Kosovo talks Richard Grenell with the lower

AP EXCLUSIVE —

More migrant women say they didn't OK surgery

HOSPITAL BRACELET. IT HAS THE DATE, AUG. 14, AND NAME, DR. MAHENDRA AMIN, A GYNECOLOGIST LINKED THIS WEEK TO ALLEGATIONS OTHER PROCEDURES DONE ON DETAINED IMMIGRANT

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Houston: Sitting across from her lawyer at an immigration detention center in rural Georgia, Mileidy Cardentey Fernandez unbuttoned her jail unmpsuit to show the scars on her abdomen. There were three small, circular marks.

The 39-year-old woman from Cuba was told only that she would undergo an operation to treat her ovarian cysts, but a month later, she's still not sure what procedure she got After Cardentey repeatedly requested her medical records to find out, Irwin County Detention Center gave her more than 100 pages showing a diagnosis of cysts but nothing from the day of the surgery.

"The only thing they told me was: You're going to go to sleep and when you wake up, we will have finished." Cardentey kept her hospital bracelet. It has the date, Aug. 14, and part of the doctor's name, Dr. Mahendra Amin, a gynecologist linked this week in a phone interview.

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Amin has performed surgery or other gynecological treatment on at least eight women detained at Irwin County Detention Center since 2017, including one hysterectomy, said Andrew Free, an immigration and civil rights lawyer working with attorneys in investigate medical treatment at the detention center. Doctors on behalf of the attorneys are examining new records and more women are comine.

Russia OK's 1st Covid prescription drug for sale in pharmacies

AFP ■ MOSCOW

Russia has approved R-Pharm's Coronavir treat-Typarms Coronavir treat-ment for outpatients with mild to moderate COVID-19 infec-tions and the antiviral drug could be rolled out to phar-macies in the country as soon as next week, the company said on Friday.

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Coronavir's approval as a prescription drug follows the green light for another Russian COVID-19 drug, Avifavir, in May. Both are based on favipi-

COVID-19 drug, Avifavir, in May, Both are based on favipiravir, which was developed in Japan and is widely used there as the basis for viral treatments.

R-Pharm's announcement is another sign Russia is pushing hard to take a global lead in the race against the virus. It is already exporting its COVID-19 tests and has clinched several international deals for supplies of its Sputnik-V vaccine.

V vaccine.

R-Pharm said it received approval for Coronavir after Phase III clinical trials involving 168 patients with COVID-19.

Same-sex couples in HK get legal victory over inheritance law

AFP ■ HONG KONG

Hong Kong's high court on Friday ruled that same-sex couples should receive equal treatment under inheritance law, in a step forward for LGBT rights in the finance hub.

law, in a step forward for LGBT rights in the finance hub. But the victory came on the same day as a separate legal bid for full recognition of foreign same-sex marriages was struck down, underscoring what campaigners say is a lack of progress on equality issues. Hong Kong's law does not allow same-sex marriage and does not recognise foreign unions, though limited recognition has been granted in recent years in several landmark rulings.

Edgar Ng, a gay Hong Konger, last year launched a legal challenge against the city's inheritance and intestacy laws, alleging discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

In 2018 he bought a gov-

after marrying his partner in London, according to court documents. ernment-subsidised flat, a year

London, according to court documents.

Under Hong Kong's housing policy, his husband cannot be recognised as the joint homeowner, and Ng was concerned that should he die without a will, his property would not be passed to his partner.

In the judgement handed down Friday, judge Anderson Chow said the exclusion of populses in same-sey marriages.

spouses in same-sex marriages from their legal entitlements "constitutes unlawful discrim-ination".

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The judge said 'differential treatment is not justified.'

LGBT rights activists with campaign group Hong Kong Marriage Equality described the ruling as an "important victory".

"The government should seize this opportunity to work with the LGBT+ community to implement marriage equality in

implement marriage equality in the city," the association said.

China biopharma plant leak infects thousands with bacterial disease

Beijing: Thousands of people in northwest China have tested positive for a bacterial dis-ease after a leak from a state-owned biopharmaceutical plant making animal vaccines last

r. Health officials in Lanzhou Health officials in Lanzhou city said 3,245 people had con-tracted brucellosis, a disease often caused by close contact with infected animals or animal products that can bring about fevers, joint pain and headaches.

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Another 1,401 people test-ed as an early positive for the disease, and health authorities said there was no evidence of person-to-person transmission

so far.

Chinese authorities found a biopharmaceutical plant had used expired disinfectant in its production of Brucella vaccines for animals between July and August last year — meaning the bacteria was not eradicated in its factory exhaust.



Hasidic Jewish pilgrims dance as they gather in front of Ukrainian border guards at the checkpoint Novaya Guta near Novaya Guta, Belarus on Friday AP

US court turns down challenge to Trump's temporary ban on H-1B

Washington: An Indian-American federal judge has turned down an appeal by 169 Indian citizens who had chal-Indian citizens who had chal-lenged President Donald Trump's order that barred for-eign nationals on H-1B spe-cialty occupation visas from entering the US till the end of the year.

The H-1B visa is a non-immigrant visa that allows US companies to employ foreign workers in specialtiy occupa-tions that require theoretical or

technical expertise. The tech-nology companies depend on it to hire tens of thousands of employees each year from countries like India and China.

countries like India and China. US District Judge Amit P Mehta of US District Ocurt for the District of Columbia in his II-page order on Wednesday said that Indian citizens, who are now trapped abroad during trips to India when borders closed, are unlikely to win their case contesting the travel ban proclamation of Trump. PTI

UNSC welcomes start of Afghan Peace Negotiations; encourages parties to engage in good faith

United Nations: The UN
Security Council on Friday
welcomed the start of the
Afghanistan Peace
Negotiations in Doha and Negotiations in Dona and strongly encouraged the parties to continue pursuing confi-dence-building measures, including reduction in vio-lence and to continue to engage in good faith.

in a statement, the 15-member powerful organ of the world body reaffirmed its strong commitment to the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and national unity of war-torn Afghanistan. "The members of the Security Council recognised that a sustainable peace can be achieved only through a comprehensive and inclusive Afghan-led, Afghan-owned peace process that aims at a Argnan-led, Argnan-owned peace process that aims at a permanent and comprehensive ceasefire as well as an inclusive political settlement to end the conflict in Afghanistan," it said.

They "strongly encouraged parties to the negotiations to continue pursuing confidence-building measures including reductions in violence and to continue to engage in good faith."

faith."

The Council reaffirmed the importance of the UN's role in promoting peace and stability in Afghanistan and welcomed promoting peace and stability in Afghanistan and welcomed the efforts of all regional and international partners of Afghanistan in facilitating intra-Afghan negotiations and in helping the parties reach peace. The Security Council members also thanked the government of Qata for facilitating the first round of negotiations. The first-ever direct talks between the Afghan government representatives and the Taliban began on September 12. Negotiators from the Afghan government and the Taliban will hold talks as part of intra-Afghan negotiations in Doha to bring a lasting peace to Afghanistan.

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(ii) OSM. & Repairing and Maintenance works of 125 HP and 40 HP Three Phase Induction Motor of Chilai Power House. Estimated cost. (i) Rs. 205380.00/- (ii) Rs. 932257.00/- Date of availability of bid document. 18.09.2002 from 16.00 Hrs on website Last date for submission of bids: 13.10.2020 upto 16.00 Hrs on website For fuller & further featals, individual our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website www.ujvnil.com

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The DRM (Sig. & Telecom) SEE for and on behalf of the President of India invites Open E-Tenders for the following works. The last date of Corline E-endering is 14.10.2020 up to 12.00 hrs. Information and tender is a valiable on website www.ireps.gov.inc. and tender is a valiable on website.

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East Central Railway/Sonpur PR/655/SEE/S&T/T/20-21/44

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED General public is hereby informed that one female namely Poonam D/o Ramadhar R/o H.N. 2446 Modar Dairy Panjabi Basti Subzi Mandi, Delhi-07, has been missing/kidnapped from the area of P.S. Subzi Mandi, Delhi since 12.08.2020. In this regard, a case DD No. 70A, dated 13.08.2020, has been moistered at P.S. Subzi Mandi, Delhi since 12.08.2020.

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No./e-mail: cie@cbi.gov.in and Website: http://cbi.nic.in

Ph: 011-23823161, 9582608911

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Retail inflation for farm workers. rural labourers eases

New Delhi: Retail inflation for farm workers and rural labourers cooled down to 6.32 per cent and 6.28 per cent, respectively, in August com-pared to the year ago period mainly due to the softening of prices of some food items.

mainly due to the softening of prices of some food items. Point-to-point rate of inflation based on the CPI-AL (Consumer Price Index-Agricultural Labourers) and CPI-RL (Consumer Price Index-Rural Labourers) was 6.39 per cent and 6.23 per cent respectively in August 2019, the labour ministry said in a statement.

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Inflation based on food index of CPI-AL is at 7.76 per cent and of CPI-RL at 7.83 per cent in August 2020 compared cent in August 2020 compared to 7.27 per cent and 6.98 per cent, respectively, in the same Inflation based on food index of CPI-AL is at 7.76 per cent and of CPI-RL at 7.83 per cent in August 2020

month last year.

Among states, the maximum increase in the CPI-AL and CPI-RL was experienced by West Bengal State (27 points and 28 points respectively) mainly due to rise in the prices of wheat att, walese material. mainly due to rise in the prices of wheat-atta, pulses, mustard-oil, milk, chillies-green, ginger, country liquor, firewood, bidi, meat goat, fish dry, bidi, bus fare, vegetables and fruits etc. The maximum decrease in CPI-AL and CPI-RL was armorise-act but Weels (be print

experienced by Kerala (6 points and 8 points respectively)

mainly due to fall in the prices of pulses, coconut oil, chilliesdry, onion, fish fresh etc.
Labour Minister Santosh Gangwar said, 'The continued softening of inflation in succession for seven months may be mainly attributed to the relief measures announced by the government to help poor people including labourers during the COVID-19 pandemic. 'The increase in the index will have a positive impact on the wages of millions of workers working in the unorganized sector in rural areas.'
Director General Labour Bureau D S Negi said, 'Labour Bureau has been able to bring out the monthly indices as per

out the monthly indices as per the pre-defined schedule consistently even during the tough time of COVID-19." PTI

Google says will

from Play Store

remove apps that

facilitate sports betting

New Delhi: Google on Friday said it does not allow apps facil-itating sports betting and will remove such apps from the Google Play Store. There is often a surge in launch of such apps before major sporting tourna-ments like the IPL. The latest sea-ton of the IPL is scheduled to

ments like the IPL. The latest sea-son of the IPL is scheduled to start from September 19 in the United Arab Firmiates. We don't allow online casinos or support any unregulated gambling apps that facilitate sports betting. This includes if an app leads con-sumers to an external website that allows them to participate in paid tournaments to win real money or cash prizes, it is a vio-lation of our policies," Google said in a blog post.

India Ratings gives 'negative' outlook for banking sector in 2HFY21

Mumbai: India Ratings and Research has revised its outlook on the banking sector to hegative from stable for 2HFY21. The ratings agency Ind-Ra said this revision was done in view of an expected spike in stressed assets, higher credit costs, weaker earnings on account of interest reversals and lower fee income, and muted growth prospects. Even the capital buffers for most public sector banks (PSBs) remain modest, it said. As per Ind-Ra's bear case, the spike in stressed assets due to the pandemic is expected to double the credit costs for banking system than estimated pre-Covid-19 levels for FY21.

Consequently, Ind-Ra

Sebi extends deadline for

public comments till Oct

New Delhi: Markets regulator Sebi on Friday extended the deadline till October 18 to submit public comments on the proposed format for business responsibility and sustainabil-ity reporting in view of the impact of the COVID-19 pan-demic.

The proposed format for business responsibility and sus-tainability reporting covering environmental, social and Governance perspectives will

environmental, social and Governance perspectives will be applicable to top 1,000 list-ied firms by market capitalisation. The comments on the pro-posed format were invited till September 18.

18 on biz responsibility

reporting format

US-China investment at 9-year low amid bilateral tensions

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Hong Kong: Investment
between the United States and
China tumbled to a nine-year
low in the first half of 2020, hit
by bilateral tensions that could
see more Chinese companies
come under pressure to divest
US operations, a research report
said. Investment, both direct
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the two countries fell 16.29% to
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from the same period a year earlier -also hurt by the coronavirus
pandemic, according to figures
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committee on revised the rating outlook on PSBs to negative for 2HFY21.

"PSBs modest capital buffers are expected to deplete further in FY21, due to provisioning requirements. Also, pre-Covid profitability expectations for FY21 would be belied and most banks are likely to report net losses," the agency said in a statement.

They may also need to continue to build-up their provision cover in FY22 for the restructured assets as some of the restructured assets could urn NPA in PY23. PSBs could require INR350 billion. 550 billion in 2HFY21 for Tier-1 ratio of 10 per cent. Covid-19 or contingent provisions are much lower than that for private banks."

IANS

Strict customs scrutiny of FTA imports from Sept 21; importers must satisfy value addition norm

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New DelhisBeginning Monday,
Indian customs authorities will
strictly scrutinise documents
provided by importers claiming
duty benefits under free-trade
agreements, a move aimed at
curbing serious misuse of the
concessions under these pacts,
finance ministry sources said.
Importers will now have to
provide sufficient proof to the
domestic customs authorities
that the goods being imported
have a minimum 35 per cent
value addition in the country
from which it is being exported
to India, they said.

"It will be the responsibility
of importers to ensure that the
goods being imported by them
should have been only manufactured or produced on the foreign countries and minimum 35
per cent value addition have

taken place in those countries," the sources said.

For example, if a mobile is exported from, say, Indonesia to India, then it would qualify to be of Indonesian origin only if such mobile is made significantly in Indonesia and 35 per cent of its value is contributed by that country. The move assumes significance in the backdrop of concerns being raised by certain quarters of the domestic industry about misuse of free trustery and the stage comment (FTA) benefits from I0-member ASEAN countries.

The importer has to possess all documentary proof to prove that the 35 per cent value addition requirement has been met and showing a mere 'certificate

tion requirement has been met and showing a mere 'certificate of origin' provided by the export-ing country to Indian importer would not suffice. PTI

Sensex erases gains in late selloff; bank, financial stocks weigh

Mumbai: Equity benchmarks nursed losses for the second consecutive session on Friday as investors offloaded banking, finance and consumption stocks amid mixed global cues.

The BSE Sensex, which opened on a firm footing, came under fag-end selling pressure and closed at 38,845.82, down 134.03 points or 0.34 per cent. Similarly, the broader NSE hifty slipped 11.15 points or 0.10 per cent to finish at 11,504.95. HDFC Bank was the top loser among the Sensex constituents, skidding 2.39 per cent, followed by Kotak Bank, Bajaj Finsery, Maruti, Titan, SBI, HUL, HDFC and Tata Steel.

Bharti Airtel led the gainers' list with a jump of 3.73 per cent. M&M, NTPC, Tech Mahindra, Sun Pharma, PowerGrid and ONGC were among the other winners, climbing as much as 2.72 per

rower-frid and ONGC Were among the other winners, climbing as much as 2.72 per cent. During the week, the Sensex dropped 8.73 points or 0.02 per cent, while the Nifty advanced 40.50 points or 0.35 per cent. "Indian benchmark indices, after trading in the

green for most of the day, suc-cumbed to a round of selling in the last hour of trading, to close out the day flat, with a slight negative bias. *PTI*

Rupee rises by 21 paise to over 1-week high as dollar weakens

Mumbai: The rupee strength-

Mumbai: The rupee strengthened by 21 paise to close at more than one-week high of 73.45 against the US dollar on Friday as the greenback weakened in the global markets.

At the interbank forex market, the domestic unit opened higher at 73.47 against the dollar and touched a day's high of 73.15 as the dollar fell against its major rivals.

The local unit later lost some ground to close up by 21 paise at 73.45, a level not seen since September 7. On Thursday, the rupee depreciated by 14 paise to end at 73.66 against the US dollar. The rupee advanced largely due to broad dollar decline globally. PTI

Over 4.87 cr e-way bills worth ₹13.85 lakh cr generated in Aug

movement, limits vary moins state to state.

As per the data shared by the Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN), 4.76 crore e-way bills, valued at over Rs 13.66 lakh crore, were gener-

13.66 lakh crore, were generated in July.

The number stood at 4.27 crore in June (worth Rs 12.40 lakh crore), 2.51 crore in May (Rs 8.98 lakh crore), 84.53 lakh in April (Rs 3.90 lakh crore) and 4 crore in March (Rs 11.43 lakh crore).

In February, before the

coronavirus lockdown came into force, 5.63 crore e-way bills were generated, valued at Rs 15.39 lakh crore.

'Festive season to push auto sales but disproportionate billings may lead to stress for dealers'

New Delhi: Although festive season demand may provide some temporary relief to the account of months, the continued dispor-portionate wholesale billings by original equipment manufac-turers could lead to increased stress for dealers if uptake is lower than expected, according to a report.

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In its latest report on the auto sector, India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) on Friday said retail sales are likely to continue to lag behind wholesale sales in September 2020 although the sector has reported a month-on-month rise in sales over May-August 2020 after the washout in April.

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"After an above-average acreage backed by adequate monsoon, the prospects of a robust kharif harvest have original equipment manufacturers

(OEMs) hoping for a retail demand revival from the rural side during the upcoming festive season," the ratings agency said in a statement. It added that sales are likely to remain sluggish in September, especially on the retail side, "due to the inauspicious period of Shraadh".

The retail demand also improved sequentially over April-August 2020, the sales volumes are still much lower than wholesales. But, passenger vehicle (PV) and two-wheeler (PW) retail sales volumes for CVIVI pred alses volumes (PW) retail sales volumes for COVID-19 and job losses across the sections of the society. Consumer sentiment remains weak; the overall retail sales in August 2020 were only around 71 per cent of the August 2020 were only around 71 per cent of the August 2020 levels, it said.

NBFC delinquencies could see up to 250 bps spike this fiscal

New Delhi: The rapid increase in Covid-19 afflictions and intermittent lockdowns will increase asset quality challenges of non-banking financial companies (NBFCs), already grapping with the economic slowdown since the conomic slowdown since the financial companies with the conomic slowdown since the financial companies with the conomic slowdown since the financial stream of the financial

demic levels. While the recent restructuring scheme afforded by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) would be a leash on reported non-per-forming assets (NPAs), underlying challenges continue.Loan delinquencies of NBFCs could dart up 50-250 basis points (typs) this fiscal, depending on the segment of operation, because of vulnerability in borrower cash flows.

Fan manufacturers want GST for sector be lowered to 5% from 18%

New Delhi:Indian fan manu

New Delhi:Indian fan manufacturers on Thursday sought lower GST teat at 5 per cent on fans, saying the existing 18 per cent tax is "adversely" impacting the industry.

The lower GST (goods and services tax) slab would make the fans a promptly accessible commodity for everyone by increasing grass-root level penetration, exceptionally in rural India, the Indian Fan Manufacturers Association (IFMA) said in a statement after its virtual Annual General Meeting.

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The fan industry lost around 35 per cent of its annual sales due to the outbreak of COVID-19 this year during the peak sale period, causing huge financial losses for fan companies, said the association.

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TRAI issues rules for clear communication of tariff plans, terms by telcos

New Delhi:Telecom regulator TRAI on Friday issued a fresh set of rules for publication and advertisement of tariff plans by telcos, in a bid to boost transparency in mobile offers and to help subscribers make informed decisions.

The consumer-oriented move assumes significance as telecom subscribers often grapple with issues such as lack of information, unclear or hard to find plan details - a situation that affects subscribers ability to make proper choices.

Tightening the rules for telcos, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on Friday issued directions on tariff publication and tariff advertisements. "...It has been observed that existing measures adopted by telecom service providers are not trans-

ing measures adopted by telecom service providers are not trans-parent as they should be and that some of the telecom service providers are not prominently highlighting additional terms and conditions," TRAI directive said.

New Delhi: Over 4.87 crore e-way bills, valued at over Rs 13.85 lakh crore, were gener-ated by businesses and trans-porters in August, reflecting a pick up in economic activity, GSTN data showed. Electronic way or e-way bills are required for inter-state movement of goods worth over Rs 50.000. For intra-state movement, limits vary from state to state.

were generated, valued at Rs 1539 lakh crore.

In a statement, GSTN, which manages the technology backbone of GST, said businesses can now download their e-way bill data for past one-month period from the e-way bill data for past one-month period from the e-way bill generated by them for a limited period of 5 days. GSTN said it had received suggestions from taxpayers to increase the number of days for which e-way bills could be downloaded. "Taxpayers can now make use of this facility to format and use in their systems. This facility is presently available daily between 8 AM to 12 noon," it said. PTI

JK Jain joins as Director (HR) of Delhi Transco Ltd

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New Delhishri J K Jain has taken over as Director (IR) of Delhi Transco Limited. With proficiency in Hindi, English and Bengali, Shri Jain is a qualified Chartered Accountant. He has also done courses in Marketing & Fin an cial Management as well as Business & Labour Laws from Indian Institute of Management, Kolkata(IIM-C). An officer of DANICS of 1994 batch, Shri Jain has extensive work experience of more than 26 years. Shri Jain started his career as SDM of Haus Khas, Delhi and move to become Deputy Secretary (Finance). The other important postings Shri Jain has handled in Delhi include, Collector Property Taxes in MCD.

RITES announces share buybackat ₹265 per share

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Gurugram; RITES I.d. (NSE:
RITES, BSE:541556), the leading
Transport Infrastructure
Consultancy and Engineering
firm, reported that its Board of
Directors has approved buyback ol96,98,113 equity sharesof
face value of 10 each at '265per
share, translating into the total
buy back amount not exceeding
7257 crore. The company was
itsed in July 2018 and at present
72,02 % shares are held by Gol
and balance is with the public&
FIs. Commenting on the share
repurchase program, Mr. Rajeev
Mehrotra, Chairman and
Managing Director, RITES Managing Director, RITES Limited, said, "The company has strong financial fundamentals with debt free balance sheet. This repurchase reflects management's confidence in the company and growth in sectors".

'DELHI witnesses the launch of first of its kind networking platform for women'

New Delhi:29th August 2020 was a day which will be marked as a special occasion in the diaries of many women. On this diaries of many women. On this day, a unique networking platform for Global Indian Women. GIWA - was launched at the Taj Ambassador, New Delhi. Though keeping in mind, the restrictions of GOVID 19, the gathering was of only 25 women (maintaining the social distancing norms), the excitement they demonstration was massive and mind blowing. Based on the idea of giving women 'Wings to Fly, GIWA Women Association aims at helping women from diverse at helping women from diverse at helping women from diverse backgrounds to come forward and fulfil their dreams. Giving them the requisite platform to showcase their talents and get-ting for them the much-awaited accolades.

Tuticorin Airport undergoing major expansion to offer better services

NewDelhi: In order to cater the rising passenger traffic and the demand for better services, AAI 'sTuticorin Airport is undergoing major up-gradation in phaseswith cost of Rs 381 crores. The master project includes widening extension and strengthening work of existing Runway and associated infrastructure.

In order to cater to the rising passenger traffic, construction of the new Domestic Terminal Building is also planned, spreading over an area of 1353 o sgm. The new Terminal Building will be able to handle 600 passengers during peak hours. The Terminal Building will be adupted with all the modern facilities and passenger amenities. NewDelhi: In order to cater the

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is as under. Height: 5' feet, Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Physique/Build: Normal, ID Mark: Bruise under eye, Clothing: White Colour T-Shirt, Blue Colour Pajama and Slipper in feet.

Blue Colour Pajama and Slipper in teet.

Any person is having any information/clue about this missing/isidnaped girl, may inform SHO, Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi at E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.nic.in or website: http://cbi.nic.in Tele No.: 011-24368638 or 24368641

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P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi Ph.: 011-27811933, 27811934

Appeal for Identification



General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body Name: Unknown, S/o male dead body Name: Unknown, S/o. Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: about 60 years, Height: 5'7", Complexion: Shallow, Sex: Male, Face: Ovel, Built: Medium, Wearing: Pant and Bare Footed. has been found at WZ-57, Basai Darapur, Delhi at 10:44 Hrs Dt. 06.09.2020 During Treatment at Safdarjang Hospital Patient dead on Delhi at 10:44 Hrs Dt

08.09.2020. In this regard, a DD No. 26-A, dated 06.09.2020 has been lodged at PS Moti Nagar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out mation about this person but no due has come to light so

Any, person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following. e following. SHO P.S., Moti Nagar, Delhi

DP/210/WD/2020 Ph.: 011-25101150, 8750871125

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for notice of the general public that a political party is proposed to be registered by the name of UDAY BHARATAM PARTY. The office of the party is located at C-310, Sigma-II, Greater Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, UP-201038. This Party has submitted application to the Election Commission of India, New Delhi for its registration as Pollitical Party under Section 29A of the Representation of People Act, 1951 - Name/address of the office-bearers of the Party are as follows:

President: Dr. Rajendra Prasad, R/O: 6-1, Adusumili Vari Veedhi, Siripuram, Medikonduru Mandal, Guntur DT, A.P-522401
General Secretary: Mr. Alok Kumar, R/O: 1-166, Sanipar Nagar, Ghoziabad, U.P-201002

Treasurer: Rn. P. Sureshan, R/O: B 1107, OXY Homez, Near

Glaziabad, U.P.-201002
Treasurer: Mr. P. Sureshan, R/O: B 1107, OXY Homez, Near Koyal Enclave, Ghaziabad-201102
If any one has any objection to the registration of UDAY BIARATAM PARTY they may send their Objection with reasons thereof, to the Secretary (Political Party) Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delh-110001 within 30 days of the publication of this notice.



General Public is hereby informed that one girl Namely: Shabam, D/o Md. Haklm, R/o: M-208, Shastri Nagar, Sarai Rohilla, Delhi, has been missing/ kidnapped since 26.05.2020 at 11:00 am. from the area of P.S. Sarai Rohilla. Delhi In this regard a case

Shabnam vide DD No. 95A dated 27.05.2020 has been registered at P.S. Sarai Robilla, Delhi. The description of the missing/kidnapped girl is as under Age: 19 years, Sex: Female, Height: 5', Face: Round, Complexion: years, sex: Female, Height: 5, Face: Round, Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: Red colour top, grey colour salwar and slipper in her feet. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this girl kindly inform to the following. Website: http://cbi.nic.in E-mail Id - cic@cbi.gov.in Ph.; 011-2438638, 2438641 Fax No. 011-24368639 DP/245/N/2020

P.S. Sarai Rohilla, De Ph.: 011- 23693611, 8750870133

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tice Inviting On-line Proposal(s) from ICMR approved s for undertaking RT-PCR Testing, alongwith reporting as per ICMR Testing Protocols of Samples from J&K for COVID-19 on 'As & When Required Basis

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NORA FATEHI

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I feel lucky that I have been chosen to perform on Neha's (Kakkar) songs. Whenever I get a song. I get very excited knowing that it's hers as we know it will be a big hit. I will be performing on a beautiful voice, not all artistes get a chance to do that. There are other singers with amazing voice but she has something which cannot be explained.



ANKUR BHATIA

Crackdown is a gallant pro-ject. I am playing the Pakistani Army Chief. It's a difficult character, totally con difficult character, totally con-trary to what I am as a per-son. It is based on the secret services across borders. I think the level that web series are setting on OTT is com-mendable. It's important especially during the lock-down



- S H O R T

AKSHAY OBEROI

CIRCUITS-

AnshAT UBEROI

'Ve launched myself into the
preparation and I'm going to be
stationed in Dubai of re 28 days.

I'm super excited to be facing
the camera after being quarantined for so long. I am glad to
go back to the usual shooting
drill in this beautiful city
(Dubai)! We are all taking the
required precautions and doing
our best.



SONA MOHAPATRA

Calling others gold dig-ger, mafia bimbo, sasti copy? Playing the mess ah of the masses by an of the masses by using a tragic death is the worst act of oppor-tunism. This doesn't make you the pillar of virtue, justice or the flag-bearer of Hindu Cultural values. It highlights the worst side.



VOGUE 45 MINUTES



The pandemic and then a series of lockdowns, that followed shortly after, gave
paced lifestyles. There was enough time to
reflect on our actions, relationships, beliefs,
the power of art, fashion and creativity. We
could discover a narrative that stirs the existing dialogue of love, where the boundaries
are patched, corridors of division are narrow, cults and definitions are pushed far and
wide to make space for love – the only thing
that matters. This is what fashion designer
Gaurra Cupta's muse turned out to be while
he worked on his collection for the FDCI
India Couture Week 2020, the digital version. He said, "Through our theme — Name
is Love — we aim to put all the light on love,
for self, all genders, all body shapes, all ethmicities, all sexualities, and most importantly, for inclusivity."

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During the process of casting models for the show, which kickstarted online yester-day, he discovered "beautiful stories" where differences and sexualities were not just accepted but celebrated. Said Gauray, "We were enamoured by every individual's sheer optimism. Their experiences felt familiar and bold. And I realised that their stories need-ed to be told."

A young proud leshian couple Apiali

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A young, proud lesbian couple Anjali and Manuati living with their parents. Yee, an 18-year-old trans-male student; Anjali Lama, the first Indian trans-female super-model, and many other models who earned a name in unconventional setups, became the designer's many ways to represent the varied forms of lowe. "I hope that this message resonates and connects with millions who are facing prejudice or feel inhibited to express themselves due to the pre-conceived societal norms," said Gaurav and emphasised, "We're celebrating uniqueness."

In these desperate times when humans have become more agile and vulnerable, the designer was glad that technology could make the Couture week happen. Said he, "It was the need of the hour to keep the show going, lighten up the mood and make things more celebrative. It has given me hope. It's so nice to see that millions of people around the world can view the show and our collections."

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Well, the show is definitely different under the shadow of the novel Coronavirus but what's new this time? "We have presented 50 new women's wear, 20 men's wear and 50 jewellery pieces. I wanted my collection



featured pieces created with rare diamonds, rubies, emeralds, opals and tanzanite – sourced from Burma, Botswana, – 'lombia and

Colombia and Hyderabad.

The handmade collection was created with precious stones, crafted in shades of white and rose gold. It was rendered with details of a custom wedding gown. The jewellery was inspired by the Indian heritage integrated with the influences of the Victorian era. Said Gauray, "We have taken this ideology to construct and reinvent these jewels. What makes our jewellery coutrue unique is a distinct approach, where each diamond is individually cut according to the design." His latest collection included necklaces bracelets rings, earings and ear-cuffs. Talking about whether the festive market is trending more than the wedding one, the designer chose the latter. He said, "The wedding market is more in trend and will always be. Brides are looking for authentic sculptures and that 'wow factor, something timeless that they can wear even after four to five

years. They can also mix and match a lot of things from my collection. They wear our lehenga blouses with saris because there's so much detail in each element that one is able to play it up as and when they want to."

When we talk of the Couture Week, it is imperative to know the consumer behaviour as the buying pattern internationally has undergone a drastic change. The gulf countries are purchasing more as they are comparatively less affected from COVID-19. Added Gaura, "But slowly and gradually, the international markets are coming back into line. We have a big market in the gulf all caross UAE and Middle East. Earlier, they used to fly down and have couture appointments but this time they're all purchasing our products online, even couture. They do video consultation with our stylists and get garments fitted virtually."





Tashion in sopplisticated ship to reflect me and my choices. It had to be very 'Gaura' Cupta'. I also discovered new colours like Cerise, Bright Emerald, Berry Pink, Snow Pink, Shadow Pink and more. I wanted to give a new life to these sophisticated colours. I also wanted to do a whole Black- and-White line. It was very new and cool for me. I also played with a lot of organiza giving rise to new forms', he said. Another notable thing about his collection, he pointed out, was the indigenous technique of sculpting, which was reinvented in the form of structured wings, graphic spiralling ruffles and architectured waves. "We have also incorporated dramatic shimmers, sheer fabrics, 3D floral applique, intricate hand embroideries along with pear's and metallic sequins' said Gaurav. The designer's men's wear was refined with embroideries and mystical motifs. Said he, "We have introduced full Bordeaux vel-**TRIBUTE**

GAURAV GUPTA's collection revolved around the



ters. Gaurav's collection also Gaurav's collection also found their way to the couture jewellery. The line was expressed through five distinct elements of infinity, classic, pearl, feather and forest and

Dutta's body was sent for the post-mortem examination.
Daughter of celebrated Bengali poet Ajit Dutta, Sharbari Dutta was a popular name in the costume designing industry for over past few decades, and was the only women designer to work on men's ethnic fashion wear. It was Dutta who had introduced coloured Bengali dhotis and designer Punjabi kurtas to the mainstream fashion world with her exclusive touch on bright colours along with embroidery works.

The fashion mogul has also styled present Prime Minister of Pakistan Imran Khan and cricketer Sachin Tendulkar.
Dutta has shattered stereotypes defining men's ethnic fashion over the years. Well, through a flood of condolences from models, actors and people from the film industry for her family on social media, we can certainly see how significantly she contributed to the Indian fashion at large.

—With inputs from agencies

STUDIO CHAT 15 MINUTES

Farhan kickstarts IPL

A ctor Farhan Akhtar will open Star Sports'
Live Broadcast on 'Cricket Live', ahead of
the opening match of Dream11 IPL 2020.
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The nation has been going through tough times due to COVID-19, making this season even more special since it gives a reason for people to come together to watch our very own tournament.

Farhan will set the tone of the tournament by introducing 'Cricket Live', before the much anticipated clash between Mumbai Indians and Chennai Super Kings. He will be addressing today's testing times, and how we need to to ride over this crisis.

Speaking on this, Farhan said, "These are trying times and our nation continues to persevere and move forward. With the world picking up pace in the new normal, the announcement of the PIP. was a breath of fresh air. I have been looking forward to some sporting action, and Live Indian cricket is back after a long hiatus. There's much to learn from the journey of a team or an individual in it. To rise after you fall, to learn from ones mistakes and most importantly, to stay grounded and humble in victory. I resonate with this feeling even more after working on my forthcoming film Toofaan in which sport is the backdrop, made on sim-



ilar ethos. It is important to stay resilient, opti-mistic and ready to battle all odds for a better tomorrow. Personally, it also is an absolute plea-sure to open the maiden show. Looking forward to a grand opening game." (Watch the actor on Star Sports' pre-show Cricket Live from 6 pm onwards on September 19.1)



As fashion designer SHARBARI DUTTA breathed her last, netizens remember her immense contribution to ceremonial menswear

Ceremonial menswe

Fashion designer
Sharbari Dutta was
found dead inside the
bathroom of her South
Kolkata's Broad Street residence on the intervening
night of Thursday and
Friday.
As per police sources,
Dutta was found dead
inside her bathroom at
around 12.15 am on
Friday. Officials of local
police station and the
Kolkata Police headquarters Lalbazar's homicide
branch reached the spot at
night.

Her family members said Dutta (63) was last seen during the dinner on Tuesday. After that she also went incommunicado. Primary investigation suggests that she died of a sudden cardiac attack in the toilet. But Dutta's family members claim that she was otherwise keeping fine and had no such chronic allment. Kolkata Police's homicide branch will carry out the investigation to find out the actual reason of the designer's sudden demise.

CONVERSATION 60 MINUTES

Change the pace of change

Architect-author GOONMEET SINGH CHAUHAN tells Ayushi Sharma that his book, Invertonomics: Eight Ideas to Transform India, presents innovative yet pragmatic ideas for solving some of India's most fundamental and chronic problems. He has ways to deal with social inequity, cleanliness, safety of women, education and a sharply declining economy



ndia has made a remarkable progress India has made a remarkable progress in several areas over the seven decades since Independence. But at the same time, it has been beset by some fundamental and chronic problems. There is poverty and inequity, the air in many cities is unbreathable, the streets are littered with garbage, women feel unsafe, levels of basic education are low and the economy is sharply declining. The problems have lasted so long that they seem unsolvable in a lifetime.

ed so long that they seem unsolvable in a lifetime. Architect-author Goonmeet Singh Chauhan argues that they can actually be solved decisively. To achieve this, he pre-sents a new methodology that he calls sents a new methodology that he calls Invertonomics in his eponymous book, which inverts problems into economic opportunities. The book identifies eight persistent problem areas and proposes well-resolved and, in some cases, success-fully-implemented models for tackling them. It presents innovative yet pragmati-ic ideas that will have a direct impact on our lives and help us realise the dream of an advanced India. We speak to him to find out how. Excerpts:

□How did you conceptualise it? I have always enjoyed solvin

Thow did you conceptualise it?

I have always enjoyed solving problems, especially the stubborn ones. A three-pronged strategy typically works for me. It begins with analysing the problem and its key drivers in a manner where we can measure the critical root causes and their impact. Then, the process of solutioneering begins on how the whole relates to the parts, and simultaneously, how the 'parts relate to the whole. It may seem abstract but the key to problem-identification typically lies in a few parts, while the solution lies in the whole. Once the key stone and the king pin have been identified, the final step begins. The third leg of the exercise is imagining a new coosystem approach, wherein all parts work synergistically to achieve a newer, brighter and beautiful possibility.

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As architects, we have a free hand in creating newness within the limits of a land. Sometimes, we look at urban design and try it to impact the quality of lives of people. But our interventions tend to be more physical in nature. This book is a response to my inner calling to go beyond the physicality so that true transformation can happen. It has ideas that use money, technology and common sense to solve some real, hard problems of our country.

□What research went into it? And how long did it take to complete the book?

I started thinking about it 10 years ago.

I wanted to write 21 ideas but when I got to the research part and assessing the practicality of each solution, it turned out to took more than a year each to be accom-plished. The book project relied on a team effort for research, which was based on



three methods — physical measurement and secondary data collection on ground, internet-based research to inform us of interventions that spread across geographies and time, interviews with informed persons in civil society and the bureaucracy to gauge the practicality of our solutions.

general general general general general for this, we used internet-based research to find out about the history of the problem across geographies and time. For instance, we studied how honking was a public issue in post-World War London and in Hiller's Germany. We studied the solutions that various governents and NGOs had attempted earlier; successful case studies that could be acaded up to be applied across a national scale; a lot more. It took seven years to complete the book including an year-long process of edits and updates.

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□Your book lists some successfullyimplemented models that you've
designed. Can you elaborate on them?

A few of the book's ideas have been or
are being implemented with some initial
success and a lot of promise.

◆The Wise foundation (Morld
Initiative for Service and Education):
This idea looks at establishing free residential schools for underprivileged children,
who seek out a living foraging through
garbage. These kids would now be housed
in free residential hostels-cum-schools and
receive love and care. They would grow up
in campuses called Sanctuaries, which
would be set in suburban fringes of the
cities and would impart value based education based on Sewa and Samridhi.

These sanctuaries would be set up and run by educational trusts and the entire capiby educational trusts and the entire capi-tal and operational expenditure would be paid by the trust. However, the govern-ment would step in as a regulator and funding agency. They would pay a fee for each child like a parent would pay for a residential school. This fee would enable the educa-

tional trust to receive a return on investment for the educational trust, thereby allowing this project to scale up. we We We are imagining a project of one million children across 500 centres

across 500 centres in 30 states. The Delhi Government has also expressed its eagerness to adopt this model and are look-ing to establish the first such ing to school in Delhi

ing to establish the first such school in Delhi soon.

Clean and dry toilets: Six months before the Commonwealth games, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi took on the challenge of building public toilets of international quality in the city. They were in need of ₹100 crore for the project and struggled to get provision for the funds. At this point, we suggested a model wherein new toilet complexes would be created on a PPP model and sited adjacent to existing MCD governed marketplaces within their parking lots. A concessionaire would build on a 2,000-square foot plinth, modern toilets with a frontal entrance into a reception area that would be manned to modern toilets with a frontal entrance into a reception area that would be manned to collect charges and lead to separate, clean and reference with dedicated attendants. These would be flanked by two kiosks for ice-cream/florist/ATMs and on top of this structure would be a coffee shop of 2,000 square feet. The janitors and operations of the entire complex would be managed by the concessionaire. The revenues from pay and use toilets would far exceed the operational expenses and we recommended the

sionaire would pay an annuity to the

concessionaire would pay an annuity to the market association in addition to paying a upfront bid money to acquire the rights to build to the municipality.

The proposal was implemented and 28 new international-quality tollet complexes were constructed and the Municipality earned significant sums in revenues. The project has been hugely successful and can be easily replicated across India.

"How can invertonomics be used wide-ly in India, including the remote and underprivileged areas? Invertonomics imagines a rejuvenat-ed Bharat and proposes three mega interventions in India's rural hinter-land.

*Office of Bharat: The office of Bharat would be like a central business-cum-administrative district centre, one each for India's 650 districts. This 100-acre development would have within it a new administration, police, district courts, disaster management centre. Social infrastructure such as educational facilities, health facilities, cultural complex, sports centre, vocational training centre and business centres including an international logistics oriented agricultural mandi, ware housing, cold storage, food processing plants, commercial office centre, rural hotels, hostels, rural shopping centre etc. A new cen-Office of Bharat: The office of

storage, root processing prains, conimercial office centre, rural hotels, hostels, rural shopping centre etc. A new centralised powerhouse like this will spur the dormant administrative, commercial and socio-economic energies of our hinterland into action. This nucleus would infuse capital into the district economy and act like a catalyst of commerce and social change.

• Cocoons: The Cocoon Corporation of India shall provide post-paid containers (called cocoons) to the farmers to store their produce and support with facilities for digital trade of their agri-commodities. This facility would help the farmers and allow them to fetch a better price for their produce and significantly empower them finan-

cially both in terms of revenue as well as cially both in terms of revenue as well as the ability to raise capital at lower inter-est rates. The corporation shall also run a proper logistics centre to ship these cocoons (containers), which are rodent, dust and weather-proof, and even refrigerated in case needed for their trade destinations. The platform would radically empower farmers, making agriculture the engine of rural economy once again, not remittances from rural folk living in cities.

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• Residential development around the office of Bharat: A true socio-economic revival shall happen around these offices of Bharat as new residential developments, schools, hospitals, cultural complexes, etc, will enable jobs, livelihood and quality life for the rural folk. It will decongest our cities too as villages would become preferable places to live, learn and work.

"Long-term solutions such as sensitising the public through education and awareness campaigns have always been there. Do you think this approach would lead to faster and more effective means of modifying citizen behavio

means of interior.

The book promises to change the pace of change. So far, we have been cutting butter with a chainsaw, while all we need is a butter knife called invertonomics! I feel citizen behaviour can be

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altered using a three-pronged approach,
including creating an inspired citizenship
wherein individuals act in the interest of
collective good
Money and technology:
Invertionomics uses a carrot and stick
approach by offering each individual
monetary incentives or disincentives for
expected citizen behaviour. For assessing
individual behaviour, it uses non-invasive technology to gauge behaviour in the
public domain. For example, to manage
the incidence of honking on our roads,
the book proposes an auditory charge of
T for every instance of honking beyond
a threshold of say 30 free honks a
month. It further levies a charge of T10,

say for honking near a hospital or a night within a colony. It also incentivises the least honkers by measuring their relative performance to peers in the same city. Such positive citizens may receive recognition or rewards or corporate discounts, while non-compliant citizens would pay hefty fee. They would also receive surrogate tutorship on how to improve their citizenship by adjusting to acceptable behaviour.

Measurement, transparency and connectivity: More complex issues like safety in citize and equity would require an ecosystem level shift, which shall be achieved using measurement of some key

an ecosystem level shift, which shall be achieved using measurement of some key parameters, tabling them in a transpar-ent, technology-driven manner and then publishing the data real-time on public platforms so that all the stakeholders are connected with that data. Such awareness and collective intelligence of the ecosys-tem shall raise the median performance of all systems and accelerate the trans-formation to higher ground.

□In a country as diverse as ours, how difficult do you think it is to catalyse

Oln a country as diverse as ours, how difficult do you think it is to catalyse change?

When demographics are diverse, one has to work out simple and binary solutions where expected behaviour by citizens is understood by all. Like the Odd-Even scheme of the Delhi Government was easily understood by an auto driver as well as a financial analyst because the expectation was binary. The compliance was high. In India, we tend to obfuscate the law and the poor citizen often finds himself on the wrong side offit, forcing him to use unfair means to extricate himself out of the situation. This phenomenon has led to the incremental lowering of the median of citizenship, with citizens adopting a sort of flexible morality that suits their convenience. Invertonmics proposes the use of very simple laws and the new ecosystem would lay down binary expectations. Also incentives in terms of money are easily understood by all. Money-based systems shall ensure that things operate in a demography-agnostic manner, successfully.

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"You've mentioned in the book, "In India, we are in a negative cycle as far as citizen participation for common good is concerned. This shift can only come from concerned. This shift can only come from policy change and legislation aimed towards the creation of definitive goals." How do you think this can be acted upon in India, where it might take years to change policies and laws or create a new one?

Change is always bottom up. While it's Change is always bottom up. While it's affected through top-down instruments like new legislations, new institutions and a new ecosystem, the demand for it is always propelled by the need for it. It takes civil society and thought leaders to articulate a vision that gradually alters the popular narrative. Thereafter, the course of transformation can either take an incremental route or an accelerated route, depending unon the willingeither take an incrementar out. Or accepted erated route, depending upon the willingness of the political dispensation and the strength of the advocacy to take a hard look at issues and seek convenient and strong res-

olutions.

We need conversations around inspired citizenship, and local-level leadership to demonstrate action in areas, which can be handled locally like segregation of garbage, pedestrian safety and much more. For this, we have also set up the Invertonomics Foundation for India, which promises to take up issues from the book and pursue them to make sure that they get implemented and how.

GALLERIA 15 MINUTES

PAPER TOWN

Jharkhand artist VIVEK DAS uses the traditional papier-mâché process to create sculptures that leave more than a floating memory. By UMA NAIR

Last month, I discovered the power of paper in the hands of an artist sculptor. I was looking at a lantern. One that was sliced vertically and had a surreal flavour. Suddenly, the object had become subject through an interplay colours and the contours. Master sculptor Vivek Das from Jharkhand is expanding the paper's potential through the time worn art of papier mache.

POWER OF PAPER

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Paper oscillates through time and tide. Paper has been the greatest invention for an artist, it has been a symbol of possibility and an abacus for writers, researchers architects, designers, artists and sculptors ever since its invention in China around 105 A.D. We think of in China around 105 A.D. We think of Leonardo da Vinci's drawings, we think of Reubens, Raphael, Rembrandt, Van Gogh and the ultimate Picasso. Paper is more than a medium, more than a mate-rial, it is the most humble of tools in an artist's hands.

g memory. By UMA NAIR

Vivek Das's lantern tells us that paper has a vast potential as a material for sculpture. Not only is it versatile: it can be featherweight and translucent while being heavy and rigid like papier-mäché. But most importantly, it's nontoxic, it's not so expensive and is accessible to everyone. Vivek says, "I try to create sculptures all the time in the hope that I can convert these into bronze."

Curves, curls, convex and concave surfaces all come into play as he creates sculptural wonders that celebrate the malleable magic of papier mache. Vivek brings back the words of the great French writer and poet Rainer Maria Rilke who in his Book of Hours said: "Go to the limits of your longing... Let everything happen to you: beauty and terror."

In that universal cadence, Rilke assures us to "just keep going," for hearby is the country they call life. Das exemplifies this and more in his brilliant works. Says he, "Whenever! I try to pick out a subject to create, I find there is a





co-existence of life with things that connect — for instance the lantern connects with life and light. I didn't want to create a portrait of the lantern as it. That would be too common, I wanted a unique portrayal."

The lantern born of Vivek's many moorings and thoughts is a metaphor for the existence of man through thick and thin, for his spirit of being that lives through the times rendered both within and without. "Beauty has no other origin than the singular wound, different in every case, hidden or visible, which each man bears within himself," said the French writer Jean Genet. Vivek's sculptures are about solidity and an inner life-force, their undulating force, their undulating forces, their undulating forces, their undulating forces or within the contraction of the contra

UNTOLD HISTORIES

Vivek says, "I'm touching upon untold histories, as well as highlighting its parallel to my own identity." He appreciates the papier mache for its accessibility, and explores the medium in various ways. "It's a practice that's very practical to follow," he says. "No kiln, foundry, or harsh

chemicals are necessary." He approaches the medium with empathy. "Its about assessing the composition I want to make, ir responding to it, and giving what it needs," he explains. "May approach is to treat papier make like a complex yet beautiful contextual composition with a dynamic, hidden life."

PAPER'S TACTILE
FERVOUR
Using the traditional papiermâché process to shape his
sculptures, he models and occasionally carves the paper to
achieve the desired shape, creating a sort of hybrid of sculpture
and drawing. His admiration for
paper's tactile qualities, the subtilety of its colour and the softness
of its shadows evokes a sense of
physical space.

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The lantern seems to speak of a psychological space and time through the layering of paper. Looking at Vivek's works we realise that papier mache is innovative and inventive, there are endless ways that paper can be drawn on, cut, emboased and manipulated, both two-dimensionally and sculpturally to create masterpieces.

Glitzy IPL marks start of Indian sporting events in







Covid times

MI vs CSK STAR SPORTS 1 & 3

PTI ABU DHABI

Mahendra Singh Dhoni's poker face, Virat Kohli's raw emotions and Rohit Sharma's effortless handling of his Galactico will be back to charm cricket fans across the globe with the Indian Premier League starting on Saturday, promising to be a happy distraction in a world scarred by Covid-19.

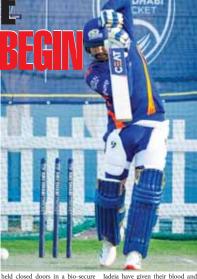
Rohit's defending champions Mumbai Indians will be locking porns with Dhoni's Chennai Super Kings in what is likely to be a fitting-ly excitting opening showdown here. The tournament, which has been shifted to the UAE due to five million plus Covid cases in India, is a "TV-only event," expected to be lapped up by all and sundry who craw for cricket and Bollywood in equal measure during prime time. Bollywood had its share of prime time in the past few months but rest assured, the next 53 days would belong to Dhoni's CSK, Kohli's RCB and Rohit's Mumbai Indians challenged by young pretenders comprising KL Rahu's KXIP and Shrevas

and Rohit's Mumbai Indians chal-lenged by young pretenders compris-ing KL Rahul's KXIP and Shreyas Iyer's Delhi Capitals among others. IPL happening in foreign shores is not a new phenomenon, not even the shift to the Emirates but as Indian sports hits the restart button with the sports hits the restart button will the billion dollar cricketing extravagan-za, the hugely popular event to be

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held closed doors in a bio-secure environment will be a new experi-

environment will be a new experience.

David Warner or Chris Gayle's towering sixes welcomed by artificial crowd cheer will be the new normal and the deafening roars during Super Overs will be missing but no one can complain as at least the show will go on in amid a devastating health crisis.

A look at the teams would indicate that Mumbai Indians by a distance is the most formidable with Rohit; Pandya brothers — Hardik and, and the "King of Death" bowling Jasprit Bumrah giving it a menacing look.

The perennial Dad's Army
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The perennial Dad's Army Chennal Super Kings can never be counted out till that man with 'Hawk Eyes' uses his peripheral vision behind the stumps.

Experience can't be bought and the likes of Shane Watson, Dwayne Bravo, Faf du Plessis and Ravindra

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Jadeja have given their blood and sweat for the 'Yellows' and it would be no different this time.

For Kohli, winning a tournament as a captain would reaffirm his status even as naysayers question his style of leadership. The team is a shade better with presence of Aaron Finch, Chris Morris and the wonderfully gifted Devdutt Padikkal, who if all goes well, is destined to become a big name in years to come.

Delhi Capitals, with their new found vigour and more pragmatic new owners, found their mojo last year and would like to go one better under an enormously talented skipper in Shreyas Iyer, who can be matched in skills by a Prithvi Shaw or a Rishabh Pant.

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KXIP's KL Rahul is a class act and how he shapes as a leader could also create a narrative for the future

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MSD is fresh, engaged & determined after break: Fleming

His sabbatical from the game has done Mahendra Singh Dhoni a world of good, Chennal Super Kings coach Stephen Fleming said on Friday, asserting that the enigentic skipper is "mentally engaged addermined" to encounter the challenges of a "tactically different" IPL. Dhonis CSK will take on IPL. Dhonis CSK will take on ISL Starting and Starting

Snarinas Mulnibal Inicians in the tournament opener on Saturday. Fleming, a former New Zealand cap-tain, stressed that his team's experi-ence of winning big matches will come in handy during the next 53

's. Dhoni retired from international cricket last month after being on a break for over one year and when asked about the 39-year-old's preparedness for the IPL, Fleming preparedness for the IPL, Fleming said, "It has been no different. He's very fit and mentally, he's been very

engaged and determined."

"In some ways the break can
work for the experienced and older

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".Experienced players identify key times and that's why they've done so well in their careers. They can turn games, absorb pressure or just sum out the situation. That's what experience is about and that's why we value it so highly," said Fleming.
"And that's why we've been able to get over the line in so many close games because the key player has been one with a lot of experience. And you also mix that with skill. You are conscious of having a skilful side and adding youth when we can and with that get the balance pretty right." Starting against a quality side like MI is certainly exciting for Fleming, who wants his men to have a crack at the defending champions after their agonising last-ball loss in the previous edition.
"The first game is always full of

players that we have. MS is fresh and ready to go," Fleming said in a pre-tournament interview to CSK's offiprevious edition.

"The first game is always full of anxiety, nerves and excitement, and CSK-MI has added extra excitement and pressure and we enjoy that. We've earned the right to play the The three-time champions are banking heavily on their 35-plus players, including Dhoni himself, Shane Watson, Dwayne Bravo, Kedar

first game by playing well last year, and given the way the final finished last year, it's nice to have another crack at MI.

"They (MI) are a very good side and its given a very good side and it gives you a good gauge as to how the pre-season has gone and the areas that need improvement. You get a good idea after the first game as to where your team is sitting."

With the home advantage of playing seven games at Chepauk gone, Herning is bracing up for a very different tournament ratically where adaptability will be the key. "I see this season is going to be very different tactically where adaptability will be the key of the conditions in each ground.

"We've got three different conditions in each ground.

"We've got three different grounds to assess and each ground has its own character and nuances and we've just got to be good enough to pick the right team and get the right game plan to match that. It's like every game is an away game," he explained.

HEAD TO HEAD

MEETING IN 2019 Mumbai Indians defeated Chennai Super Kings by 37 runs at Mumbai (League)

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Mumbai Indians beat Chennai
Super Kings by 46 runs at
Chennai (League)
Mumbai Indians beat Chennai
Super Kings by 6 wickets at
Chennai (Qualifier 1)
Mumbai Indian beat Chennai
Super Kings by one run at
Hyderabad (final)

FOR THE RECORD Rohit Sharma who scored

when Indian cricket goes through another change of guard in next few

years.
There will be a lot of interest as There will be a lot of interest as to how he handles players like Glenn Maxwell, Gayle and Mohammed Shami, who are savage on their day but can be ordinary on some others. Handling an inconsistent team to a decent finish will be on top of Rahul's agenda.

The low profile Sunrisers Hyderabad once again will be gun-

ning for a place in the summit clash and their skipper David Warner knows how to win the IPL having always led the way with spectacular

4898 runs at an average of 31.60 in 183 innings of 188 matches for Deccan Chargers

third highest scorer in IPL behind Virat Kohli (5412 runs in 177 matches) and Suresh Raina (5368 runs in 193 matches).

 Dwayne Bravo who claimed 147 wickets in 131 innings of 134 matches, needs just three wickets to become the fifth bowler to take 150

vickets in IPL.

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There is Jonny Bairstow's flair, Kane Williamson's poise and Rashid Khan's flamboyance with a host of youngsters like Virat Singh and Priyam Garg eager to make a name for themselves.

When the IPL was partially held in UAE back in 2014, KKR were the

Variety in spin, will give CSK

edge in UAE conditions: Lee

entual champions. If Ben Stokes is the world's best If Ben Stokes is the worker all-rounder across formats, Andre Russell probably is a bit more destructive in this format as he hit 52 sixes during their horrendous last

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The 2018 U-19 World Cup stars—Shubman Gill, Shivam Mavi and Kamlesh Nagarkoti—add a dash of youth. Eoin Morgan's leadership skills that might prove to be handy in case a normally inconsistent Dinesh Karthik misfires.

Rajasthan Royals is the weakest team lacking quality in the Indian line-up but expect Jos Buttler, Steve Smith and Jofra Archer to do the heavy lifting in Stokes' absence. Stokes is currently in New Zealand to be with his ailing father.

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Mumbai Indians are traditional shave a variatres in the IPL but on paper, they will be the favourites against Chennai Super Kings in tho pening game in Abu Dhab.

MI looks the most prepared and set team with a scarp batting line-up of Rohit, Quinton de Kock, Suryakumar Yadav, Ishan Kishan, Hardik and Krunal Pandya, Kieron Pollard. Trent Boult and Nathan Coulter-Nile will complete their

quota of foreigners.
For CSK, the core has remained the same save for Suresh Raina, who was their worst performer last year and has pulled out citing personal reasons this year. His replacement Ruturaj Gaikwad remains in quarantien having tested Covid-19 positive at least five times.
But there is Watson, Ambati Rayudu, Kedar Jadhay, Ravindra Jadeja, and Barvo, who have all won matches from hopeless situations.

Lynn banking on T10 form in UAE to fire in for MI

Abu Dhabi: Going through a poor run of form, Australian top-order batsman Chris Lynn is banking on his exploits at last year's T10 tournament in UAE to turn things around and contribute to his IPL team Mumbai Indians.

Lynn, a hard-hitting opener, had a poor run at the recently-concluded Caribbean Premier League han goor concluded Caribbean Premier League han geored less than 150 runs in nine games for St Kitts and Nevis Patriots. However, the 30-year-old was the highest run-getter at last year's T10 league in UAE. He amsseed 371 runs for Maratha Arabians and also smashed the highest individual score of 91 off 30 balls.

"I have got some really good memories from the T10 tournament last year here in Abu Dhabi, so hopefully just reconnect with what worked for me there and hopefully put some performaces on the board, he said.

However, Lynn will find it difficult to break into the MIS playing XI with coach Jayawardene already making it clear that he will not tin-ker with the opening combination of Rohit Sharma and Quinton de Kock.

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The Australian said he is ready to bat at any position that Mumbai Indians coach Mahela Jayawardene deems fit. "Rohit! what a world class player, runs on the board, on and off the field what he's contributed to Mumbai is something really really special. And Quinny (De Kock) has been outstanding with the gloves and bat in hand," Lynn said in a video posted on Mumbai Indians official I witter handle.

"I am always Bumrahs fan since he burst onto the scene some years ago. He has got a different bowling action, he pushes the ball in, and can swing the ball both ways. He is good with the new ball but I like him with the old ball and thats why he can fill the shoes of Malinga and can bowl at death overs," he said.

"He can bowl at 140kmph and zoom the ball in at the batsman's feet. He is bowling the yorkers consistently and there are very less bowlers like that, so he can fill those shoes."

Lee, who has 310 wickets in

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Lee, who has 310 wickets in 76 Tests and 380 scalps in 221 ODIs, said he considers Mumbai Indians in his top four.

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Sindhu pulls out of Denmark Open

New Delhi: Olympic Silver medal-list PV Sindhu on Thursday pulled out of the Denmark Open tourna-ment scheduled to be held in

Odense from October 13 to 18.

"Sindhu is not playing in Denmark, she has pulled out," a source in the Gopichand Academy told PTI.

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The BAI had on Tuesday written to the players who have sent their entries for the Denmark Open, stating that they would be "travelling or participating at their own responsibility due to the current pandemic" and "have to send their consent within September 17".

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Though Sindhu decided against travelling to Denmark, she plans to participate in the Asia Open-I and Asia Open-II scheduled to be held in November.

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Kidambi Srikanth, Lakshya
Sen and Subhankar Dey were
among those players who have sent
their consent letters and will be
participating in the super 750

nt. Saina Nehwal and Parupalli Kashyap have also sent their con-sent letters but will take a final cal nearer to the date of the tourna-ment.

on Star Sports show Game Plan. "With Santner, Jadeja needs to step up and be the No 1 spinner and CSK have got great variety and none of the spinners are same, so they are at an advantage for the conditions in the UAE as the tournament progresses." Four-time winners Mumbai Indian will Four-time winners Mumbai Indian will miss the services of their bowling spearhead Lasith Malinga who opted out of the tournament citing personal reasons. However, the 43-year-old Lee saidh e has no doubts that Jasprit Bumrah will be able to fill in the shoes of the experienced seam-

New Delhi: Former Australian speedster Brett Lee has tipped three-time champions Chennai Super Kings to win the 13th IPL, saying the variety in their spin departmen gives them an advantage in the UAE condi-

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"They (CSK) are up there. I have picked them to win and I think CSK have a good chance because of their spin attack," Lee said

Spurs avoid embarrassing exit

AFP LONDON

Tottenham scored twice in the final 10 minutes

In the final 10 minutes to avoid a humiliating Europa League exit to Lokomotiv Plovdiv as Jose Mourinho's men came from behind to beat the nine-man Bulgarians 2-1 on Thursday.

Harry Kane's penalty and Tanguy Ndombele's winner five minutes from time ensured the 2019 Champions League final-ists did not fall at the first hurdle of their Europa League campaign to a side that have never progressed beyond the qualifying stages of European competition.

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"I think it was a helluva experience for the players. Sometimes in football miracles happen and when you play a knockout, one-control experience for tempario." you play a knockout, one-leg it is the perfect scenario for a miracle to happen," said Mourinho. "Everyone on their side had the moment where they dream and we had the



moment where we believed

moment where we believed a nightmare could arrive." Mourinho named a strong side featuring Kane, Hugo Lloris and Son Heung-min with just four changes from Sunday's 1-0 defeat to Everton to start their Premier League campaign.

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But there was more evidence why Spurs are

desperate to secure Gareth Bale's return on loan from Real Madrid as they strug-gled to break Plovdiv down

gled to break Plovdiv down and went behind to Georgi Minchev's header 19 min-utes from time. The tie swung back in Spurs favour nine minutes later when Momchil Tsvetanov punched clear off his own line and the ref-eree had no option but to point to the spot and send Tsvetanov off.

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Birsent Karagaren was
then also shown a second
yellow card before Kane
dispatched the spot-kick
into the top corner.
Ndombele has struggled for game time under
Mourinho despite being
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match winner by bundling
home from close range.
A trip to Macadonia
next week to face KF
Skhendija faces Mourinho's
men in the third qualifying
round.

Liverpool finally signs Thiago

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i Liverpool completed the signing a Lord Thiago Alcantara from Bayern Munich on Friday, bringing in one of the world's most technically gifted players to add another and the seven-year spell at Bayern by moving for an initial fee of 20 million pounds (\$25 million), with a potential additional 5 million pounds (\$5.5 million) later.

"My decision is purely of a sporting nature, the Spain international said in a video announcing his departure from Bayern.

"As a football player, 1 seek new Challenges to develop myself further. Bayaria will always be my home."

Thiago, whose father is former Frazil midfielder Mazinho, leaves Bayern as a European Cup winner, his last match being the 1-0 victory over Paris Saintiverpool completed the signing of Thiago Alcantara from

Germain in the Champions League final in August. He also won seven straight Bundesliga titles with

straight Bundesliga titles with Bayern.
"When the years are passing, you are trying to win as much as you can — and when you win, you want to win more." Thiago said.
"I think this club describes what I am as well. I want to achieve all of the goals, win as many trophies as possible."

At Liverpool, he will add a more creative edge — nurtured at Barcelona's famed La Masia academy — to a midfield that cur-

emy — to a midfield that cur-rently is more notable for its energy and intensity through hard-running players like Jordan Henderson, Georginio

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Thiago — with his technique, touch and vision — will provide Liverpool with more control in midfield, too, allowing manager Juergen Klopp to adopt a different approach in certain games.