

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB Tender Notice No. BCSM/26 dated 24.09.2020 Department: The Bhogpur Cooperative Sugar Mills Ltd., Bhogpur Sealed Tenders are invited for the following:		
(Sealed Tender)		Quantity
S.No.	Item	
A.	Supply Items	As per NIT
B.	Job work	As per NIT
C.	Sale of Press Mud	As per NIT

Closing Date & Time : 13.10.2020 at 05:00 PM for Supply Items,
 13.10.2020 at 05:00 PM for Job work & Sale of Press Mud.
Opening Date & Time : 15.10.2020 at 11:00 AM for Supply Items,
 16.10.2020 at 11:00 AM for Job work & Sale of Press Mud.
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Note : For any enquiry / help regarding sealed tenders contact on 99151-12559. Any corrigendum (s) to the Tender Notice shall be published on the above website only.

GENERAL MANAGER

मंत्री आदमपुर (हिसार)
सूचना
 उपरोक्त समिति के सभी सदस्यों को सूचित किया जाता है कि समिति के निर्देशानुसार का चुनाव होने जा रहा है। जिसके लिए Tentatively 05 अप्रैल, 2020 साराणी का बुधवार है। जिसका आयोजन समिति कायावस्था मंत्री आदमपुर, सहायक निरक्षरता सहायक निरक्षरता हिसार, निरीक्षण सहायक निरक्षरता मंत्री आदमपुर व अग्रोहा, ही हिसार जिला सेंट्रल को-ऑपरेटिव बैंक शाखा मंत्री आदमपुर के कार्यालय में किया जा चुका है। अतः सोच समीच में किसी भी सदस्य को कोहलवाला/जिला/सिटी के तो वाह निम्नान 8 अक्टूबर 2020 तक समिति के कार्यालय में दाखल करना सकता है। अपने पते पर 20 अक्टूबर 2020 को सांप्रदायिक बजो इत्यादी सुनवाई होगी।
 दी मंत्री आदमपुर सहकार
 मंत्री निरक्षा
 निरक्षण समिति नि
प्रत्यक्ष
मंत्री आदमपुर

BEFORE SH. MANISH KUMAR LOHAN, HCS, ASSISTANT ESTATE OFFICER, EXERCISING THE POWERS OF THE ESTATE OFFICER, U. CHANDIGARH

Subject - Transfer of ownership rights to extent of 40% share in respect of House No. 2139, Sector 21/C, Chandigarh (RP-368).

In the name of Smt. Karuna Mohan Walte Sh. Ashok Kumar Mohan, on the basis of Un-Registered Will of Late Sh. Ashok Kumar Mohan dated 02.02.2017.

It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office the property known as House No.2139, Sector 21/C, Chandigarh, to the extent of 40% share, stands in the name of Sh. Ashok Kumar Mohan.

The Farmers Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, 2020 passed by the Parliament is a not far from bill which is not only provide better marketing facilities to the farmers to sell their produce but also a long way in achieving the target of Union Government to double the farmers income, Himachal Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur said on Thursday.

Talking to reporters, the Chief Minister said that APMCs and Marketing Boards would continue to function as usual and grants in aid to the APMC market yards will continue. He said that Bill would create additional trading opportunities outside the APMC market yards to help farmers in getting better prices. He said that it would also help in the development of mandi infrastructure in the State besides improving market access for the farmers by farm

ing the consent of the President, the Act would help in introduction of new technologies in the farm sector through private investment. He said that the buyers and sellers who directly purchased farm produce from the farmers would not have to pay any market fee or cess. It will motivate reputed agri business companies to purchase directly from the farm fields, he added.

The Chief Minister said that focus would be on electronic mode of transactions which would help in meeting the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi regarding National One Market. He said that it would usher in development of cold chain infrastructure in the State as licensing would be deregulated which would ensure ease of doing business and investment in the agro processing sector.

Accusing the Congress

said that the Act would give price assurance of farm produce to the farmer at the time of sowing with better income options. He said that the farmers would be motivated to grow more and meet the demand of the market. Thakur said the Central Government was committed for socio-economic upliftment of the farming community and has initiated several schemes for their betterment.

ATAL TUNNEL WILL STRENGTHEN SECURITY OF THE NATION, SAYS CM

Ahead of the proposed visit of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the State, Jai Ram Thakur on Thursday presided over a meeting of officers of Kullu district in Manali. He said the construction of Atal Tunnel Rohtang will strengthen the security of the State and will be a long way for throughout the year movement in this strategically important border area.

LOST AND FOUND	I. Rulda Ram S/o Pala Ram R/o	I. No. 10199179L, Hav. Gagan	I. Satyam S/o Ajay Kumar
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I. It is notified for the information that my Original Qualifying examination certificate of main examination held under the Class Examination of Year 2013 by Roll No. 221860 was issued by the Board of Secondary Education, Government of Karnataka Mainur Kuc District Singh Rao Village Fatehpur P.O., Bulewadi District Hosihpur P.O.

II. It is notified for the information that my original qualifying examination certificate of main examination held under the Class Examination of Year 2013 by Roll No. 221860 issued by CBSE has been actually lost. Deepthi Mehta D.P. Mehra R/o #1034, 9872151232, Pondicherry, India.

III. It is notified for the information that my original Passing certificate of my graduation from the year 2006 and Roll No. 2142073 issued by CBSE has been actually lost. Name of the candidate Anand Kumar S/O Ramesh Sharma, Resident of H.No. 36, Thane Enclave, Near Marolli Nagar, Chawli Chowk, Kharakhera, Haryana.

IV. **Bhajan Lal Sharma** Son Madan Lal Sharma No. 1493432N Ratan

V. **Marksda** (**Kurukshetra**) disown my son Gundeep Kumar and his wife Renuka Kumari as they are not immovable properties, because they are out of my control. Anybody dealing with them at their own risk.

VI. **Narresh So Sh. Amichand** and **Sonpal** (**Haryana**) disown my son **Narresh** and his wife **Sonpal** (**Haryana**) as they are not immovable properties, because we disown them from my all moveable immovable property and body deals with them at their own risk.

VI. **No. 4485547A, Sep,** **Gurmeh Singh** (**Punjab**) disown my son **Chit** (**Punjab**) C/o 99 Aro Village Khanpur Po Patel Nagar Telsah and Dass Raj Khosla (**Punjab**) as they are not in said unit in the service record Date of birth of my Father is Written as 17/03/1954 instead of Correct Date of Birth of my father is 17/03/1954. Date of birth of my mother is written as 13/02/1959 in my Service Record whereas the correct Date of birth is 15/06/1956.

1. **Arjun Nupur Bedini Anandpur**
 Sahn Datt Ropar State
 changed my name to Arjun
 of my minor son Manat Sandal to
 Manat Sandal

2. **I, Babita Bala Dine Hem**
 Bari DO No 395426W, Late Har
 Singh, changed my name to
 Tehsil Daswala Distt. Hoshiarpur
 (Punjab) Declared that I have
 changed my name Babita Rani to
 Babita Bala

3. **I, Anil Gupta DO Prem Chand**
 RD 237, Sector 7, Parkville has
 changed my name from Anil Gupta
 to Prem Chand

4. **I Priya Wills Sh. Hardeep Khara**
 DO No. 1388, Hardeep Khara
 Colony, Sec-14, Sonapat has
 changed my name from Manjio
 Manjio to Priya Wills Hardeep
 Khara for all future purpose.

5. **I, Aman Viry Dattesh Singh**
 DO No 1922 Village Khara Sta
 Ra, Kakra, Distt. Panchkula, has
 changed my name to Amandeep
 Kaur.

6. **I, Ankita Jha Dhan Rank**
 Noida, Distt. UP, has changed
 my name to Ankita Jha Rank

7. **Arjun Gata Ashok Nagar, Shivpur**
 Road, Karnal has changed my
 name from Satyam Khanjan to
 Satyam.

8. **I, Arvinder W/o Ajay Kumar**
 Shivpur RD H.No. 1815956, Shpur
 Arjun Gata Ashok Nagar, Shivpur
 Road, Karnal has changed my
 name from Arvinder Kaur to
 Arvinder.

9. **I, Tehal Kaur W/o Wala W/o**
 Bhupinder Singh RD Ward No-11,
 Sector-14, Sonapat, Distt. Hoshiarpur
 Khanna (Ludhiana) Changed my
 name to Tehalpreet Kaur

10. **I Anupama & Anupama**
 Bhardswai W/o Nand Lal, Distt. Ro
 District Jalandhar Gurgaon Tehsil
 District Jalandhar Punjab Kharan
 To Two Names

11. **I, Dilman Kaur W/o Anandpal**
 Singh DO No. 10, Kurali, Distt.
 Khari (Mohali) changed my name
 from Dimpri Arora to Dilman Kaur
 after marriage.

12. **I, Munish Kumar S/O Chander**
 Singh DO No. 10, H.No. 14, Street
 No. 1, Dhawan Colony, Ferozepur

and informed the names of all the legal heirs of deceased as under:-
Karuna Mohan S
Aditya Mohan S
However, if anybody has any information about any others legal heirs of the deceased other than those mentioned above, the same may be intimated to the Estate Office U.T., Chandigarh immediately.
If anybody has any objection upon mutation of the said property in favour of above named applicant they may furnish writing in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the said share in the said property will be mutated accordingly and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained at any stage.
Sh. Manish Kumar Lohia
HCS, Assistant Estate Officer

To build up the learning ability of anganwari-going toddlers stuck at home and guide them to learn at home, the Government of Punjab has launched a series of programmes. The first of these is the 'Digital Parent Margdarshak Program'. Chaudhary sent the first batch of 100 Digital Parent Secretary Raj P Shrivastava, who further forwarded the same to margdarshaks COVID-19 pandemic, Punjab Social Security, Women and Child Development Minister Aruna Chaudhary on Thursday formally launched the Digital Parent Margdarshak Program'. Chaudhary sent the first batch of 100 Digital Parent Secretary Raj P Shrivastava, who further forwarded the same to margdarshaks

We Raj Kumar Sharma So late Shri Ram Rakshash Sharma & Poonam Sharma We Raj Kumar Sharma R/o #60, Sector 25, Subhash Singh R/o House No. 691, Sector 52-A, Chandigarh. My wife Khana and his wife Kanika Khana are out of our control. We disown them from our movable and immovable property. My body deals with them at their own risk.

I, Sube Singh So Giani Ram Flat No. 501 GH1, Sector-27, Panchkula declare that my son Anam Kajayan is out of my control. I disown him from my movable and immovable property. My body deals with him at his own risk.

I, Kulwinder Singh So Subhash Singh R/o House No. 691, Sector 52-A, Chandigarh have changed my minor daughter's name from Behaght Kar to Sehaq Kar.

Dr. N. 15449238K Sep Aml Kumar Dated that my brother name is Womara. My body records as Swatantra while his correct name is Swatantra Kumar and his DOB is 26-Nov-2000.

but my correct one is Ponnam Singh. Concerned note.

I. Ranjina Wiy Satish Kumar R/o Poo Mathana, Tehsil Thanekar (Kulkurkathi) have changed her name to Ranjina to Rajni Bala after marriage. Ranjina and Rajni Bala are one and same person.

I. Akshay Sharma S/O Sanjay Kumar Sharma R/O Bt-11771, O/o Janta Dhaba, Model Town, P.O. Chakraborty, Dist. Patna, State of Bihar 800002. Date of Birth 07/02/2002. According to My Birth Certificate is True And Correct.

I. Sheela Garg Wiy Vinod Kumar

Name To Karamjit Kaur Sidhu.

I. Nasib Singh S/O Sarda S/O Gurnail Singh R/O Village Jannan Dist-Fatehgarh Chaudhary. My Minor Daughter's Name is Gurnail Kaur To Sahajdeep Kaur Sidhu.

I. Kulkarni Singh S/O Man Singh R/o W-10, Gadomara, Teh. Rapura (Patana) In My Passport My Wife Name Wrongly Entered Gurnail Kaur. But Correct Name is Gurnail Kaur.

I. Smt. Surinder Kaur W/O Amrik Singh And Mother of No.44/2552N Haveli Haveli Singh S/O Poo Satnath Tehsil

Executive Engineer, Electrical
firms/contractors enlisted with
the XEN (1)Tender documents
and set of terms and con
contractor/firms whose ten
documents can be seen in t
to 4.00 PM except on Sund
who are not registered and
cleared all the dues on acc
documents(3) The contract
and taxation department of
Tenders placed in sealed en
the envelope will be receive
authorized representative in
any. (5)The earnest money

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Accusing the Congress of playing a double game, Sukhbir said after taking an oath in the name of the Takt Sahib and the Dasam Pitah, Chief Minister Capt Amarninder Singh did not implement any of the promises made by him except one – which was to amend the State APMC Act

Sharma and his wife Kanika are out of our control. I have no movable/immovable properties. Anybody deals with them at their own risk.

I, **Sube Singh So Giani Ram** (Haryana) declared that my son **Panchulu** declare that my son **Aman Kalyan** is out of my control. I have no movable/immovable properties. Anybody deals with him at his own risk.

I, **Trishvahu So S.B. Baj Nath** (Haryana) declared that my son **Patel** & my daughter **Neha** are all my movable/immovable property as well as my son **Patel** is in the future, if anybody deals with them he/she will do at their own risk.

I, **Sukpal Singh So Nihal Singh** (Haryana) declared that my son **Sojeet Singh** and his wife **Shila** are out of my control. I have no movable/immovable properties. I have no future. If anybody deals with them shall do their own risk in future.

I, **Kulwinder Singh So S.K. Sukhdev Singh** (Haryana) declared that my daughter's name is **Satwanta** who is married to **Shahjeet Kumar** from **Bahagpetur Kaur to Sehaj Kaur**.

I, **No. 15449220K Sep An** **Kumar** declared that my brother **Hardeep Singh** is out of my records as **Satwanta** with his correct name is **Satwanta** Kumar and his wife is **Shila**.

I, **No.268822Bn Ex. NK Rohan** **Lal** **Sio** **Mahar** **Deen** **Ro** **Shan** **Saltunpur** **Tehsi** **Hansi** **Haryana**) declared that as per my records my son **Hardeep Singh** is **Satwita**. In my son's School Certificate his name is **Sunbha** **Hardeep Singh** and his wife is **Shila**.

I, **Triptuna** **Neharika** **W/o** **Murti** **Gantosh** **Kumar** **Ro** **Door** **No** **6-54A**, **Venkatsapur** **Village** **Chandrapur** **Tehsil** **Warangal** **Dist** **Warangal** **Andhra Pradesh** **Pin** **535270**, **A.P** hereby declare that I have no movable/immovable properties. **Neharika** to **Murti** **Neharika** for all future purposes.

I, **No. 17042650K Rank Rek** **Sharma** declared that my son **Hardeep Singh** is out of my control. I have no movable/immovable properties. Anybody deals with him at his own risk.

name Ranganja to Rani Balu after marriage. Ranganja and Rani Balu is a married couple and their son is

A. Akshay Sharma S/O Sanjay Kumar Sharma DOB: 8-11-1971 C/O Janta Dhaba, Model Town, P.N.B. Distt. Haridwar, Uttarakhand India. On 07/02/2002 According to My Birth Certificate is True And Correct

S. Sheela Gangai Vio Vinod Kumar R/o T-2/2 HUDA Ponds, Tahsil Pundi District Kathal declares that I have changed my name from Sangeeta Sharma to Sangeeta Devi. Am concerned please note.

I. Sangeeta Shripant Khot, Spouse of No. 15325371Y. Hav. Khat. Dated 01/06/2013. Regt Cio 56 Aapo Have changed my name from Sangeeta to Sangeeta Shripant Khot.

I. Siddhi Shripant Khot, Daughter of No. 15325371Y. Hav. Khat. Dated 01/06/2013. Regt Cio 56 Aapo Have changed my name from Siddhi Shripant Khot.

I. Siddhi Shripant Khot,

Kaur to Balraj/Kaur Sidhu.

I. Kulwant Singh R/o Man Singh R/o Viji. Gadomah, Teh Rapura (Punjab) District Doshiwal. Name Wrongly Entered Gurmat Kaur But Correct Name is Gurmeet Kaur

I. Smt. Surinder Kaur W/o Amrik Singh And Mother of No.44252650 Hav Rani Singh R/o Viji. Gadomah, Teh Rapura (Punjab) District Doshiwal. Name Wrongly Entered Gurmat Kaur But Correct Name is Gurmeet Kaur

I. Kritika Rani D/O Shashi R/o Rani Ward No.08 Balachaur Tehsil Balachaur District: S.B.S. Distt. Jalandhar Punjab India. To Kritika Rani D/O Shashi Kaur.

I. Chhambher Singh Maan S/O Balvir Singh R/o Viji. Hakam Singh Vaidi Chaur, Bathinda Have changed My Name to Chhambher Singh

I. Pragati W/o Rajesh Kumar Lathoria R/o 605/80 Gurga Nans Noida Distt. Haryana India. Lathoria Have Changed Name Noida

documents can be seen in it from 4.00 PM except on Sundays and public holidays. The persons who are not registered under the Public Information Act shall be cleared all the dues on account of documents.(3) The contractor shall submit the documents and taxation department of the Government of Karnataka. The tenders placed in sealed envelopes shall be received by the authority on the day of the opening. (5) The earnest money of the contractor on account of any of the post of the company with the tenderer shall be sold/received and the contractor who quote two or more tenders shall be rejected. (8) The competent authority shall have the right to reject any or all the tenders. The tender forms shall be sold/received and the money in any of the prescribed forms shall be sold/received. Tender documents.

(i) Last date of receipt of tenders
(ii) Date of sale of tenders
(iii) Last date of receipt of tenders
(iv) Date of bid opening:-

Work No.(1) C/O MG ER

who has no registration/certificate with Excise & Stamps will not be issued the tender documents (4) Envelope with name of work and due date written on it by the XEN and will be opened by him or his authorised officer (5) The tender must be submitted in the shape of NSC/Tender deposit account/savings account (6) XEN duly pledged in favour of XEN must be in the separate envelope. The tenders without this envelope will be rejected. (6) In case of holiday, the tenders will be opened on the next working day.(7)Tenders of more than two rates for any item of work shall be disallowed on behalf of Governor of HP reserves the tenders received without assigning any reason. (8) The contractor shall submit the tender in sealed mode simultaneously at the time of sale of the central Bills... If the CM has any courage, he should call a special session of the State Assembly to discuss the amendment to the APMC Act besides making the entire State a Principal Yard to ensure the new Agricultural Bills concerning private trade would not be applicable in Punjab," he said.

He appealed to SAD workers to hold protest in Punjab on Friday as part of the 'chakka jam' protest. This would be followed by a 'Kisan March' from all three Takhts on October 1, he said. Harsimrat, addressing the gathering, said that she had written an adverse noting on the file when the draft ordinance was shared with the Ministers. Subsequently, I had written an adverse noting in the ordinances when they were discussed

1. Village Kot Jagraj Po Kalai Bala
 Dist Gurudaspur declared as
 in documents, name of my late
 father is written as Waryam Singh
 Sandhu while in other documents it
 is recorded as Waryam Singh. The
 name of my late father is Waryam
 Sandhu is one and the same person
 i.e. my deceased father.
 Concerned note

1. Kaptan Sio Shadu Ram
 Dist. Jalandhar
 Chandigarh. My daughter Seema
 and her husband Rishi out of my
 control. I disown them from my
 control. I have no claim on them.
 Anybody deal with them at their
 own risk.

1. Dareshan Singh Sio Bhag
 Singh Siro Village Tibba, Ludhiana
 declare that my son Teprsing Singh
 is out of my control. I disown them from
 my control. I disown them from my
 all movable/immovable properties.
 Anybody deals with them do so at
 their own risk.

Record my Brother Name wrongly
 as Waryam Raj Please correct it
 Aryan Raj

1. Hom Bahadur pun shrees
 service no JC13126F ran
 No/Su2/4 GR Resident of village
 Daga/Di Po Kasmint Anchal
 Dist. Jalandhar
 I have changed my daughter's name
 from Bhumakal pun shrees to
 Bhaskika pun shrees vide affidavit
 dated 20-03-2020 All concerns
 please note

1. Taruna Rawal Wo Rajesh
 Kaul and Do Tej Kishan Rawal R/o
 #6, Sector-11, Panchkula (Haryana)
 have changed my name from
 Taruna Rawal to Taruna Rawal
 Kaul.

1. Gai Gunjan Khanna Raju,
 daughter of Rav Raj khanna, holder
 of PAN card No. AEPK10000000
 issued at Chandigarh on June 28,
 2010, permanent resident of India
 and presently residing at 369

born from Riddhi Siddhi Shripast Khat.
 N. 153030808 LNS Deepak Kumar
 Kumar S/O Late Ramesh Chandra
 Changed my name from Prabhavati
 Bhadri to Mahadevi Bhadri. My
 name was changed in 1959. My
 Service Records is 1959.

N. 10 14621710H EX HAV Rajiv
 Kumar S/O Late Ramesh Chandra
 RO Village Shampur Gate Sujanpur
 (Khat Mohala) Post Office
 Sujanpur Tehsil Dist Patna
 (Punjab) Have Changed The Name
 Of My Wife From Sunam To Sunan
 Dattam 30/06/2000 Before Executive
 Magistrate Patna.

N. 10 14621710H EX HAV Rajiv
 Kumar S/O Late Ramesh Chandra
 RO Village Shampur Gate Sujanpur
 (Khat Mohala) Post Office
 Sujanpur Tehsil Dist Patna
 (Punjab) Have Change The Name
 Of My Wife From Sunam To Sunan
 Dattam 30/06/2000 Before Executive
 Magistrate Patna.

RO R/H No-28/IIA Galt No-3
 Khat Mohala R/O Late
 Rudhama
 Daughter's Name Rita Galt To Rita
 Singh

Haramsingh Singh S/O Jagdev
 Singh
 Mohalsi P/O Thumalsi
 (Moga) Have Changed My Name To
 Haramsingh Sir

I Amadep Singh S/O Bastes
 Singh RO No-524, W.No-25,
 Nehtu, College Road Pattnakot
 Post Office, Tehsil and Distt
 Pattnakot, Punjab Have Changed
 My Name To Amadep Singh
 Sidhu

I, N014807611H EX HAV
 Rakesh S/O Late Ratan Chandra
 S/O Late Ramesh Chandra, 71 Galt
 No 29 Near Chhatkank Station, Nehtu
 Nagar, College Road Pattnakot
 Post Office, Tehsil and Distt
 Pattnakot, Punjab Have Changed
 the name of my son from Vishal to
 Vishal Kumar vide affidavit no 1831
 dated 24.06.2002 before executive
 magistrate Pattnakot.

Rs.350/NR
Work No.(2) C/O Mother and mother and child at Shimla Rs.4,18,500/-Earning money
Work No.(3) C/O Mother and mother and child at Shimla (5 display board therein)Estimated time 6 months. Cost of form
Work No.(4) C/O Vikas Bhai Providing MCCB and vbaal Earning money Rs.10,000/-
Work No.(5) Providing in Division HPPWD Rampur Bhai money Rs.10,000/-Time 3 m

Note: Work appearing at 3 m/firms who have already executed are attached with the application

Executive Engineer,
Elect. Division No.II
HPPWD Shimla-2

09.10.2020 AT 11.30 A.M

Chandigarh: That My Son Vikash
Driman and his wife Mrs. ~~_____~~
_____ ~~_____~~ _____
_____ ~~_____~~ _____
Control. I disown my Moveable
immovable properties, if any body
deals with them, they will be self
responsible.

I, **Manmohan Kohli** S/o **Sh.**
C.L. Kohli C/O # 1163, Sector 37-B
Chandigarh declare that my
youngest son **Nain Kohli** residing at
_____ ~~_____~~ _____
out of my control. I disown him from
all movable / immovable property
deals made with them will do so
at all cost.

I, **Babita Lal** Widow of **Hemant**
Babji C/O **Chandipool** Late **Har**
Sansar Singh Resident of **P.O. Koi**
Tehsil Dasuya Dist. **Hoshiarpur**
(Pb) Declared That I Have
no share in Name **Babita Ran** T.
Babita Babi.

Executive Magistrate Pathankot	<div data-bbox="612 1953 667 1957" style="text-align: center;">Disclaimer</div> <p>The Pioneer does not take responsibility for the contents for the advertisement (Display/ Classified) carried in this newspaper. The paper does not endorse the same. Readers are requested to verify the contents on their own.</p> <div data-bbox="612 1989 711 1995" style="text-align: center;">Classified Advertisement Contact : 94174-19351</div>
<p>I, Sanjiv Kumar S/o Ramesh Chander Ohri R/o Patti Gillan Di, VPO Jamsheer Khas, Jalandhar, Punjab-144020 have changed my name to Sanjiv Ohri.</p>	
<p>I, Gurmrit Kaur S/o Chandu Ram R/o H.No.53, Ward No.10, Moh. Arya Nagar, Kantarpur, Dist. Jalandhar (144801) have changed my name to Gurmurt Ram</p>	
<p>I, Jagat Singh S/o Bawa Singh R/o VPO Mand, Tehsil and Distt. Jalandhar-144013, Punjab have changed my name as Joga Singh.</p>	
<p>I, Gurpreet Singh S/o Bawa Singh R/o VPO Mand, Tehsil and Distt. Jalandhar-144013, Punjab have changed my name as Joga Singh.</p>	

Public is informed that KICF Bank Ltd., proposed a loan to Geetha Mahotra Viji Ashw Mahotra on Property situated at House bearing vala raksha sonapat Patti Musamir, Shiv Gokhale registered in Khara No. 2250 owned by S. Deed Deed 2201/2020 bearing Khara No. 11 Tehsil & Dist. Sonapat. Earlier title chain is 19 Deed 08/06/2011 bearing Vala No. 2904 executed by Dharmpatil Son Prabha Ram in favour of Smt. Balaji Sh. Rajesh has been lost and this DDR No. 132390152000570 dated 10/07/2020 has been lodged. Any prevails having any claim, right, by way of sale, gift, inheritance, mortgage, charge attachment, otherwise, shall bring the same to the notice of undersigned with in fifteen days failing which claim will be considered and entertained. Advd
Raj Kishan Sangwan H.No. 111

Rs. 6400/- lime - 6 months. Cost of form Rs. 350/NN
child hospital at Kakra Nehru state hospital for
Providing video operating device and erection of
Cost of Rs. 3.31,998/- Earnest money Rs. 6700/-
Rs. 350/NN
Nayan at Kothkai in Tehsil Kothkai Distt. Shimla (SH-
provide work therein) Estimated cost Rs.4,98,029/-
6 months Cost of form Rs.350/NN
over 15KVA capacity in National Highway
Distt. Shimla Estimated cost Rs.4,96,772/- Earnest
money Rs. 6700/- Earnest money Rs. 350/NN

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FARMERS' BANDH CALL

Farmers begin 3-day Rail Roko agitation in Punjab; total bandh today

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

The farmers' struggle against the Centre's three agricultural bills began on Thursday with a three-day 'Rail Roko' campaign. Besides, the representatives of various farmers' organizations and protesters have planned to block the roads and railway tracks at 125 places across Punjab on Friday, while making it clear that the protests would be "peaceful".

In a first of its kind development, a total of 31 farmers' organizations of Punjab have come under one umbrella to protest against the new farm laws, announcing 'Punjab Bandh' on September 25.

The farmers' protest has received a strong and united response from all sections of the society, including the political parties except the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which have announced to extend their support and participate in the bandh.

As per information from

across the state, the call for bandh has received positive response from various unions of truckers, buses, tempos, employees, youngsters, students, labourers, and others," said Darshan Pal, a representative of all farm unions.

It was not added that as per their initial estimates, rail tracks and roads would be blocked at around 125 locations across various districts of Punjab. "We request all to block roads and rail tracks peacefully and not to respond to any call for violence as miscreants might try to create problems during bandh. The locations of bandh could be increased as per the demands of members of various organizations," he added.

As the farmers began their three-day rail roko agitation on Thursday, the Railways suspended several trains to avoid any untoward incident.

The call for 'rail roko' was given by the Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee (KMS) and different farmers' outfits

extended their support to it. Activists of Bharatiya Kisan Union (Eka Ugrahan) squatted on rail tracks in Barnala and Sangrur on Thursday morning. Farmers, under the banner of the Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee, have decided to squat on rail tracks near Devipur village in Amritsar and Basti Tanka wala in Ferozepur.

The Railways official said: "14 pairs of special trains will remain suspended from September 24 till 26. The decision has been taken keeping in mind the safety of passengers and protection of railway property from any damage."

Among the trains that will remain suspended are the Golden Temple Mail (Amritsar-Mumbai Central), Jan Shatabdi Express (Haridwar-Amritsar), New Delhi-Jammu Tawi, Karambhoomi (Amritsar-New Jalpaiguri), Sachkhand Express (Nanded-Amritsar) and Shaheed Express (Amritsar-

Jaynagar), officials said. Many freight and parcel trains have also been rescheduled.

Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee president Satnam Singh Pannu said that they have appealed to representatives of political parties, Ministers, MPs and MLAs not to take part in the farmers' agitation. "We are getting support from various sections, including government employees and labourers," he added.

The farmers decided to gherao BJP leaders and socialists who boycotted those who voted in favour of the farm Bills.

At the same time, the farmer leaders have appealed to the rural medical practitioners to be ready for supporting the emergencies as a large number of women are taking part in the protests.

"The protest will be further intensified on September 26 as farmers will block rail tracks in Nabha, Tarn Taran, Pathankot, Fazilka, Kapurthala

and Jalandhar districts too," said the committee's state general secretary, Sarwan Singh Pandher.

The Railways has decided to cancel 28 trains from Amritsar and Ferozepur stations from 6 am on Thursday in view of the safety of passengers.

The trains have been partially cancelled and short terminated till September 26 as protesters blocked rail tracks at various places, including Amritsar, Ferozepur, Sangrur, Barnala, Mansa and Nabha, said the Railways official.

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SUPPORT POURS IN

Punjab's 14 former IAS officers have also joined hands to appeal to the Central Government to take immediate initiative and resolve the present crisis in consultation with State Governments and representatives of other stakeholders including agitating farmers.

The former babus maintained that there was no urgency to issue these ordinances when the country was fighting Corona epidemic, and added, "It seems government deliberately chose the timing so that the opposition to these measures is minimal due to fear of Corona...law or instructions issued to combat corona will be hatched in consultation with agitation against these ordinances. In spite of Government calculations, lakhs of farmers and their supporters are on the roads flouting social distancing norms. This may lead to catastrophic situation."

Maintaining that these bills impinge upon the rights of the States as well their finances, the former IAS officers said: "We have also noted with grave anguish and concern the manner in which two bills were passed in Rajya Sabha by 'voice vote' when several members were demanding 'division' (Voting). This does not augur well for our democratic functioning." "Mere reading of the ordinances or bills would reveal that these measures would help the Corporate sector to expand in agriculture. The farmers are agitating against these bills. Most of their concerns and fears are genuine and well founded. We support their demands," submitted a group of retired IAS officers including Dr. Manmohan Singh, Dr. Harkesh Singh Sidhu, Kulbir Singh Sidhu, Gurnihal Singh Peerzada, Gurdev Singh Sidhu, Surinderjit Singh Sandhu, Sukhjit Singh Bains, Manjit Singh Narang, Preet Singh, Capt. Narinder Singh, Tejinder

Singh Dhalviwal, Sukhjit Singh Bains, Raminder Singh, Ujjagar Singh.

Punjab Youth Congress, which on Thursday organized state-wide '8 Vaje 8 Minute Mashal March' in support of the Punjab bandh call of farmers, has also decided to support the agitation. "The PYC members will perform duties during dharanas be it serving water, food or other things needed at the spot," said PYC president Binder Singh Dhillion.

Sikhs' mini parliament Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC), radical Sikh organization Dal Khalsa and seminary Dandmal Takshal have also extended their support to the bandh call. On September 25, Dal Khalsa spokesperson Kanwarpal Singh said, "The people of Punjab, including the political parties, should join hands for the cause. The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) shows its solidarity with farmers' to show solidarity with farmers"

Don't deny admission to students in Govt schools under any situation: Punjab Govt to schools

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

The Punjab Government on Thursday issued instructions to the authorities not to deny admission to the students in Government schools under any situation.

Notably, the enrollment in government schools has hit a record, increased by 15.61 per cent (3,44,986 students) and this is the highest increase in a single year till date.

"Some complaints have received from the parents that their wards have not been admitted in connection with the admission in government schools and asked the school heads to admit such students at their own level. At the same time, the school principals have been directed to get a written request from the parents of the students who do not have the transfer certificate.

mentary, of the State to give admission to the aspirants in the government schools in any case.

He also directed to make appropriate arrangements at the local level in the matter of lack of infrastructure. Schools have also been asked to make proposals to start double shifts where the strength of students is very high.

Earlier, the Education Department had also directed the school heads not to force the students for transfer certificate in connection with their admission in government schools and asked the school heads to admit such students at their own level. At the same time, the school principals have been directed to get a written request from the parents of the students who do not have the transfer certificate.

Capt appeals to all parties in Punjab to fight unitedly against farm bills

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Thursday appealed to all political parties to rise above petty considerations and come on one platform to fight unitedly against the "treacherous" Agriculture Bills that would destroy the farmers of Punjab.

Asserting his commitment to protect the rights of the farmers at all costs, the Chief Minister said that he was ready to lead the political fight against the unconstitutional anti-farmer Bills with all his might.

"I will do what it takes to save my farmers and my State from these dangerous new laws whose implementation will cripple the farming sector and also destroy Punjab's lifeline of Agriculture," he added.

"The Congress has always stood with the farmers and will fight with their shoulder to shoulder, to scuttle the Centre's plans to ruin not just their own

families and the labourers, who toil on the fields day and night to feed the nation, but the entire state of Punjab," said the Chief Minister.

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) led Union Government has stooped to a new low by bringing these Bills, and that too in a totally undemocratic and unparliamentary manner, said Capt Amarinder, adding that his Government, supported by the Punjab Congress, will oppose the legislations tooth and nail in the interest of not just the farmers and the State but the entire country.

Lambasting the Akalis for trying to change the narrative through their concerted and deliberate efforts to transform the 'Punjab V/S Centre' fight into a local political clash for their vested interests, the Chief Minister said that they have changed the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) history, reduced its political role and converted it into a personal fiefdom for their own gains.

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Capt Amarinder dismissed SAD leader Harisamat Kaur Badal's resignation from the Union Cabinet as a mockery of the Akali history of sacrifices, before the Badals hijacked the party and converted it into their personal fiefdom for their own gains.

"Is giving up a berth in the Union Cabinet a sacrifice? The Badals clearly do not know the meaning of 'sacrifice'," he quipped, remarking that SAD leader Sukhbir Badal's latest statement that Akali Dal can

make any sacrifice for farmers. What are you still doing in the anti-farmer NDA government at the Centre, he asked the Akali leader.

Sukhbir's assertion that SAD will not let any corporate enter Punjab if the people make an Akali Dal Government in the State clearly showed that it was all about power, and the entire drama was being enacted by the party to get into the saddle, said the Chief Minister.

Terming SAD's purported U-turn on the Bills as a desperate step taken under political compulsion, when faced with the threat of total eradication from Punjab's political arena, he pointed out that neither Sukhbir nor his wife Harisamat even once opposed the Farm Ordinances at any point till they were presented in the Lok Sabha.

When the duo continued to actively defend the Ordinances as being support-

ive of the farmers," said Capt Amarinder, pointing to Sukhbir's stand at the all-party meeting and his decision to stay away from the State Assembly session at which the resolution opposing the Bills was passed.

All their claims now of being with the farmers in this fight against the Bills are a complete farce, which even the agitating farmers are taking with a pinch of salt, the Chief Minister said.

MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER, ADHERE TO COVID NORMS DURING BHARAT BANDH: CAPT APPEALS TO FARMERS

Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Thursday appealed to the farmers to strictly maintain law and order, and adhere to all COVID safety protocols, during Friday's bandh against the Agriculture Bills.

"While the State Government is fully with the

farmers in their fight against the Bills, and no FIRs will be registered for violation of Section 144, there should be no disturbance of the law and order during the bandh," the Chief Minister said.

He appealed to the farmers to ensure that the citizens of Punjab are not put to any inconvenience during the protest bandh, especially given the COVID crisis in the State.

The Chief Minister also urged the farmers, and other organizations supporting the bandh, to maintain social distancing and wear masks at all times. The State was already in the midst of a surge in COVID-19 cases, and any violation of precautionary norms could lead to the situation spiraling out of control, he warned.

He exhorted the farmers to take full care that the lives and property of the people of Punjab are not endangered due to their agitation.

Khattar launches video module of JJ Act, POCSO Act for hearing impaired

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Thursday launched a video module on Juvenile Justice Act (JJ) and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act for hearing impaired persons.

After launching the video module, Khattar said, "It is a commendable step that Haryana State Commission for Protection of Child Rights is promoting sign language as well as making the hearing impaired persons aware about the Child Protection laws like JJ and POCSO Act. Through these modules, all the hearing impaired people will be able to understand the law and their rights properly."

The Chief Minister said that the Central Government has taken historic decision to introduce common sign lan-



guage in the New Education Policy. On one hand, having a common sign language will make conversation easy for the hearing impaired persons, while on the other, it will also open the way for their success at the national level. He said that the rights given to the hearing impaired persons in the New Education Policy will open the way for their success and development in the coming time.

He said that the Central

and State Governments are working for the upliftment of not only specially abled but for every citizen. The CM said that the Government will make a special policy for the children who are in need of special care and protection. Besides this, policy will also be focused on upliftment of differently abled children, who are living in the Bal Ashram, so that they do not have any problem in various tasks such as reading and writing.

Tomar peddling falsehood, deceitful assurances to promote Centre's conspiracy to ruin farmers: Capt

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Expressing shock at the Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar's atrocious lies over Punjab's and the Congress party's stand on the controversial farm bills, the Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Thursday said that the BJP leader had clearly shed even the pretense of fairness and honesty in pursuit of his party's demonic agenda.

In his desperation to promote the BJP-led NDA government's conspiracy to ruin the farmers, Tomar had thrown all propriety to the winds, spreading disinformation against the Congress in general, and him in particular, by peddling shameless falsehoods, said Capt Amarinder.

Reacting to Tomar's latest remarks on the issue, the Chief Minister termed it a pack of outrageous lies. "The entire

statement of the Union Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister, as part of a reported interview, was nothing more than unsubstantiated allegations, false claims and deceitful verbal assurances, which provided neither any basis nor any reason for trust or belief," said Capt Amarinder.

On Tomar's question as to 'why did he (Captain Amarinder) keep it in his manifesto that APMC will be changed', the Chief Minister said that it was obvious that the minister had not even read the Punjab Congress 2017 manifesto.

The manifesto had clearly promised that "update of APMC Act will be done to ensure direct access of farmers to the national and international markets through digital technology without tinkering with the existing MSP system"

and "Government of India will not be allowed to tinker with the existing MSP system", he pointed.

He said that instead, they will be pushed to effectively implement MSP for other crops, that is Maize, Pulses etc. Further, it had stated that Agriculture Marketing will be upgraded and digitized with a complete ban on utilization of Mandi Board Funds for purposes other than Agriculture Marketing, he added.

Capt Amarinder noted that the manifesto clearly promised in detail, and destroying the tried and tested APMC system to benefit a few corporate cronies, which the BJP-led Government's new farm Bills were designed to do.

Covid-19 claims 22 lives as 1, 698 fresh cases detected in Haryana

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Twenty-two more people died from coronavirus in Haryana on Thursday as 1,698 fresh cases took the State's infection tally to 11,854. So far, Haryana has claimed 1,255 lives in the State. A total of 2063 patients were discharged from different hospitals of the State after recovery.

Of the 22 fatalities on Thursday, four were reported from Panchkula, while three each from Kurukshetra and Ambala; two each from Rohtak, Sirsa, Yamunagar, Kaithal and Faridabad and one each from Karnal and Fatehabad, according to a Health department bulletin.

Among the districts where reported the maximum cases were Gurugram (288).

Punjab reports 1, 793 fresh cases, 76 Covid deaths

Chandigarh: Punjab on Thursday reported 1,793 fresh cases of the novel coronavirus besides 76 deaths, pushing the state's Covid-19 tally to 1,05,220 and death toll to 3,066. Of the death reported in the past 24 hours, highest one casualties were reported from SAS Nagar (Mohali); followed by eight each in Bathinda, Jalandhar, and Kapurthala; seven in Ludhiana; six each in Amritsar and Hoshiarpur; five each in Gurdaspur and Ropar; four each in Patiala and Sangrur; two each in Faridkot, and Tarn Taran; and one each in Mansa, and SBS Nagar (Nawanshahr).

Among the districts, Ludhiana reported maximum 206 fresh in cases in a span of 24 hours, followed by Jalandhar (188), Mohali (169), Bathinda (158), Amritsar (146).

Rising dengue cases amid Covid in Haryana posing serious challenge to Health Deptt: DG Health Services

MANOJ KUMAR ■ CHANDIGARH

With increase in the number of dengue cases being reported amid the current Covid-19 pandemic, the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Haryana is facing a tough challenge.

Even as the State has around 20,000 active cases of Covid-19, dengue cases too have steadily increased from Gurugram, Faridabad, Sonapat, Bhiwani and other parts of the State. Both Covid-19 and dengue have symptoms such as high fever, headache and body pain. Till September 12, a total of 33 confirmed dengue cases were reported in the State but the number of such cases increased to 68 till September 24.

Talking to 'The Pioneer' over the phone, Haryana Director General of Health Services Dr Suraj Bhan Kamboj said that so far, no co-infection of dengue and Covid-19 cases has been reported from any

part of the State. The Dengue test is being done free of cost in government laboratories and in all 27 Dengue Testing Labs are presently functioning. In addition, dengue sampling has also started at Flu corners for suspected Dengue cases in district Bhiwani and Rohtak as mostly cases are reported from these districts. He further said that most cases of Covid-19 and dengue are asymptomatic (about 80 per cent), and in a setting of co-infection one disease might enhance the severity of the other.

"As Doctors often find it difficult to differentiate between the two diseases, we have formed a set of protocols to help them. A new protocol has been developed to help medical professionals distinguish between Covid-19 and dengue, as both have similar symptoms. The protocols will also assist doctors to treat patients diagnosed with both the diseases effectively," he added.

When contacted, Dr Ursha

Gupta, director, Haryana Health services said that about 1,158 Dengue tests have been conducted in the State by the first week of September, 2020 apart from identifying infected beds for Dengue patients. Mosquito proofing of wards and beds is being done in Civil Hospitals. So far, 68 dengue cases have been reported from different parts of the State, which include 29 from Faridabad and 14 from Bhiwani.

"Instructions have been issued to the authorities concerned in Gurugram, Bhiwani and others to ensure dengue cases do not increase in their districts. Moreover, Senior Health officers have been monitoring the prevalence Dengue effectively. To prevent mortality due to Dengue, new initiative i.e. the provision of free Single Donor Platelets (SDP) has been made for dengue patients admitted in Government Hospitals as some dengue patients with severe



thrombocytopenia requires SDP for immediate recovery," she added.

Gupta further said that disease incidence is monitored on a daily basis and a vigil has been kept on the trend of dengue and other vector borne diseases. The Dengue situation is well under control in the State despite the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic situation. She said, "We appeal to the general public

to take up house-hold level activities to prevent mosquito breeding. For example, every Sunday should be considered as Drying Day i.e. emptying of water containers and check other probable mosquito breeding sites like cooler, overhead tanks, drum, discarded utensils, cups, bottles, tyres, pots, fridge tray etc., wear full sleeve clothes and use of mosquito repellents should be done."

Meanwhile, rising cases of dengue amid Covid-19 in Gurugram is posing a challenge to the district Health Department. The contagion of Covid-19 has resulted in the highest number of 1,814 Covid-19 cases and second highest, 167 casualties in Gurugram district where maximum 29 out of 68 dengue cases have been reported.

When contacted, Gurugram district health officers agreed that dengue was a challenge, especially when they were fighting Covid-19. "We held a meeting with all stakeholders to discuss steps to check dengue. Apart from municipal corporation teams that are also working on checking dengue, we have also constituted teams comprising two members each that have an assistant malaria officer (AMO). They have started reporting each sub-division for checking. Apart from that, we have divided the city into two parts and have deputed male

supervisors and multi-purpose health workers, who will monitor the high risk areas," an official said.

He further said that the municipal health workers and breeding checkers have been deputed to survey high risk areas from where cases are coming. They will search for the source of infection and work on source reduction. "Officials will check breeding of mosquitoes by using larvicides. They have also started checking coolers and would ensure that water is not accumulated in the city," he said.

A senior Government Health officer said that most people with dengue and Covid-19 could have mild illness and can recover at home; symptoms usually last a few days, and people tend to feel better after a week. However, both dengue and Covid-19 can cause severe illness that can result in death. The clinical management for people who develop severe illness with either of these two

diseases is quite different, often requiring hospital-based care. Anyone of any age can develop severe illness with dengue or Covid-19. Both infections are more likely to cause complications in adults with underlying chronic conditions, such as diabetes and heart disease.

He further said, "Both the viral diseases do not have any specific antiviral drug or vaccine and therefore the management depends on clinical conditions and symptoms. Both Covid-19 and dengue have unpredictable clinical courses and both generally require hospital monitoring for management."

Most hospitals are busy managing Covid-19 and very little window is open for tackling another disease outbreak. Besides diagnostic and treatment challenges there is "limited experience" in tackling such situations and the "paucity of medical literature on management of such co-infection cases has kept everyone in dark."

CRPF officer martyred in Budgam terror attack

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

A senior officer of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) attained martyrdom in a terror attack in the central Kashmir district of Budgam while a joint team of the security forces eliminated a hardcore terrorist of Al Badr terror outfit in a separate encounter in Machama area of South Kashmir's Awantipora on Thursday. Meanwhile, another operation was launched by the security forces in Sirhama area of Anantnag late Thursday evening after receiving inputs about the presence of terrorists in the area.

Vijayakant tests Covid-19 positive, admitted to hospital

CHENNAI: Film star-turned-politician Vijayakant, founder of DMDK, who was diagnosed with Covid-19 is undergoing treatment in a private hospital in Chennai since September 22. This was announced by the managing director of the hospital MIOT International in Chennai through a release. "Vijayakant tested positive for Covid-19 on September 22. He is completely stable and admitted to MIOT Hospital, Chennai."

Advocate shot dead in Srinagar

Jammu: Less than 24 hours after a Chairman of the Block Development Council in the central Kashmir district of Budgam was shot dead by unidentified terrorists from a close range, a famous Advocate who appeared on TV news channels and participated in a 'Satyagrah' against the Kashmir issue was gunned down in Hawal area of Srinagar on Thursday evening. The deceased Advocate has been identified as Babar Qadri. According to the local police authorities, Advocate Babar Qadri was shot at from a close range and was rushed to

the SKIMS where doctors declared him dead on arrival. Qadri had recently locked horns with his opponents on the social media who often labeled him an agent of 'agencies' in Kashmir valley. In one such case, Qadri had even posted a tweet urging the police authorities to register FIR against one social media user.

"I urge the state police administration to register FIR against this Shah Nazir who has spread the wrong campaign that I work for agencies. This is a true statement can lead to threat to my life."

6,324 new cases in Kerala

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

In yet another sign that the situation arising out of Covid-19 has gone out of control in Kerala, the State on Thursday diagnosed 6,324 persons with the pandemic (the highest number to test positive on a single day till date). Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said that 21 persons died in the State during the last 24 hours due to Covid-19.

Briefing the media on Thursday evening, Vijayan said that there were 45,919 Covid-19 patients across the State as on Thursday. He said that 21 persons died in the State during the last 24 hours due to Covid-19.

Singer SPB's condition critical
Chennai: Tamil Nadu is in a state of anxiety as the health condition of legendary singer S P Balasubrahmanyam (SPB) to friends and fans) deteriorated on Thursday evening, according to the corporate hospital where he had been admitted since August 5 for Covid treatment.

"His condition in the last 24 hours has deteriorated further warranting maximal life support and his condition is extremely critical. The team of experts at MGM Healthcare are closely monitoring his health condition," the health bulletin issued by Dr. Anuradha Baskaran, Assistant Director, Medical Services, MGM Healthcare hospital said.

Thiruvananthapuram district had 875 Covid-19 patients as on Thursday evening. The chief minister disclosed that out of the 6,324 persons tested positive on Thursday, 5,321 Tamil Nadu if this is the trend, according to medical professionals in the State. Tamil Nadu succeeded in containing the number of new patients on Thursday to 5,692 while there were 46, 405 patients across the State.

Monsoon may start withdrawing from west Rajasthan Mon onwards

New Delhi: The India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Thursday southwest monsoon is likely to start withdrawing from west Rajasthan

Monday (September 28) onwards. Hot and humid conditions are also likely to reduce thereafter. Widespread and heavy rain will continue in parts of Bihar, sub-Himalayan West Bengal and some northeastern states till September 26.

Conditions are likely to become favourable for withdrawal of southwest Monsoon from West Rajasthan and adjoining areas around 28th September. The Low Pressure Area lies over central parts of East Uttar Pradesh and the neighbourhood. The associated cyclonic circulation extends up to mid-tropospheric levels. It is likely to move

east-northeastwards to Bihar during next three days," the IMD said. It's been delayed by a week compared to the normal date for commencement of monsoon withdrawal.

This year, monsoon rain over the country is 9% in excess as on Thursday. In September, northwest India recorded a 46.8% rain deficiency while south peninsula received 67.7% surplus rain; east and northeast India received 12.8% surplus rain; central India recorded a 6.1% rain deficiency.

The normal date for commencement of monsoon withdrawal from northwest India is September 17 and for complete withdrawal from the country is October 15, as per the new monsoon onset and withdrawal dates issued by IMD in April this year.

Bengaluru violence: NIA conducts searches at 30 places, arrests key conspirator

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A day after registering two cases in connection with the large-scale violence in Bengaluru in August, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Thursday conducted searches at 30 locations and arrested an alleged key conspirator related to the incident.

The arrested conspirator Sayed Sajid Ali, 44, resident of Bengaluru, alleged to have been involved in the attack on KG Hall Police Station in Bengaluru that took place late in the evening on August 11 resulting in "huge" damage and destruction of public and government property, including damage to the police station building and vehicles parked in its premises and nearby areas.

All works as a recovery agent with a bank and has been absconding since August 11, immediately after the riots.

In addition to the searches, were also conducted at 30 locations in Bengaluru city to unearth the conspiracy behind the attacks on DJ Hall and KG Hall police stations.

"During the searches, airgun, pellets, sharp weapons, iron rods, digital devices, DVs, many SDs & PF-related incriminating documents and materials have been seized," the NIA said in a statement. On Wednesday, pursuant to Union Home Ministry's directions, the NIA took up the investigation of two Bengaluru violence cases registered by the State police at DJ Hall and KG Hall police stations on August 12.

Teenager gangraped in Aligarh

PRADIP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH

A teenager from a village in the Atrali police station area was taken hostage and raped for three days by two youths and they escaped after throwing her in the field of berries. Angry teenagers' relatives reached the police station along with dozens of villagers and demanded action against the accused. Late in the evening the police have registered a case. Efforts are on to arrest the

Woman raped for five years on pretext of marriage

Aligarh: A girl, resident of Pisava police station area has approached the police alleging that the youth from the same village had raped her in the name of marriage. According to the victim, five years ago, a youth from a community forcibly dragged her into the forest and raped her. He then threatened to kill her if she tells someone. When the victim tried to complain to the police, the family of the accused youth silenced her by giving her the assurance of marriage with him, since then the youth continued to exploit the girl.

Aligarh lock company faces copyright charges

Aligarh: A Talanagar-based company has been accused of stealing the designs of Delhi's renowned lock company and using its exact lock's copy in the market. On this, following the order of Tis Hazari court, the police along with the Delhi firm officials raided the company and found a huge quantity of manufacturing its locks. The local firm could not able to show any document related to this design. Currently, the stock has been seized and further action is in progress.

Madras High Court quashes Palani Temple's move to appoint contractors

CHENNAI: The Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court on Wednesday delivered a verdict with respect to the holy shrine of Lord Muruga at Palani Hills in Tamil Nadu by cancelling the tender issued by the executive officer to appoint contractors for providing house and other facilities. The local firm and establishments attached to the temple.

Justice G.R. Swaminathan, who heard a writ petition filed by T R Ramesh, president, Indie Collective, challenging the executive officer's move to float tenders for the same approved the contention of the petitioner that devotees were authorized with the maintenance and cleaning of the temple and its premises as per "Uthavara Panni", an age old voluntary service. T. Ramesh also argued that the executive officer by entrusting the cleaning and maintenance works of the temple to outsiders on a commercial basis was infringing on the rights of the devotees.

Drive to remove encroachment in Agra to clean blocked drains

Aligarh: Nagar Nigam Aligarh started a campaign to remove encroachment from Madagade at various locations in Bhind, Morena, Gwalior, Datia, Shivpuri, Sheopur, Guna, Ashoknagar Distt. As per tender specification:

AMU reservation issue raised in Parliament again

Aligarh: Once again MP Satish Kumar Gautam raised the reservation issue of AMU during Zero Hour in Parliament. The MP said that there is no reservation of SC, ST and backward class students in AMU like it is in Kashi Hindu University due to which these students are not getting a chance to study in good universities.

BJP's leader accuses party official of harassment

Aligarh: The lady leader of BJP's Minority Front has made serious allegations against her own party official. She alleged that the official has been harassing her for a year and a half. He harassed her in programs and threaten her to implicate her in false cases on protest. Along with the press, she also complained to the SSP.

SPECIAL TRAIN BETWEEN DELHI AND AZAMGARH

For the convenience of rail passengers, Railways have decided to run Kafiyat Express Superfast Special train between Delhi and Azamgarh w.e.f. from 27.09.2020 as per schedule given below:-

02226 / 02225 Delhi - Azamgarh

Delhi

Kafiyat Express Superfast Special Train (Daily)

Azamgarh

02225 / 02226 Delhi - Azamgarh

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Days of Run : 02226 Ex. Delhi Daily from 27.09.2020 and 02225 Ex. Azamgarh Daily from 28.09.2020.

Accommodation: 1st Tier AC, 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC & Sleeper.

The passengers shall adhere to the COVID-19 related safety norms & guidelines.

Note : For any kind of information passengers are requested to contact Railway Enquiry No. 139 or visit Indian Railways website www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in

Integrated Helpline No. 139 Security Helpline No. 182



SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

NORTHERN RAILWAY	
TENDER NOTICE	
The Chief Administrative Officer, Northern Railway, Kachnara Gate, Delhi, for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-tender under Two Packet System for the under noted work:-	
1. Mode of Tender	E-Tender (Two Packet)
2. Tender notice No.	74-WSP/2019/W/LCO dated 24.08.2020
3. Full name of work	Aligarh-Bhindar Section (Zone-I) - Supply and Stacking of 65mm gauge machine chunder track ballast (RS-GE-1 (June 2016) (with update correction slips) in between Aligarh (including) to Biharihat (Excluding) in connection with 'Proposed Doubling of Barabanki-Akbarpur (161 km)' of Lucknow Division on Northern Railway
4. Approx. cost	Rs. 33.84 crores
5. Completion period	12 (Twelve) Months
6. Earnest money amount	Rs. 18,42,00,00,00 only
7. Sale/availability of tender document on Rly. website	Tender documents will be available on IREPS web site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 28.09.2020 to 19.10.2020 upto 11.30 hrs.
8. Last date of Rly. Upload of tenders	19.10.2020 upto 11.30 hours. Tender documents can be uploaded by the tenderer on IREPS web site i.e. 06.10.2020 to 19.10.2020 upto 11.30 hrs. Tender documents (immediately after close of uploading of tender (D2) in case of two packet system, Financial bids of the eligible tenders will be opened subsequently on the date & time to be notified later on.
9. Date and time of opening of tender	20.10.2020

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INDIAN RAILWAYS
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)
E-TENDER NO. 2020RSH1742C
CORRIGENDUM NO.3
1.0 Tender will be closed at 15:00 hours on 19.10.2020 instead of 25.09.2020.
2.0 All other terms and conditions of the tender will remain unchanged.
Director Railway Stores (W),
Ministry of Railways, Railway Board, New Delhi
for and on behalf of President of India.

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one male was found dead on 16.09.2020 at Anand Parvat Industrial, Gali No. 09, Harjan Basti, Shastri Nagar, Delhi in the area of PS Sarai Rohilla, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 60A/u/s 174 CrPc, Dated 16.09.2020. The dead body has been preserved in mortuary of Subzi Mandi, Delhi for 12 hrs for identification. The description of the dead body is given as under:
Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: about 50-55 years, Height: 5'6" Feet, Face: Round, Complexion: Wheatish, Build: Thin, Wearing: Green Colour Shirt, Brown Colour Trouser with Brown Colour Belt and Bare footed. He was a vagabond.
Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the information about the dead male but no clue has come to light so far. If any one is having any information about this dead male please inform the undersigned.
P.S. Sarai Rohilla, Delhi
DP/586/N/2020 Ph.: 011-23693611, 23691106, 8750870133

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male Namely: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: 45 years, Height: 168 cm, Complexion: Fair, Face: Oval, Build: Thin, Wearing: Dark Green colour T-Shirt and Khaki Pajama, who was found in unconscious condition from H-Block, Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi where he was declared dead by doctor. In this regard a case DD No. 22-A U/s 174 Cr. PC Dated 31.08.2020 has been registered at P.S. Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi.
Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.
Sd/- SHO
P.S. Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi.
DP/311/SW/2020 Tel.: 011-24106346

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified New Born Baby Namely: Unknown D/o Unknown R/o Unknown Age : New Born Baby Complexion : Shallow, Wearing: Without cloth has been found dead in a vacant plot behind H. No. B-233, Laxmi Park, Nangloi, Delhi on 20.09.2020. In this regard a case vide FIR No. 930/20 dated 20.09.2020 has been lodged at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi.
Any person having any information or clue about this dead found New Born Baby may kindly inform to the following:-
SHO :
P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi
Order Distt., Delhi
DP/436/OJ/2020 Ph. 011-25946700, 25946710

SEARCH FOR MISSING MALE

General Public is hereby informed that one male (depicted in the photo) namely Rajender S/o Ram Shah R/o Raj Nagar, Ward No.37, Hinduan, District-Kirari, Rajasthan Aged-26 Years has been reported missing since 09.08.2019 vide FIR No.29/2020 u/s 365 IPC Dated 19.01.2020 Registered at Police Station Anand Vihar, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-
Complexion: Fair, Height: 5', Face: Round, Build: Normal, Hair: Black, Clothing: Blue coloured Lining Shirt, Grey coloured Pant and barefoot.
Any person having any information/Clue about this missing male, may inform SHO, Anand Vihar, Delhi at E-mail : clt@cbl.gov.in or website : <http://cbl.nic.in> Sd/-
TAX No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641 SHO, Anand Vihar, Delhi
Fax No. : 011-24368639 Tel.: 011-22384300, 22384600
DP/200/SHD/2020 Mob.: 7065036022

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED MAN

General Public is hereby informed that one man (depicted in the photo) namely Ravi Shankar S/o Sita Ram R/o H.No. 24, Extn. 2-A, Nangloi, Delhi Aged-52 Years has been reported missing/kidnapped since 13.07.2020 from the area of P.S. Nangloi, Delhi vide DD No. 113-A Dated 22.07.2020 has been Registered at Police Station Nangloi, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-
Complexion: Wheatish, Height: 5'9", Face: Round, Wearing: Blue checked shirt, blue coloured pant and black coloured sandal in feet.
Any person having any information/Clue about this missing man, may inform SHO, Nangloi, Delhi at E-mail : clt@cbl.gov.in or website : <http://cbl.nic.in> Sd/-
TAX No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641 SHO, Nangloi, Delhi
Fax No. : 011-25949470, 25947225 DP/315/OJ/2020 Mob.: 7065036127

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Gulshan Sharma @ Ajeet S/o Govind Ram Sharma R/o H.No. F-192-B, Pratap Vihar, Vijay Nagar, Ghaziabad, U.P. has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 130/12 u/s 420/468/467/34 IPC P.S. Kamla Market, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Gulshan Sharma @ Ajeet cannot be found and where as it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Gulshan Sharma @ Ajeet has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Gulshan Sharma @ Ajeet accused of FIR No. 130/12 u/s 420/468/467/34 IPC P.S. Kamla Market, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 17.11.2020.
By Order: Ms. Priya Gupta
Metropolitan Magistrate-08
Room No. 272, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

Stifling more voices

Salman Khurshid named in Delhi Police chargesheet on riots but there are no specifics on provocative speeches



This is more than a witch-hunt, it is a theatre of the absurd, this partisan investigation into the Delhi riots. One cannot even blame the police anymore, trotting out as it does the script that is handed down to it by the Home Ministry, having long lost the spine to stand up to its constitutional mandated functions and bending instead to the political masters of the day. The message, however unpalatable to our Indian ethos and civilisational DNA, is clear — there can be only one ideology that works, anybody else choosing the other end of the divide just won't be tolerated. And that the democratic right to dissent, even one in defence of the

Constitution, is as good as treason. In this case, challenging the new law that makes grant of citizenship conditional on religion and tears asunder the secular rights of all Indians. What else can explain the names in the outrageous chargesheet of the Delhi Police on the February riots? Congressmen, Leftists, scientists, filmmakers, civil society activists, students, basically everybody who agreed to disagree with the Government. Take the case of Salman Khurshid. Forget that he has been a Congress veteran, a Union Minister handling key portfolios, an educationist, a legal eagle, a liberal Muslim who refused to be cardboarded into stereotypes or become an apologist of his faith. Forget his pedigree and lineage as the grandson of our third President Zakir Husain. Has there been any precedent of his anti-India intentions or has there been any visual footage of him delivering divisive and hate speeches? Or having an aggressive tenor of words? Yet he has been listed for instigating the riots in the city this February through provocative speeches and a studied design. No specifics have been mentioned. He has been named with his party colleague Udit Raj and CPI(M) leader Brinda Karat for fanning sentiments during the protests against the Citizenship Amendment Act. The police claims to have "protected" witnesses, who were conspirators themselves and perhaps needed intense "security" to spill the beans on the complicity of senior leaders. And to indicate the weightage and seriousness of the statements, the police said they had been recorded before a Magistrate under Section 164 of Code of Criminal Procedure. Other big names in the disclosure statements include those of Left leader Kavita Krishnan, student activist Kawalpreet Kaur, scientist Gauhar Raza and advocate Prashant Bhushan. The bigger question is what then does one do with the stronger visual evidence of incendiary speeches by ruling BJP leaders, like "goli maaro, saalo ko," that were repeatedly played out on news television. The likes of Anurag Thakur and Kapil Mishra have been spared, the latter spawning vitriol and issuing barely veiled threats under police watch. There were videos of a group of people cheering and chanting "Jai Shri Ram" as bricks and stones were unloaded. It was clear that violence was being planned and frantic appeals were made to Delhi Police to act. Later shops were set on fire in Muslim localities in Maujpur. So why was no action taken against the BJP motormouth for his hate speech and disruption of peace and communal harmony? Simply because he held rallies in favour of the new citizenship law and was the Government's mouthpiece? If hate begets hate, then there ought to have been two guilty parties, not one.

The brutality of targeting is even more evident as names uncomfortable to the establishment are circled out while provocateurs friendly to it are let off. Earlier, too, there was a motivated leaking of information about noted civil society activists figuring in a supplementary chargesheet based on disclosures of the accused. While the police had then claimed that the disclosure was not the sole basis of further action, and needed to be backed up by corroborative evidence, cross-checking and information, why were their names listed? CPI(M) leader Sitaram Yechury was labelled as an instigator for representing an ideological polarity. Riots probes by their very nature are sensitive and it is all the more necessary for the police to sift fact from fiction, identify the perpetrator and the victim, regardless of fear or pressure. For a society needs healing and by the Government's own figures, the minority communities have been affected more in the arson and violence that followed. What makes the Delhi riot probe a dangerous precedent is that there is nothing that separates the protester from the rioter, the dissenter from the conspirator and the citizen from an arsonist. If this is going to be the template going forward, then there would be no need for a trial by court. By deriding and selectively targeting some of the best educated and informed minds in the country, the new India is about using knowledge and wisdom to be a qualified conformist than a disgruntled critic. Disproportionately and sadly, the Government narrative of stereotyping the riots as another volatile expression of communal angst has swamped every logical argument on why citizenship should not be selective. Most disturbingly, such actions prove that the Government can well do without civil society which might either become a voiceless and rare species or be coopted. But dangerously, we are also losing the Muslim intelligentsia to hate politics. One dreads to imagine its fallout.

Rafale under fire again

CAG says offset obligations under jet deal yet to be fulfilled; LCA project could be hit



The ruling BJP might have capped the Rafale deal as a non-issue during the general elections and there was general acceptability of the acquisition of the fighter jet for improving our strategic competence. But now the ghost of murky deal-making has returned with the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India (CAG) finding that French aerospace major Dassault Aviation and European missile maker MBDA have defaulted on off-set clauses. The report says that till date they have "not confirmed" the transfer of technology for the indigenous development of the engine for the Light Combat Aircraft

(LCA) by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) under the off-set policy relating to the nearly ₹60,000 crore deal for 36 Rafale fighter jets. Under the off-set policy, a certain percentage of the deal value with foreign firms should flow into India as Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), which would eventually include technology transfer, local manufacturing of advanced components and creating jobs. Most vendors over-commit to get the contract and breaches of this nature aren't new. But such a lapse could prove costly for the Government. According to the CAG report tabled in Parliament, as the vendor has not confirmed the transfer of this technology till date, the targets for doing so had already been delayed badly and could not be met before deadline. In its defence, Dassault Aviation has said it will eventually meet its obligation, which has slowed down in the last few months due to the pandemic. If Dassault does not make good on its commitment, then the Kaveri engine project will continue to hang fire. For the DRDO, which has been involved in the LCA project for long and has been unable to give its engine the kind of performance and thrust that it had planned, had to choose one made by the US firm GE. However, hopes of indigenisation of the project were raised again when during the Rafale negotiations, France agreed to help India work on an upgraded Kaveri engine.

Worryingly, the CAG also warned against the efficacy of our off-set policy, saying it did not find a single case of foreign vendors transferring high technology to Indian industry, particularly in the defence sector, which ranked 62 out of 63 sectors receiving FDI. The failure on the part of Dassault to keep its end of the bargain would give more ammunition to the Opposition, which has also opposed and questioned Anil Ambani's Reliance entering the deal as an off-set partner for Dassault Aviation. The CAG report further said that "non-fulfilment of off-set obligations by the vendor, especially when the contract period of the main procurement is over, is a direct benefit to the vendor." This questions the Government's ability to drive a bargain. Would this report be a can of worms?

When babu becomes neta

Restrictions need to be placed to account for situations where the independence of the judiciary and of the civil services could be threatened



AJOY KUMAR

Like most people, I enjoy listening to music in my free time. Other than singing an expression of art, songs are often a great medium to get a message across. Some are subtle where you have to find understated and intelligent references to the message that is hidden. However, at the same time you have songs with lyrics like "Sushant superstar, you're Bihar's treasure... The DGP came, he faced attacks but he took the case to the CBI. (The DGP) is the pride of the nation..." It is safe to say that this music video, which was released on the same Court as the very entry retirement of the DGP, can be a lot of things but "subtle" is certainly not one of them.

The release of the music video and the reports of Guptheshwar Pandey (the DGP in question) making a foray into politics, do however, give us an opportunity to examine the situation in the country and the question of ethical conduct by certain individuals from the Indian civil services and the judiciary, two pillars on which the modern Indian state stands. The title of this week's piece may seem a tad ironic, especially considering that the writer himself was one time a "babu" and is now in active politics. However, having joined politics close to a decade after leaving the civil services, I believe that I have a unique perspective on the topic.

To be clear, this is far from the first times regarding the ethics of appointment or nomination of individuals who come from the civil services or the judiciary have been raised. Even a meeting of the Constituent Assembly, this issue was discussed. Professor KT Shah moved an amendment, which contemplated restricting judges who had served for more than five years in the High Courts, from being appointed to any executive office or Ministers in a Government. The intent, as explained by a supporter of the amendment, was imperative because "if the temptation of being appointed to other high positions after retirement is not removed, it will also be liable to be abused by the Executive or by any party in power and they may hold out such temptations which might affect the independence of the judiciary." The amendment was ultimately rejected by Dr BR



Ambedkar because at the time he believed that this was only a theoretical protection as the "opportunity for the executive to influence the judiciary is very small". While there is no such restriction, the Constitution of India does lay down administrative details like retirement of judges and remuneration in the Constitution. Similarly, civil servants are granted privileges like pension after retirement. Furthermore, removing a civil servant from service is an extremely difficult proposition. The intent of such protections is to ensure that both civil servants and judges carry out their duty as contemplated under the Constitution without fear or incentive to act otherwise.

Dr Ambedkar, in all probability, believed that the individuals, who would form part of the judiciary or the civil services, would exercise their personal ethical framework and to this extent the issue of independence of these institutions would not be tarnished. However, it is becoming increasingly obvious that there is a need for us to legislate ethics and punish its abidance.

Most recently from the judicial sphere, you have the case of the former Chief Justice of India, Ranjan Gogoi, getting nominated to the Rajya Sabha. This move drew sharp criticism from judges and lawyers alike, pointing to the fact that his appointment came barely months after his tenure as Chief Justice ended. Such is the criticism around the appointment that a news personality noted that the DGP's move to take voluntary retirement and possibly

THE UPSC CAN BE TASKED WITH SHORTLISTING CANDIDATES FOR POST-RETIREMENT ASSIGNMENTS INSTEAD OF LEAVING SUCH DECISIONS TO THE WHIMS AND FANCIES OF ANY GOVT IN POWER. THE CRITERIA FOR SUCH APPOINTMENTS SHOULD BE MADE PUBLIC AND GO THROUGH A POINTS SYSTEM. THERE IS NEED FOR A STRUCTURAL SOLUTION

join politics would be akin to "doing a Gogoi." Another move that attracted criticism was of a Central Vigilance Commissioner joining a large corporate house immediately after retirement. But like I said, this is not about one particular instance. According to a study done by Vidhi, a legal think tank, close to 70 out of over a hundred retired judges have taken up assignments after their retirement. Unfortunately, this is inevitable considering the number of statutory authorities that require a retired judge to hold office under their parent statute.

Therefore, what is the way ahead? It is obvious that relying on the integrity of individuals to take the right call every time is not a tactic that has worked. While there are a number of individuals who have displayed and continue to display courage, integrity and a strong conscience, the damage by a few to the institutions that they have served can be so scarring that its impact would be felt on the core foundations of a democratic republic such as ours. Therefore, there is a need to legislate to do away with post-retirement posts and to appoint only senior personnel who are currently serving as judges or civil servants. Another option is to legislate like the US has done, where in case of former senior civil servants (in certain departments) there is a permanent ban on appearing before Government authorities on mat-

ters where they may have participated personally or substantially. An alternative restraint could be establishing a separate authority like the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), as former civil servant Anil Swarup talks about in his book *Ethical Dilemmas of a Civil Servant*. Swarup suggests that the UPSC can be tasked with shortlisting candidates for post-retirement assignments instead of leaving such decisions to the whims and fancies of any Government in power. I would add that the criteria for such appointments should be made public and be through a points system. There are many possible solutions but in order to implement any solution, we need to first accept that there is a problem and that there is a dire need for a structural solution.

As said by Dr Martin Luther King, "The arc of the moral universe is long but bends towards justice." Therefore, I am hopeful that in the long run our institutions will survive, not least because of the many righteous individuals who serve these institutions. I am hopeful that the examples that exist today will only serve as examples to future generations to keep their guard up, similar as to how examples from the Emergency serve as examples for today. However, with the benefit of hindsight, if Dr Ambedkar had a chance to discuss Professor KT Shah's amendment in the Constituent Assembly today, I have a feeling that the outcome would be quite different.

(The writer is a former IPS officer, a former MP and currently a member of AAP)

SOUNDBITE

In our four biggest provinces (British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario and Quebec), the second wave isn't just starting, it's already under way. We're on the brink of a fall that could be much worse than the spring.

Canadian PM
—Justin Trudeau



The Morrison Government will undertake the most significant reforms to Australia's insolvency framework in 10 years as part of our economic recovery plan.

Australian Treasurer
—Josh Frydenberg



The European Union is our key partner in restoring sovereignty, territorial integrity and supporting reforms. However, Ukraine wants full integration into the European Union.

Ukrainian President
—Volodymyr Zelensky



He (Sunil Chhetri) spoke about putting hard work and practice first, the importance of rest and nutrition.

Footballer
—Sahal Abdul Samad



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Labour-friendly laws

Sir — The Constitution allows migration across the country for employment needs. However, there has been no comprehensive legal framework to protect the workers from exploitation. More than one crore migrant labourers returned home on foot during the lockdown and around 29,415 lost their lives in the process. This is the harsh reality of how safe the workers are under the present labour laws. Adding to the problem are the recently passed three key labour reform Bills that further dilute workers' rights than the present laws. A more pragmatic approach with a full understanding of the problem must be put in place to alleviate labourers' underlying distress due to the Government's apathy.

SK Nag
Mumbai

Monsoon Session ends

Sir — The Monsoon Session of Parliament came to an end amid protests by the Opposition parties and suspension of eight members. The Rajya Sabha passed 25 bills, including 15 on the last two days, when the Opposition

The actual beneficiaries of farm Bills

The Central Government claims that farmers will have unfettered freedom to sell their produce at higher prices in any market in India hereafter, under the "revolutionary" Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill and Farmers' Agreement of Price Assurance and Farm Services (Empowerment and Protection) Bill. However, the fear of traders and corporates dictating procurement terms is not altogether unfounded. With the dismantling of Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) mandis and the Government having no power to keep a watchful eye on the deals struck between farmers and traders, there is a greater chance of the farmers being exploited by the heavily cartelised corporate giants. Also, the State Governments stand to lose the revenues from the APMCs, which fund the various farmers-related welfare measures.

Another claim made by the Government is that there will be an explosion in infrastructure in the agricultural sector with the inflow of massive private investments.



It would be dishonest to construe that the modern markets and the infrastructural facilities created with private funds will be available to the farmers at even nominal, if not free of charge. The Bills in no way give any freedom to the farmers, rather it is the private industries that will be benefitting.

Haridasan Rajan
Kozhikode

Fair and responsible

Sir — It is a matter of deep concern that some media houses are using their platforms to create communal disharmony and spread hatred. *Sudarshan News' Bindass! Bot* programme, that was aired on August 28, targeted the Muslim community and questioned the credibility of the UPSC. The Central Government

further the communal agenda of the Government.

M N Musaseed
Mumbai

Rising COVID cases

Sir — COVID-19 cases in India crossed the 57 lakh mark with 86,508 new cases and 1,129 deaths reported in the last 24 hours. There are 9,66,382 active cases and 91,149 people have died. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has emphasised the need to increase focus on "effective testing, tracing, treatment and surveillance" to bring the coronavirus outbreak under control. In his virtual review meeting with Chief Ministers of seven states with the highest number of coronavirus cases in the country, he spoke of the need for clear messaging to dispel rumours about testing. However, the initiatives taken by the Government don't seem to help curb the crisis. It is, therefore, important that the people take the utmost precautions and follow WHO's guidelines.

Urv Jain
Ujjain

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FIRST COLUMN

The threat posed by hospital waste

Efficient bio-medical waste clearance is as important as efficient handling of the Coronavirus crisis. Else we will have to face a secondary wave



KOTA SRIRAJ

Imagine a public health epidemic of colossal proportions that also doubles up as a threat for the environment close on the heels of the devastating COVID-19. This is a possibility that can well turn out to be true if the mounting bio-medical waste generated while battling the pandemic is not managed and disposed properly. At the last update, COVID-19 had already caused a loss of 90,000 lives in India with a further 5.6 million active cases. This state of affairs can get considerably worse if a callously disposed bio-medical waste triggered a secondary wave of infections across the nation. Countless hospital premises, morgues, cremation grounds, ambulance parking lots and even garbage dumps in residential locations are replete with carelessly discarded PPE kits, gloves, suits and masks. This is in spite of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) guidelines that clearly state that COVID-19 related waste must be double-bagged and labelled. However, looking at the waste lying around, it is clear that this is not being followed and needless to say, these items carry the virus that can spread to healthy people, especially sanitation workers and those involved in sorting waste at landfills and waste incinerators. Delhi has two biomedical waste treatment facilities that can handle 63 tonnes of medical waste per day. But a study by Toxic Links noted that much of this waste is being disposed of as municipal solid waste. To make matters worse, many of the facilities generating this waste were not registered with the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC).

The study's findings also revealed that 27.9 per cent of the hospitals did not have mandatory needle cutters whereas 34 per cent of the facilities did not have wheeled transportation for medical waste. As a result, the same was carried by hand for disposal through patient areas. Adding to this dismal state, a further 26.4 per cent of the facilities were also found to be disposing liquid medical waste into the public sewage system. With disturbing conditions such as these, India surely is not in a fit condition to handle the contagion-generated bio-medical waste. The gravity of the condition of bio-medical waste generation and its disposal is underlined by the fact that the Union Home Ministry had to answer queries for the same in the Rajya Sabha recently. According to a paper published in *ScienceDirect*, India, the country currently generates approximately two kg of medical waste per bed, which includes anatomical, cytotoxic and sharps, but this is set to increase manifold due to the pandemic. Before the impact of the outbreak became acute, Delhi on an average generated 25 tonnes of medical waste but this output jumped to 349 tonnes per day in July. Similarly, Mumbai's per day waste generation went up from 12,200 tonnes in June to 24,889 tonnes in August. This deluge of waste has caused the already creaky waste management infrastructure to be stretched to its limit. There is an urgent need to address the issue before the metro cities become overwhelmed with biomedical waste and there is a need to follow the Government's guidelines on this.

As per the rules, the waste needs to be segregated into recyclable and non-recyclable bins and then isolated for 72 hours so that its infectious intensity is neutralised. Medical institutions must be inspected from time to time to ensure that they have the requisite equipment needed to safely dispose biomedical waste. More importantly, the liquid medical waste needs to be sent by authorised biomedical waste collection companies for requisite treatment and not dumped in the sewage system.

Western nations are setting high standards in Coronavirus waste management and a peek into their practices also tells us why these nations are getting back on their feet faster as far as biomedical waste management is concerned. Some of the best practices being followed in France and Germany include keeping a very strict record of the waste generated by each medical facility and ensuring the same quantity is actually and properly incinerated. Other advanced measures being followed include the usage of sodium hypochlorite solution in regularly cleaning the waste bins in the medical facilities.

France has moved a step further by focussing on the householders where quarantined patients are. Waste is being collected at source by the authorities so that no inadvertent cross-contamination occurs. The quarantined residents are able to procure free sealable waste bins from pharmacies on producing their prescriptions, which they can then use to dispose their waste by handing over to the authorities. Germany on the other hand has set up specialised waste incinerating facilities in Bavaria. These measures have helped these nations save themselves from the booming effect of biomedical waste and its harmful impact. Efficient bio-medical waste management is as important as efficient handling of the crisis. This alone will prevent a secondary wave of infection and contamination.

(The writer is an environmental journalist)

I CAME IN TO BAT AT NUMBER SEVEN POSITION TO GIVE YOUNGSTERS A CHANCE AS I HAVEN'T BATTED FOR A LONG TIME. A 14-DAY QUARANTINE DOESN'T HELP.

—CSK CAPTAIN MS DHONI

POINT COUNTERPOINT



YEAH, YOU GOT TO GET UP. YOU HAVE TO AT LEAST GIVE YOURSELF THE OPPORTUNITY TO WIN THE GAME. I'M NOT BUYING THAT.

—FORMER CRICKETER KEVIN PIETERSEN

Corona paints a bleak picture

Art talks to us like nothing else does. It re-awakens our senses and reminds us of the power of imagination in the face of the death and economic destruction brought about by the pandemic



UMA NAIR

The pandemic has brought the art world to its knees. The cinema is on the verge of collapse and the webinars and online propaganda are some of what stifling when you think of how suddenly it is only about talking and voices and voices and talking. Amid the many cancellations of fairs, exhibitions, films, plays, performances and dances globally, we must ask ourselves questions about the value of art and culture at a time when humanity is under great stress. When it is fighting for its very survival as the virus throws up a kind of socio-economic disparity and devastation we have not witnessed in recent times.

At a time when people tell us that there are much more important things to worry about in this world than art, one would beg to differ. Art talks to us like nothing else does. It re-awakens our senses and reminds us of the power of imagination in the face of the death and destruction brought upon us by the pandemic.

The *New York Times* states that though fairs have been cancelled and galleries have closed, the wealthy are still buying. In India it's difficult to get true stories of buying and selling from art galleries/dealers/consultants/artists. The physicality of looking at a work and buying is something that needs to be worked upon. An image does not do justice to a work of art. Perhaps private appointments by clients are the way to go in the new pandemic scenario. But there are hectic announcements of online shows and galleries coming together to host prized possessions on the internet and social media. Some galleries are stating that they have a few sales but it's not as much as they would like in a stagnant market.

In the West, a report of 795 galleries representing 60 different national markets, called *The Impact of COVID-19 on the Gallery Sector*, written by the cultural economist Clare McAndrew, is the first major survey of how the contagion has hit art dealers globally. Until sales statistics are shared by galleries all over India, it's difficult to add a percentage of propensity to the real figures. But one scene that has remained buoyant is that of the art auctions.

Pundoles looking West: Pundoles Mumbai ruled the roost the past month with its *Looking West* auction split into two parts, featuring a part of the collection of fish baron Masanari Fukuko, who decided he wanted Pundoles to handle the sale rather than international houses like Christie's, Sotheby's or even Saffronart. With blue chip names on its avant-garde list, the auction threw up some magnificent numbers. VS Gaitonde, the abstract master, was top draw. His untitled 1967 work set a new record at ₹32 crore as the selling hammer price. Two sculptures also set their own highs. The first was a 'Bull's Head' (1988) by Tyeb Mehta, who dated this sculpture as his tribute to the trussed bull (he used to hear their heart-wrenching cries when he lived next to a slaughterhouse in Mumbai). It sold at a new record of ₹3.2 crore.

The second sculpture was printmaker and sculptor Sonnath Hore's 'Goat' (1988) that sold at ₹65 lakh, a new high for the artist. India's greatest figurative painter, Jogen Chowdhury's 'The Couple' (1999) sold for ₹1.7 crore, setting a new record for the 80-year-old Kolkata artist.

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Saffronart's success: The next auction was Saffronart's *Evening Sale*. The highly-anticipated online live auction — the first since the pandemic — closed at 88 per cent lots sold, achieving a total sale of ₹66.4 crore amid enthusiastic bidding. The 300th auction in Saffronart's 20 years, this sale was a unique hybrid experience that allowed bidders from across the globe to participate virtually.

The sale was led by VS Gaitonde's masterpiece painting of 1974 from the collection of Sabira Merchant, which sold for ₹35.5 crore, making it the second-highest price achieved for the artist, as well as for a work of Indian art to be sold in an auction worldwide. Among the best works Gaitonde ever produced, this ethereal, luminous work embodies his preoccupation with Zen Buddhism as well as his associations with the sea.

Among the top highlights of the sale were two exquisite works by modernist NS Bendre, including a figurative work from 1971 which sold for ₹1.56 crore, more than tripling its pre-sale estimate, and an untitled work (possibly a view of Mandu), 1982, which sold for ₹1.14 crore. Jehangir Sadevala's 'The Cactus Wave', 2006, sold for ₹2.63 crore.

Artists in studios/homes: Across the land in homes, in studios that belong to them as well as others, artists are still pouring out their imagination. Those who have computers and laptops are busy doing Zoom webinars and the like but my heart goes out to artists who have no technology. They continue to be inspired in their own small rooms with minimal media and

materials. Questions arise as to how they are eking out their living. The buyer's market is not so well laid out. Galleries have their own list of collectors and buyers but it is only established artists who can share in that bouquet of well-being. One of the greatest contributions to an artist's life can be through corporate houses, hotels, Government and private offices and complexes that can use art works and help artists to thrive in a market that has fallen to the Covid climate.

Take for instance Tom Vattakuzhy, a brilliant artist in Kerala who lost out on a historic series of illustrations in the *Malayala Manorama* because of a misunderstanding with the Church. His works echo his solitude. They make everyone empathise with him and stir their inner recesses. Vattakuzhy, a Masters from Shantiniketan and then Vadodra, is a prime example of a brilliant artist waiting to be shown by a curator, gallery or promoter who will not throw him to the sharks. Let's face it, the art world thrives on profit margins and cut-throat competition. India needs more institutions and philanthropies to help artists all over the country.

Institutions like the Lalit Kala Akademi have a great role to play in opening their spaces to as many solo shows as possible to lift the darkness in the world of the lonely artist waiting in the wings. The India International Centre and AIFACS do yeoman's service for the arts. Big artists, too, need to get out of their cocoons and help others in need.

Black Lives Matter: The most beautiful example of an artist helping

others has been that of the great artist Banksy. The British street artist financed a boat to rescue refugees attempting to reach Europe from north Africa. The vessel, named *Louise Michel* after a French feminist anarchist, set off in secrecy on August 18 from the Spanish port of Burriana, near Valencia, and was in the central Mediterranean Sea, where on August 30 it rescued 89 people, including 14 women and four children.

It was looking for a safe port to disembark the passengers or to transfer them to a European coast guard vessel. Since setting off from Burriana, the boat, registered in Germany and manned by a crew of activists from across Europe led by Pia Klemp, rescued more than 150 people off the coast of Libya. The majority of the passengers were transferred to a larger rescue vessel a few days ago, after European authorities appeared to ignore Mayday calls from the *Louise Michel*, which had become too overloaded to steer. The survivors finally arrived in the port of Palermo, Sicily.

Underscoring the hypocrisy of governments shouting out for racial equality while simultaneously taking a hardline anti-immigration stance, Banksy's video of the rescue mission, posted on Instagram, concluded with the words: "All Black Lives Matter." Perhaps in a blanket equation of everyone in the world, we could tweak it to say "All Lives Matter." Maybe the virtual world is here to stay until the virus is tackled with a vaccine that says: "Get thee behind me."

(The writer is a senior art critic and independent curator)

A double whammy to the girl child's survival

The rising crime against women has emerged as yet another factor for augmenting the traditional preference for sons



FOREIGN EYE



PAKISTAN MUST LEARN FROM INDIA

Numerous factors have been identified to ascertain the reasons behind the huge Corona outbreak in India. The lockdown was hastily imposed and the resultant mass return home of workers from the cities led to the virus' spread. The stories from across the border, raise a question that crops up frequently in the history of Pakistan-India affairs: Is there something that one neighbour could learn from the other? They could if they so wish.

(Dawn editorial)

(The writer is a senior journalist)



SWAPNA MAJUMDAR

Last week, a six-month pregnant woman in Badaun, Uttar Pradesh (UP), was attacked by her husband with a sharp-edged weapon. Her family alleged that she slit her stomach to find out the gender of the unborn baby. They told the police that the father of five daughters was so desperate for a son that he resorted to this brutal way to check if the foetus was that of a boy or a girl. Although a First Information Report (FIR) has been registered and the husband arrested, this gruesome crime underlines once again the deeply-entrenched preference for sons in our culture. Despite the best efforts of the Union Government, States and non-governmental organisations over the years, there seems to be very little change in attitudes towards the girl child in the country. This is not just deeply worrying but also frightening. It is not, however, surprising that

girls are less valued than boys in UP, a State that has recorded the most crimes against women in the country. The latest 2018 National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data ranked the State as the worst for women's security with 59,443 crimes against them. Incidentally, in 2018, the crime rate was the highest for cruelty by husbands and relatives. Although the NCRB data for 2019 has not been released as yet, media reports of crimes against women in UP during the last two years do not inspire confidence in the possibility of any turnaround.

But do the rising crimes against women have any bearing on the preference for a son? Yes, says a new study conducted in UP and Haryana. Its objective was to examine discrimination against the girl child and its linkages with the declining child sex ratio and violence against women. The report states that the responsibility of security and maintaining the chastity of daughters in the context of rising sexual violence in the country has added to the larger concern of wanting a son. In other words, the increasing crime against women has emerged as yet another factor for augmenting the traditional preference for a son. Supported by the Indian Council

of Social Science Research (ICSSR), the study was conducted by Bijaylaxmi Nanda, Nupur Ray and Ritwika Mukherjee. The preliminary findings indicate that perceptions about crime play a pivotal role in the increasing preference for a male child. Thus, as long as women continue to remain insecure in the nation, chances that girls will be unwanted by families will be high.

Further, with three out of every 10 women, who had more daughters than sons, reporting that the husband/family members express dissatisfaction at the birth of a girl child, the study also reinforces the fact that gender inequality remains at the heart of violence against women in UP. The male offspring is preferred because he is culturally perceived as a protector and provider during the old age of the parents. An earlier study to understand the intrinsic relationship between masculinity, son preference and intimate partner violence came to similar conclusions.

The 2014 study by the International Centre for Research on Women (ICRW) and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), found that in UP, the two most important reasons for having a son were to carry on the family name and to provide

support to parents in their old age. Six years later, as the ICSSR study shows, little seems to have changed on the ground.

The ICRW-UNFPA report found that of the seven States studied, UP had the largest proportion of men reporting high control over their intimate partners and the largest proportion of men displaying gender equitable attitudes.

Education is a big tool to engender transformation in beliefs, attitudes and practices. It is an equally important predictor of son-preference attitude. In UP, the ICRW-UNFPA study found that 55 per cent of men with no education had a high preference for sons compared to 39 per cent of men with graduation or higher degrees.

Studies have shown that spouses of men with no or little education are unlikely to have ready access to sexual and reproductive health services. In the Badaun case, the fact that the woman had five children and was pregnant with her sixth child indicates she may have faced barriers in accessing family planning services. The fourth National Family Health Survey (NFHS 2015-16) states that the unmet need was 18 per cent for currently married women aged between

15 and 49 years. This means an estimated 8.2 million women have been denied access to family planning. In Badaun, which has a more than 70 per cent rural population, the total unmet need is almost 14 per cent. This is higher than the national average of 12.9 per cent.

Unmet need for family planning puts women under so much pressure to produce a male heir that many times they are forced into numerous pregnancies and a series of abortions until they do so. The preference for a son has led to around 4,60,000 girls going missing due to sex selection at birth each year between 2013 and 2017, according to the UNFPA's 2020 *State of the Population Report*.

Last month, noted researcher Fengching Chao of King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST), Saudi Arabia, and his colleagues projected an even darker future for girls in India. According to their research published in the journal *PLOS ONE*, the average annual number of missing female births between 2017 and 2025 was likely to be 4,69,000 per year and would increase to 5,19,000 per year for the time period between 2026 to 2030. This research singles out UP as the Indian State most likely to have the

maximum missing female births due to the preference for a boy and accounting for almost a third of the total number projected.

But girls don't just go missing at birth. India also has the highest rate of excess girl child deaths at 13.5 per 1,000 births. This critical data suggests that the preference for a son leads to one in nine deaths of girls below the age of five may be attributed to post-birth sex selection, says the UNFPA report. So, while gender-biased sex selection accounts for about two-thirds of the total missing girls, post-birth sex selection accounts for about one-third.

UP lags behind on many indicators of gender equality, including early marriage and crimes against women.

If Yogi Adityanath really wants development, the Chief Minister must make greater investments in improving gender indicators. Prejudice against girls can be countered by programmes that focus on engaging boys and instilling values of gender equality in them at an early age. Comprehensive sex education in schools could help redefine notions of masculinity and foster respect for women.

(The writer is a senior journalist)

If Trump loses, he may refuse peaceful shift

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump has refused to commit to a peaceful transfer of power if he loses the November 3, 2020, election to his Democratic rival Joe Biden.

Trump, a Republican, also said he believed the election result could end up in the US Supreme Court, or he might doubt on postal voting, citing the need to keep Americans safe from the coronavirus pandemic that has killed over two lakh people in the country.

"Well, we're going to have to see what happens," Trump

said when asked whether he would commit to a peaceful transition, one of the cornerstones of American democracy.

"I have never been very strongly about the ballots, and the ballots are a disaster..." Trump told reporters at a White House news conference on Wednesday when asked about a peaceful transfer of power after the presidential polls in November irrespective of the outcome.

"President, real quickly, wins, lose or draw in this election, will you commit here today for a peaceful transfer of power after the election? And there has been rioting in Louisville, there has been riot-

ing in many cities across this country — red and so-called red and blue states — will you commit to making sure that there is a peaceful transfer of power after the election?" he was asked.

Not satisfied with Trump's answer, the reporter again asked, "Do you commit to making sure that there is a peaceful transfer of power?"

Trump exuded confidence that there will be a continuation of power. "We want to get rid of the ballots and we will have a very peaceful — there will be a transfer. Frankly, there will be a continuation. The ballots are out of control, you know it, and you know who knows it

better than anybody else? The Democrats know it better than anybody else," the president said as he refused to entertain any other question from the same journalist.

"Go ahead. Please go ahead. Yes, go ahead. You asked a question. Go ahead please," he said. Trump's reluctance to commit to a peaceful transition was noted about the ballots, extending his assertion that widespread mail-in voting is rife with fraud.

In 2016, Trump also refused to commit to accepting the election results in his contest against the Democratic candidate, Hillary Clinton,

which she characterised as an attack on democracy.

Trump was eventually declared the winner, although he lost the popular vote by three million, an outcome he still questioned. Meanwhile, Senator Mitt Romney, a Utah Republican who has stood at odds with the President in the past, slammed Trump's remarks.

"Fundamental to democracy is the peaceful transition of power; without that, there is Belarus," Romney tweeted.

"Any suggestion that a President might not respect this constitutional guarantee is both unthinkable and unacceptable," he said.

China's military flew surveillance planes on 3 days, says Taiwan

AP ■ TAIPEI, TAIWAN

Taiwan on Thursday condemned recent Chinese military activity after Beijing sent two military surveillance planes toward the island for three straight days, calling it a "deliberate provocation".

Tensions have risen in the Taiwan Strait as the U.S. has stepped up its official engagement with the self-ruled island, which China considers part of its national territory.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, China sent two planes into Taiwan's air defense identification zone, according to the Ministry of National Defense. In response, the Taiwanese side dispatched air patrols, the ministry said.

"We oppose China using military force against Taiwan, deliberately violating Taiwan's naval and airspace safety and damaging the status quo," added Chiu Chui-Cheng, deputy minister at Taiwan's

Mainland Affairs Council.

"Our government will continue to cooperate with countries with similar values."

Last week, China sent a total of 37 warplanes, including bombers and fighter jets, across the Taiwan Strait in a warning as a high-level U.S. State Department official visited the island. The Taiwanese defense ministry said the planes crossed the midline of the Taiwan Strait.

The midline has acted as an unofficial buffer zone between China and Taiwan for decades, in what Taiwan's Mainland Affairs Council on Thursday called "a tacit agreement" that has kept the peace.

Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin on Monday denied the existence of any midline, saying that Taiwan is part of China. He also warned that China would retaliate for the U.S. visit. "We will take countermeasures, including against relevant individuals," he said.

GLOBE TROTTER

RISHI SUNAK UNVEILS NEW WAGE TOP-UP SCHEME

London: UK Chancellor Rishi Sunak on Thursday unveiled a new £19 emergency Jobs Support Scheme, which will see the Government top-up wages of workers covering up to two-thirds of their hours for the next six months.

ISRAEL TIGHTENS SECOND LOCKDOWN

Jerusalem: Israel on Thursday moved to further tighten its second coronavirus lockdown as coronavirus cases continued to soar, ordering all nonessential businesses to close and requiring people to stay within 1,000 metres (yards) of their homes.

AMENDMENTS: PROTESTS AS THAI LAWMAKERS VOTE

Bangkok: Thai lawmakers met to vote on six proposed amendments to the country's military-backed constitution, as protesters pushing for charter reform gathered outside the Parliament building. Changes to the constitution are one of three core demands that a coalition of protest groups has been seeking in recent months.

OVER 360 MORE DETAINED IN BELARUS IN PROTESTS

Kyiv, Ukraine: Over 360 more people have been detained in Belarus during protests against the country's authoritarian president, who was unexpectedly sworn in to his sixth term in office after an election the opposition says was rigged.

INDIAN STUDENTS APPEAL TO UK PM ON VISA ROSS

London: Several Indian students are among over 200 overseas student signatories of a letter delivered to UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson at Downing Street in London on Thursday, seeking justice in the wake of being accused of cheating in a compulsory English language test six years ago. The scandal, believed to have impacted around 34,000 international students, relates to the Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC), a compulsory requirement in some student visa cases.

US: Growing cooperation with India vital to free, open Indo-Pacific

Washington: Underlining that the scope of India-US partnership continues to expand, US State Department on Wednesday (local time) said that Washington's growing security and diplomatic cooperation with New Delhi is vital to a free, open, and inclusive Indo-Pacific region.

"The pace and scope of the #USIndia partnership continues to expand! Whether it's at #UN or with Quad partners, our growing security and diplomatic cooperation with India is vital to a free, open, and inclusive Indo-Pacific," tweeted State Department for the Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs (SCA).

Indian-Pacific region is largely viewed as an area comprising the Indian Ocean and the western and central Pacific Ocean, including the South China Sea.

China's territorial claims in the South China Sea and its efforts to advance into the Indian Ocean are seen to have challenged the established rules-based system.

Amid China's growing assertiveness in the Indian-Pacific region, foreign ministers of Quad — India, Japan, the US and Australia — are planning to hold a meeting in Tokyo next month. The officials are likely to affirm their countries' cooperation to realise the "Free and Open Indo-Pacific" vision upheld by Japan and the US.

Trump-appointed judges under an election-year political lens

AP ■ NASHVILLE

US District Judge Eli Richardson, a Trump administration appointee who backed the President's conservative base by blocking a Tennessee law that restricts mail-in voting, had an appointment to the federal bench after the president's decision: it had nothing to do with politics. The declaration dropped as lower-court judges, like Richardson, face greater scrutiny over their perceived ideological purity. Richardson even took a step in appointing potential critics in his opinion.

Richardson ruled in favor of expanding the ability of first-time voters in this reliably Republican-leaning state to cast mail-in ballots in this election. But first, the lifetime-appointed judge said, he had to "address head-on the proverbial elephant in the room," declaring his own impartiality in the case.

In his September 9 ruling, Richardson wrote that he was "not concerned about how his decisions could aid one side or the other on the political front." The judge from Tennessee's Middle District also said his personal opinions on election laws have "simply no bearing" on the constitutional claims brought before his bench. For months, President Donald Trump claimed without proof that there could be widespread voter fraud in November, even as officials in states that have relied on mail-in ballots cited little evidence of such.

Trump, Biden clash on handling of coronavirus

Washington: US President Donald Trump and Vice President Joe Biden have clashed on the coronavirus pandemic, both putting forward their plans to bring America out of the worst health crisis it faced to power.

The US is the worst-off country in the world, Biden said, with over 200,000 Americans losing their lives to the disease. The virus has also battered the country's economy with millions of people losing their jobs.

Trump, a Republican, and Biden are pitted against each other for the November 3 presidential election.

"Our plan will crush the

virus. And actually, Biden's plan will crush America, if you think about it. You can't lock down. Again, we're growing at levels that nobody has ever seen before. Our plan is unleashing a rapid recovery. Our opponent's plan would hurt America very badly. It would send us into depression," Trump told reporters at the White House on Wednesday, asserting that his Democratic challenger would not have been able to handle the pandemic.

"Our approach is pro-science. Biden's approach is anti-science. I don't think they know what their approach is, although a lot of it's copied from

what we've done," Trump said.

Talking about Johnson & Johnson announcing that their vaccine candidate has reached the final stage of clinical trials, Trump said, "this is record time. This is the fourth vaccine candidate in the United States to reach the final stage of trial. So, we have our candidates already at a very late date. 'Late' being a very positive word, in this case," he said.

Trump also announced that his administration is awarding \$200 million of CARES Act funding to all 50 states to prepare to distribute the vaccine to high-risk residents.

Hong Kong activist Wong arrested over unauthorised assembly

Hong Kong: Hong Kong pro-democracy activist Joshua Wong said he was arrested again Thursday for allegedly participating in an unauthorised assembly last October. Wong tweeted that he was arrested when he reported to the semi-autonomous Chinese territory's Central Police Station as part of a bail requirement. He said he was also accused of violating a pre-existing law banning the wearing of masks in public places on the pretext they obscure identity.

Seoul: N Korea kills S Korean official, burns his body

AP ■ SEOUL

South Korea said on Thursday that North Korea troops fatally shot a South Korean Government official who may have attempted to defect and set his body on fire after finding him on a floating object near the countries' disputed sea boundary.

The South Korean officials condemned what they called North Korea's "atrocious act" and urged it to apologize and punish those responsible. North Korea is unlikely to accept the South Korean demand, and ties between the rivals in already strained amid a deadlock in broader nuclear diplomacy — will probably suffer a further setback, observers say.

According to Seoul, the man disappeared from a government ship that was checking on possible unauthorised fishing in an area south of the boundary on Monday, a day before he was found in North Korean waters.

North Korea sent officials wearing gas masks about a boat near the man to learn why

he was there on Tuesday afternoon. Later in the day, a North Korean navy boat came and opened fire at the South Korean's Defense Ministry said.

Sailors from the boat clad in gas masks and protective suits poured gasoline on his body and set it aflame, the Defense Ministry said, adding that the official carried surveillance equipment and other assets.

It's unclear how he ended up in North Korea. But a defense official said the man might have tried to defect between the rivals in already strained amid a deadlock in broader nuclear diplomacy — will probably suffer a further setback, observers say.

The official, requesting anonymity citing department rules, said the South Korean official was wearing a life jacket and was on a small floating object when he was found in North Korean waters.

He said North Korea may have decided to kill him in line with its stringent anti-coronavirus rules that involve shooting anyone illegally crossing the border.

UN rejection of sanctions marks 'victory' over Trump: Iran

AFP ■ TEHRAN

Iran's President Hassan Rouhani declared "victory" over the United States after the UN Security Council rejected the US administration's demand to reimpose UN sanctions on the Islamic republic.

"The Iranian nation has

achieved great political, legal and diplomatic success at the United Nations," Rouhani told a televised weekly meeting of his cabinet.

"The reason for this victory lies mostly in the support and resistance of the people," he said.

"America's greatness has

collapsed (just like) the global hegemony they thought they had."

In May 2018, US President Donald Trump withdrew from a landmark deal that gave Iran relief from UN sanctions in return for UN-verified guarantees that it is not seeking nuclear weapons.

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that one person **Name: Deen Dayal, S/o: Padam Singh R/o: H.No. 40/2960, Beeton Pura, Karol Bagh, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped since **26.01.2020** from the area of P.S. Karol Bagh, Delhi. In this regard a case vide **DD No. 704 dated 26.01.2020** has been registered at P.S. Karol Bagh, Delhi. The description of the missing person is as under:

Age: 60 years, **Height:** 6', **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Thin, **Face:** Oval, **ID Mark:** Hanuman ji tattoo on right hand, **Wearing:** Grey colour shirt & lower and black colour sleeper in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this person kindly inform to the following:

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Single stage, two envelope short term e-bids are invited upto 02.00 pm of 12-10-2020 for Supply and Installation Automated Extraction System on Reagent Rental basis at Covid-19 Test Lab, Dept. of Microbiology, RUHS College of Medical Sciences, Jaipur. (Total Approx. Cost in Rs. 144.00 lakh) (Pre Bid Meeting on 25-09-2020 at 11.00 am) Details may be seen in the Bidding Document at the Website <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in> or www.ruhsms.org or sppp.raj.nic.in (UBN - CMS2021GLR00044)

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SEARCH FOR SUSPECTED PERSON



General public is hereby informed that one unknown person (depicted in the photo) has stolen one Water Motor Crompton Greaves 1 HP and one meter of Delhi Jal Board, from the shop no. 142, Ground Floor, DB Gupta Market, Karol Bagh, Delhi on 05.04.2020. The description of the suspected person is as under:-

Name: Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** About 28 years, **Height:** About 5'7", **Face:** Oval, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** White colour shirt, white colour jeans and black colour sandal in feet. In this regard a case vide **FIR No. 000155/2020, u/s 379 IPC dated 26.05.2020** has been registered at P.S. DBG Road, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out this suspected person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this suspected person may kindly inform to P.S. DBG Road, Delhi.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED GIRL

General Public is hereby informed that one girl named Hema D/o Khushbu R/o Vardhman Plaza, A-Block, Industrial Area, G.T. Road & permanent address: Vill. Subhashpuri, Post Office Khadi Gram, PS Laxmiapur, District Jamui (Bihar) Aged-8 Years has been reported missing/kidnapped since 22.07.2007 at 11 AM vide **FIR No. 506/07 Dated 24.07.2007 u/s 363 IPC** registered at Police Station Model Town, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

Complexion: Fair, **Height:** 4', **Face:** Round, **Built:** Thin, **ID:** Who has paralysis in his left hand, Mentally Weak, **Clothing:** half Shorts.

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

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SHO, Model Town, Delhi
DP/402/NW/2020 Tel: 011-27459202, 127120032, 27456072

SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON



General public is hereby informed that one person **Name: Raj Kumar Pandey, S/o: Mala Prasad Pandey, R/o: 67, Meeran Tola, Khorasah Bazar, Distt. Gonda, UP. Age: 37 years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Wearing: Unknown cloth and Chappal in feet** has been missing / kidnapped since 17.08.2020, from area of P.S. Paschim Vihar West, Delhi.

In this regard a DD No. 43-A dated 25.08.2020 has been registered at P.S. Paschim Vihar West, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this person kindly inform to the following:

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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General public is hereby informed that a lady named Komal with her daughter Divyanshi age 2 years, W/o Rajan R/o H.No.-130, Camp No. 4, Jaspal Vihar, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since 27.07.2020 from the area of P.S. Paschim Vihar West, Delhi. In this regard, DD No. 97-A dated 29.07.2020 has been registered at P.S. Paschim Vihar West, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped lady but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing/kidnapped lady is as under:-

Name: Komal, **Gender:** Female, **Age:** 22 years, **Height:** 5', **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Pink colour suit, black colour leggings and black colour chappal in her feet. If anyone has any information regarding this missing/kidnapped lady, kindly inform SHO/ P.S. Paschim Vihar West, Delhi.

E-mail: cic@cbl.gov.in
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax: 011-24368639

SHO
P.S. Paschim Vihar West, Delhi
Ph: 011-25268394, 25280980
DP/392/OD/2020

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED GIRL



General public is hereby informed that a girl (depicted in the photo) named Neelam D/o Ram Khilawan R/o CB-21, Ring Road, Naraina, New Delhi Aged: 17 years, has been reported missing/ kidnapped since 12.09.2020 at about 01:00 P.M. from her house, vide FIR No. 597/2020 Dated 12.09.2020 u/s 363 IPC registered at Police Station - Naraina, New Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

Complexion: Shallow, **Height:** 5', **Face:** Long, **Built:** Medium, **Identification:** Mentally Disturbed, **Clothing:** wearing orange colour kurta, blue colour pajama and hawai chappal in feet.

Any person is having any information or clue about this missing/kidnapped girl may inform SHO, Naraina, New Delhi at E-mail: cic@cbl.gov.in or Website: <http://cbl.nic.in>, **Tele No.: 24368638 or 24368641, Fax: 24368639.**

SHO : P.S. Naraina, New Delhi
DP/15/WD/20 Ph: 011-25891181, 25892010, 8750871122

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that this person **Name:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** about 50 years, **Sex:** Male, **Height:** 5'7", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Grey Colour Pant & Multicolour Check shirt has been found dead from the area of Police Station Vijay Vihar, Delhi on 19.09.2020.

In this regard a FIR No. 359/20 U/s 279/304A IPC, dated 19.09.2020 has been registered at P.S. Vijay Vihar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following:

SHO
P.S. Vijay Vihar, Delhi
DP/416/RD/2020 Ph: 011-27511294, 8750870329

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that a girl named Tara D/o Sh. Shola Mandal R/o Jhuggi No. A/84/118, Indira Camp, A-Block, N.I.A. Phase-1, Naraina, New Delhi, Age: 14 years, Height: 5'2", Built: Medium, Face: Round, Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: Printed White Suit & Brown Colour Salwar and Yellow Colour Sandal in feet is missing/kidnapped since 20.12.2016 at 08:00 PM from the area of P.S. Naraina, New Delhi. In this regard a case FIR No. 255/2016 dated 21.12.2016 u/s 363 IPC has been registered at P.S. Naraina, New Delhi.

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

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Fax: 011-24368639

SHO
P.S. Naraina, New Delhi
Ph: 011-25891181, 25892020
DP/212/WD/2020 8750871122

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that one lady **Name:** Ganga, **W/o:** Rajesh, **R/o:** H.No. A-333, Gali No. 7, Rao Vihar, New Delhi, Age: 33 years, Height: 5'5", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Yellow Kurta-Salwar has been missing/kidnapped since 10.08.2020 from the area of P.S. Nangloi, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 68-A, Dated 12.08.2020 has been lodged at P.S. Nangloi, Delhi.

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

Web-site: <http://cbl.nic.in>
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Fax: 011-24368639

SHO
P.S. Nangloi, Delhi
DP/352/OD/2020 Ph: 011-25947225, 25949470

Mkt tanks on slow eco recovery fear

FIANS ■ MUMBAI

Dangers to an overall international economic recovery such as rising Covid-19 cases, along with possible re-imposition of lockdown measures in some European countries, pushed the global and the Indian stock markets deep into the red on Thursday, with the BSE Sensex losing 1,100 points, its worst performance in six months.

Besides, no new stimulus measures for the US, combined with a slower growth forecast for the world's largest economy, also impacted global sentiments.

Not just equities, but crude oil and precious metal prices fell, leading to a chaos across asset classes. However, the US dollar made the most of the floodout. The dollar index of such massive downside resulted in the Indian stock markets witnessing a gap-down opening on Thursday. The BSE Sensex lost 1,100 points and the NSE Nifty50 fell well below the

psychological 11,000 mark. Post Thursday's selloff, Sensex lost 2,292 points in the last four sessions. This was the sixth consecutive session of losses for the Indian indices, as well as the biggest single day fall for the BSE Sensex in four months and the biggest losing streak (6 sessions) in seven months.

The Nifty50, on the other hand, lost 7,668.42 points, fell well below the psychological 11,000 mark.

The recent bear run has been due to resurgence in coronavirus cases across the world, largely in Europe, and anticipated lockdown restrictions across several countries of the continent, including the UK and France.

The BSE Sensex closed at 36,553.60, lower by 1,114.82 points, or 2.96 per cent, and the Nifty50 closed at 37,282.18 and touched an intra-day high of 37,304.26 or a low of 36,495.98 points.

The Nifty50 closed at 10,805.55, lower by 326.30

points or 2.93 per cent from its previous close.

Manish Hathiramani, technical analyst, Dorn Patal Investments, said: "The support level of 10,900-10,950 has been disrespected during today's trading session. We have also pierced 10,882 which was made on August 3, 2020. This opens a new target of 10,750. Any bounce can be utilised to short the Nifty for this target."

Among the sectors, auto, banking, metal and IT indices lost the most.

"European stocks and Asian stocks dropped following a rout in tech shares in the US on Wednesday and as investors have largely given up on the idea that the US Congress will provide a new stimulus, while worrying about a recent rise in Covid-19 cases," said Deepak Lakshminarayanan, Head of Research at HDFC Securities.

"Economists at Goldman Sachs cut their US growth forecast for the fourth quarter in half, to 3 from 6 per cent. Investors are bombarded by a

perfect storm of problems including rising virus infections, new lockdowns, a slowing economic recovery, steady US stimulus bills and election uncertainty. Investors also fretted that a second wave of coronavirus cases during the northern hemisphere's coming winter will derail the economic recovery."

Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services: "Indian benchmark indices had a gap down opening and kept losing ground as the day wore on, to finally end the day around 2.8 per cent lower. Markets tracked weak global cues as the uncertainty witnessed in the last few days gave way to negativity, with broader markets also underperforming."

The uncertainty regarding an economic recovery, the unabated rise in virus infections, and today being derivatives expiry day, all contributed to the negativity. With volatility expected to be high, traders are advised to remain cautious."

₹ tumbles 32 paise to nearly one-month low against USD

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee dove 32 paise to touch a near one-month low of 73.89 against the US dollar on Thursday, following massive sell-off in equities and concerns over the US market sentiment.

Besides, stronger dollar against key rivals currencies and robust outflows of foreign funds from domestic markets weighed on the rupee. The rupee opened at 73.92 and traded in a range of 73.75 and 73.96 a dollar during the session.

Harley-Davidson plans to close India manufacturing facility

FIANS ■ NEW DELHI

Cruiser bikes giant Harley-Davidson on Thursday said that it plans to close its manufacturing facility in Haryana's Bawal and significantly reduce the size of its sales office in Gurugram.

The development comes as part of 'The Rewire' initiative which intends to overhaul the company's operating model and market structure.

The company said that it is changing the business model in India and evaluating options to continue to serve its customers. "Harley-Davidson plans to close its manufacturing facility in Bawal and significantly reduce the size of its sales office in Gurugram," the company said in a statement.

"The company is communicating with its customers in India and will keep them



updated on future support. The Harley-Davidson dealer network will continue to serve customers through the contract term."

According to the company, these actions are aligned with the company's plan to continue through the end of 2020, leading to 'The Hardwire', a new strategic plan for 2021-2025 aimed at building desirability for the Harley-Davidson brand and products.

Primary issuances attract most FPI inflows

FIANS ■ MUMBAI

Inflow of foreign portfolio investments (FPI) surged last month, with inflows accounting to around ₹47,000 crore, of net investments by overseas investors with a majority meant for primary issuances of shares.

Around 63 per cent of net FPI flows last month were into primary institutional investments, according to a report by ICI Securities.

Interestingly, last month, India outperformed other emerging markets in terms of inflows.

The report also said that domestic institutional investments (DII) too had positive flows towards primary issuances, although the secondary flows continued to be negative with an outflow of \$1.5 billion.

GOOGLE TO DELHI HC

Allowed to share GPay customer transaction info with third parties with NPCI permission

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Google India Digital Services Pvt. Ltd., which operates the GPay app, has told the Delhi High Court that it is allowed to share customers transaction data with third parties with the prior permission of NPCI and payment service provider (PSP) banks.

The submission has been made by Google in its affidavit filed before a Bench of Chief Justice DN Patel and Justice Prateek Jain in response to a PIL seeking action against "Google Pay" (GPay) for allegedly violating the RBI's guidelines related to data local-

isation, storage and sharing. The High Court on September 24 listed the matter for hearing on November 10 at the Centre and Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have not filed their responses yet.

Google, in its affidavit, has contended that under the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) procedural guidelines issued by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), apps like GPay are permitted to share customers transaction data with third parties and group companies (PSPs) for the purpose of NPCI and PSP banks.

It has also said that GPay

only stores ordinary customer data — like name, address, email and transaction related details — in accordance with the NPCI guidelines and not payment sensitive data like debit card number or UPI PIN.

A customer's payment sensitive data is stored only on the servers of the PSP bank, it has claimed. The affidavit was filed in response to the petition by advocate Abhishek Sharma who has sought a direction to Google not to share any data from UPI switch with any other party.

Banks sanction loans worth ₹1.77 L cr to 44 L MSMEs under credit guarantee plan

New Delhi: The Finance Ministry on Thursday said banks have sanctioned loans of ₹1.77 lakh crore to 44.2 lakh business units under the ₹3-lakh crore Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme for the MSME sector reeling under the slowdown caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

However, disbursement against the sanctioned amount stood at ₹1,25,425 crore to 25.74 lakh MSME units till September 21. The scheme is the biggest fiscal component of the ₹20-lakh crore Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan package announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in May to mitigate the distress caused by the lockdown due to COVID-19 by providing credit to different sectors, especially micro, small and medium enterprises. The total amount sanctioned under the 100% Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme by #PSBs and private banks to #MSMEs and individuals stands at ₹1,77,353 crore, of which ₹1.25 lakh crore has already been disbursed; the finance minister said in a tweet.

Govt extends suspension of fresh insolvency proceedings for 3 months

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government has extended the suspension of fresh insolvency proceedings under the insolvency law for another three months, a senior official said on Thursday.

In the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, the corporate affairs ministry decided to suspend initiation of fresh proceedings under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) for six months starting from March 25. The nationwide lockdown came into force on March 25. The six-month period was to end on Thursday. The official told PTI that the period has been extended by three months.

RBI announces special OMOs of simultaneous sale

Purchase of G-Secs worth ₹10K cr each

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Thursday announced it will conduct simultaneous purchase and sale of government securities under open market operation (OMO) for an aggregate amount of ₹10,000 crore each on October 1.

"On a review of the current liquidity and financial conditions, the Reserve Bank has decided to conduct simultaneous purchase and sale of government securities under open market operation (OMO) for an aggregate amount of ₹10,000 crore each on October 1, 2020," it said in a statement. The RBI further said it will continue to monitor evolving

liquidity and market conditions and take measures as appropriate to ensure orderly functioning of financial markets.

On October 1, the RBI would purchase three securities totaling ₹10,000 crore and selling two securities of the same amount.

The result of the auctions will be announced on the same day. Simultaneous purchase and sale of government securities under OMOs, popularly known as Operation Twist, involves purchasing G-Secs of longer maturities and selling equal amount of G-Secs of shorter maturities. The central bank further said it reserves the right to decide on the mode of purchase and sale of individual securities.

Non-Personal Data Policy Citizens cite risks of targeting, surveillance, data misuse

New Delhi: The citizen feedback to the Non-Personal Data draft policy is not positive as people say there is very little to gain and the risk is of increased targeting, surveillance and data misuse.

According to Local Circles, Non-Personal Data draft policy has gotten the dialogue started amongst citizens and businesses, it needs to be revisited considering the findings of a survey. "From a citizen standpoint, there is very little to gain and the risk is of increased targeting, surveillance and data misuse," it said.

The nine-member com-

mittee set up by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, released a draft non-personal data policy in mid-July giving the public two months to provide feedback. Per the policy, any data which does not contain any personally identifiable information of an individual is termed as non-personal data.

For example, while order details collected by an e-commerce platform will have name, age, address and other contact information of an individual, it will be considered non-personal data if specific identifiers like name, address and contact information are removed.

NPD also classified non-personal data into three main categories - public non-personal data, community non-personal data and private non-personal data. Although many experts say that this policy is a forward looking step and will create a culture of data sharing of non-personal data which will bring overall benefits to the country, MSME and startups as well as citizens do not seem to be in favour of the policy in its current form.

Centre allows add borrowing of ₹ 9,913 crore by five States

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre on Thursday permitted five States to go for additional borrowing of ₹9,913 crore through Open Market Borrowings (OMBs) to meet their COVID-19 related needs amid falling revenues due to the COVID-19 crisis.

These States are Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Goa, Karnataka and Tripura.

The permission has been accorded after these states successfully met the reform condition of implementation of 'One Nation One Ration Card' system, an official statement said.

The Department of Expenditure under the Finance Ministry, has accorded approval to Karnataka for additional borrowing of ₹4,509 crore, followed by Telangana (₹2,508 crore) and Andhra Pradesh (₹2,525 crore).

Goa intends to raise ₹223 crore, Tripura ₹1,481 crore, it said. In view of the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, the Centre had in May allowed additional borrowing limit of up to 2 per cent of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) to states for the year 2020-21 with certain conditions. This made an amount up to ₹4,27,302 crore available to the states. Of the extra 2 per cent, only 0.5 per cent is unconditional. After that, states will be allowed four increments of 0.25 per cent subject to implementation of four specific state-level reforms, where weightage of each reform is 0.25 per cent of GSDP.

The four reforms are -- implementation of 'One Nation One Ration Card' system; ease of doing business reforms; urban local body/utility reforms; and power sector reforms by privatising power distribution. "The remaining additional borrowing limit of 1 per cent was to be released in two instalments of 0.50 per cent each - first immediately to all the States as united, and the second on undertaking at least 3 out of the above mentioned reforms," it said. The Government of India has already granted permission to states to raise the first 0.50 per cent as OMB in June 2020.

Single platform for social startups from Delhi-NCR

Delhi: As Delhi-NCR has been recognised as "the largest startup ecosystem in India", a village, one of leading incubators in India, has come with the 4th edition of its social startup discovery platform "iPitch 2020" to boost the growing culture of social entrepreneurship.

iPitch 2020 aims to bring together country's top incubators and impact investors to gain access to India's most innovative and impactful startups. Social entrepreneurs will benefit from a unified platform for funding, incubation, and mentorship through a single platform.

The application is open till September 30.

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE						
Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT / EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	HPCL, YAMUNA NAGAR	MTC. OF LANDSCAPING AND AGRICULTURE ARRANGEMENT ON ARIE BASIS AT DCTPPT, COLONY, YAMUNA NAGAR	CLOSING DATE 29.09.2020	75000/-	Etenders.hry.nic.in	Xenproc1.dctpp@hpgd.org.in
2	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AMBALA	MAINTENANCE OF STREET LIGHTS POINTS AT MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AMBALA CITY WARD NO. 1, TO 11.	24.09.2020 16.10.2020	EMD 2 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
3	H.S.A.H. BOARD FARIDABAD	SPECIAL REPAIR OF VARIOUS LINK ROADS E-1 ROAD TO H-73, 780, 795A, 819, GROUP-I CONSTITUENCY - FARIDABAD, DISTT. - FARIDABAD, WORK PLAN 2020-21 PHASE-I, TIME LIMIT 9 MONTHS + 3 OTHER WORK	CLOSING DATE 14.10.2020	EMD 9.25 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	9971730975/venkateshdham2019@gmail.com
4	HPCL, PANIPAT	(NIT NO. PPI/PCH-222189) SUB: SUPPLY OF H-CORROSION INHIBITORS FOR COIL, HILL, FOR 250 HPI UNIT-78A, PANDPAT	Link date 21.10.2020	EMD 3 LACS	www.hpgd.org.in	0180-2566015 xenproc1.dctpp@gmail.com
5	HPCL, YAMUNA NAGAR	SUPPLY OF FILTER BEDS FOR BUFFER HORNS FOR AWP	CLOSING DATE 01.10.2020	7500/-	Etenders.hry.nic.in	Xenproc1.dctpp@hpgd.org.in
6	HPCL, YAMUNA NAGAR	HIRING & OPERATION OF SEVEN NO. MARUTI CAG CAR V30 (PETROL) (COMMERCIAL/TAXI) REQUIRED AT DCTPPT-HPCL, YAMUNA NAGAR (MODEL NOT OLDER THAN 2018) (THE DETAILED SCOPE OF WORK CAN BE SEEN IN TENDER DOCUMENTS)	CLOSING DATE 01.10.2020	1.23 CRORE	Etenders.hry.nic.in	Xenproc1.dctpp@hpgd.org.in
7	HPCL, YAMUNA NAGAR	SUPPLY OF LIQUID CHLORINE FOR DCTPPT & RTPTP FOR THE YEAR 2020-21	CLOSING DATE 01.10.2020	30000/-	Etenders.hry.nic.in	Xenproc1.dctpp@hpgd.org.in
8	HPCL, YAMUNA NAGAR	SUPPLY OF VALVE AND ACTUATOR	CLOSING DATE 15.10.2020	98700/-	Etenders.hry.nic.in	Xenproc1.dctpp@hpgd.org.in
9	HPCL, YAMUNA NAGAR	SUPPLY OF AIR CRAFT WARNING LIGHT	CLOSING DATE 08.10.2020	NIL	Etenders.hry.nic.in	Xenproc1.dctpp@hpgd.org.in
10	HPCL, YAMUNA NAGAR	SUPPLY OF SUSPENSION ARM FOR CHIP AT DCTPPT, YAMUNA NAGAR	CLOSING DATE 15.10.2020	10000/-	Etenders.hry.nic.in	Xenproc1.dctpp@hpgd.org.in
11	HPCL, YAMUNA NAGAR	SUPPLY OF SAFETY DEVICE MODULE	CLOSING DATE 01.10.2020	7200/-	Etenders.hry.nic.in	Xenproc1.dctpp@hpgd.org.in
12	THE KURUSHETRA KARNAL COOPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS UNION LTD. AT KURUSHETRA	SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF -80°C DEEP FREEZER WITH VOLTAGE STABILIZER + 3 OTHER WORK	22.09.2020 12.10.2020	70000/-	www.vitanda.org.in	9812347231 milunionkarnal@yahoo.co.in
13	HARYANA FOREST DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD., SISWA	PURCHASE OF MATERIAL AND LABOUR WORKS FOR MANUFACTURING OF RCC FENCING POST (PILLARS) COMPLETE IN ALL RESPECTS.	22.09.2020 05.10.2020	1 LAKH	www.mfc.gov.in	01666-243020 gm.snsa@mfc.gov.in
14	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL BHIVANI	MAINTENANCE OF PARK IN BHIVANI DISTT.	CLOSING DATE 30.09.2020	50000/-	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9810808504 mectbwns@gmail.com
15	HYPL	MTC. OF APPROACH ROAD AND MAIN GATE AT 220 KV S/STN. JORIAN, REP. OF BOUNDARY WALL OF YARD AT 220 KV RAMPUR KAMBOYAN & REP. OF DAMAGED CHAINLINK FENCING AT 66 KV CHAKHIBALLI	CLOSING DATE 05.10.2020	7.78 LACS	www.hypn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hypn.org.in
16	HYPL, RONTAK	AUGMENTATION OF 132 KV S/STN. JASSA FROM LX 2025 MVA, 132/33 KV + 1 X 16/20 MVA, 132/11 KV T/PS TO 2 X 20/25 MVA, 132/33 KV + 1 X 16/20 MVA, 132/11 KV T/PS, SUBJECT TO DISAPPEARMENT OF ASSOCIATED COLONY (CIVIL WORKS)	CLOSING DATE 08.10.2020	4361350.00/892 00.00 for General and Rs. 44600.00 for registered L&C Society	https://www.hypn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hypn.org.in
17	HYPL	REPLACEMENT/RAISING THE HEIGHT OF TOWERS CROSSING ARRANGEMENT OF 132KV S/C GRD-MARABADAPUR LINE LT NO. 169 & 170 NEAR VILLAGE BHATLI. DEPOSIT WORK OF PWD	CLOSING DATE 30.09.2020	17.02 LACS	www.hypn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hypn.org.in
18	HARYANA AGRO INDUSTRIES CORPORATION LIMITED.	APPOINTMENT OF CONTRACTORS FOR HANDLING OF FOODGRAINS LEASED OUT TO FCI AT JIND, HISAR, TONKANA (M/S HARYANA STORAGE & M/S VASU JAIN).	24.09.2020 06.10.2020	Rs.5/- per MT of the capacity of each godown	haic.co.in/https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2561305 haryanaagro@gmail.com
19	THE SHARABAD COOP. SOCIETY LTD. SHARABAD (H.S. DISTT. KURUSHETRA, (H.S.)	SUPPLY OF CHEMICALS & DOSING FOR WATER TREATMENT OF COOLING TOWER AND BOILER FOR THE SEASON 2020-21(MAKE - THERMAX/MALCO/SUZUKI/VEGETE) + 31 OTHER WORKS.	22.09.2020 03.10.2020	AS PER TENDER	www.etenders.hry.nic.in	9991702828 kscmpur@gmail.com
20	HSAN BOARD, PANCHKULA	INSTALLATION OF PADDY DRIVER WITH SWITCHBOARD PER HOUR CAPACITY, STATIC UNIT WITH ELEVATOR, DRIVER, BAGGING BIN, ELECTRIC CONTROL PANEL, DIESEL OR BRIOQUETTES AS FUEL FOR OPERATION, INDIRECT FIRE HEATING AND HAVING EFFICIENCY OF REDUCING HUMIDITY IN MOISTURE IN ONE CYCLE AT DIFFERENT LOCATIONS IN HARYANA, ALONG WITH OPERATION, MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF ABOVE STATED PADDY DRIVER WITH 6MT/BATCH PER HOUR CAPACITY MACHINE FOR 1 YEAR.	CLOSING DATE 07.10.2020	EMD 1.5 LAKH	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	officecmo@gmail.com
21	HFDC, AMBALA	IN-HOUSE MANUFACTURE AND SUPPLY OF RCC FENCING POSTS IN KURUSHETRA AND KATHAL DISTRICTS	21.09.2020	35 LACS	www.mfc.gov.in	0171-2551567 gm.ambala@mfc.gov.in
22	HFDC, AMBALA	IN-HOUSE MANUFACTURE AND SUPPLY OF RCC FENCING POSTS IN AMBALA DISTRICT	21.09.2020	32 LACS	www.mfc.gov.in	0171-2551567 gm.ambala@mfc.gov.in
23	H.S.A.H. BOARD, RONTAK	CONSTRUCTION OF FIVE RIGID PIPES WHICH CONNECTS THE FOUR OTHER VILLAGES PHIRNI, KATERA, SANGHERA & PLANA DISTRICT, RONTAK & 3 NO. MANOI GRASSHOPPER TONIA WORKS	CLOSING DATE 06.10.2020	As per approved DMT	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01262-270274 venrosh.hsan@gmail.com
24	HFDC, AMBALA	CARRYING OUT OF VARIOUS LOGGING OPERATIONS AND ALL RELATED WORKS AS PER SCHEDULED OF RATES (S.O.R.) IN PANCHKULA DISTRICT AND NEIGHBOURING STATES OF HARYANA.	21.09.2020 28.09.2020	25 LACS	www.mfc.gov.in	0171-2551567 gm.ambala@mfc.gov.in
25	HFDC, AMBALA	FIXING OF RCC FENCING POSTS WITH BARBED WIRE IN KURUSHETRA AND KATHAL DISTRICTS	21.09.2020 28.09.2020	34 LACS	www.mfc.gov.in	0171-2551567 gm.ambala@mfc.gov.in

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'Glad to do some memorable comedies'

Actor **PANKAJ TRIPATHI**, who is loved for his versatility on screen, says he is glad that he got a chance to essay several interesting comic roles in Bollywood.

Tripathi's comic streak as an actor has been particularly popular in films such as *Stree*, the *Fukrey* franchise, *Bareilly Ki Barfi*, *Luka Chuppi* and *Angrezi Medium*.

"Every piece of work has to make a point. That's the whole point of art. Although the nineties had a certain brand of comedy, new-age films demand that we poke fun more responsibly and use comedy to say something effective. In such a scenario, comedy films have to offer more than just about laughs and fun," Tripathi said.



'I think it's unfair. Right now, they are talking about the consumption of drugs. It is the choice of an individual, not of an industry. So do not blame the industry. Whether it is in politics, fashion or in the corporate world, there are people who are doing drugs. We should not generalise the situation.'

—Karan Kundra

Actor **SHWETA TRIPATHI SHARMA** believes it is essential to discuss mental health as the unlock process continues all over India.

"A detailed conversation around mental health must ensue during the unlock phase. Considering people are stepping out to work amid the fear of COVID-19, it's important to conduct systematic counselling sessions," she said.

"Lockdown experiences are different from case to case but the phase has been riddled with existential questions," she added.



Mariah felt not worthy of existing

Singer **MARIAH CAREY** has recalled the time when she did not feel worthy of existing.

The pop star was a guest on Oprah Winfrey's show *The Oprah Conversation*. In a short video of the episode, Carey and Winfrey can be seen discussing topics ranging from the time the singer was held in the back-seat of a police car to a moment in her life when she didn't feel "worthy of existing."

"I wouldn't have gone here if I hadn't been treated as an ATM machine with a wig on," Carey says in the clip.

It's unclear what or who Carey was specifically referring to but Winfrey responds, "The loneliness and sadness behind the facade, I now understand it."

The illegal tiger trade is threatening the survival of one of nature's most beautiful beasts. Exposing the shocking secrets of illegal tiger farms and the power players who profit, former Royal Marine Commando **ALDO KANE** uncovers key trafficking routes connecting Malaysia, China, Thailand, Laos and Vietnam, covertly filming the traffickers and meeting those trying to conserve tigers. He calls the series, *Tigers: Hunting the Traffickers*, a gripping, fearless and an action-packed investigation into the sickening network of ruthless, organised wildlife crime. It's also a crusading film, with enough clout to ignite a campaign for real change, before a majestic species is wiped out completely. Excerpts:

What is the film about?

We look at how the growth in illegal tiger farms throughout Southeast Asia and China is stimulating a demand for tiger products like tiger bone, wine and glue. Tiger trafficking is now big business and this rise in demand is having a devastating effect on the world's wild tiger population as a premium is now paid for its wild provenance. This film investigates the murky underworld of the illegal tiger farms feeding this demand. It is about the complex issues that surround the trade and tries to raise awareness of the immediate threat to these endangered animals. I, alongside a team of investigators, try to expose and piece together the shocking secrets of the illegal tiger farms and those who profit. Numbers of wild tigers in much of Southeast Asia are declining and wild tigers risk getting extinct if this illegal trade continues and is left unchecked.

What attracted you to this project?

Since I first joined the Royal Marines at the age of 16, I have spent many years travelling the globe and a huge amount of time in the jungles of Southeast Asia. I still remember the exhilarating feeling of sharing the dense forests with the wild tiger — for me, the most majestic Apex predator. Since then, I have been fascinated by these beautiful creatures and acutely aware of their plight as an endangered species.

A few years ago, I was talking with director Orlando Von Einsiedel from Grain Media about such risky stories which needed to be told. And this one topped the list. Telling a story of a species closer to extinction partly due to man's desire to turn it into "luxury" products would require intricate storytelling, investigative journalism and a healthy dose of risk-taking. It felt like the perfect project to me.

You have spent the last few years working with anti-poaching patrols. What motivated you to expose tiger trafficking?

I have been working over the years with a charity that offers former service



Another kind of hunter

Presenter and former Royal Marine Commando **ALDO KANE's** forthcoming series, *Tigers: Hunting the Traffickers*, is a secret investigation into the destruction of the apex predator in Southeast Asia, providing an insight into how the commodification of a farmed product is pushing an entire wildlife species towards extinction. By **TEAM VIVA**

personnel the opportunity to play a critical role in conservation and the prevention of wildlife crime around the world. As highly military trained individuals, our work on the ground is very much focussed on training and mentoring anti-poaching units to deal with illegal poaching. The poachers, who are risking their lives for very little in return, are very often the ones with the least options. The real issue is the organised trafficking networks across Southeast Asia and the increasing demand for illegal products. Poaching happens because there is a demand for an illegal animal product.

It soon became very clear to me that all anti-poaching operations were being continually undermined by this growing demand, high-tech trafficking syndicates and endemic governmental corruption. Where there is a demand, there will always be someone willing to risk their life to supply. That is why I wanted to try and find out more about the networks, the organised crime and the government complicity in this illegal and lucrative trade.

What were the on-ground challenges? Carrying out this investigation was fraught with challenges. The trade spans

nearly all across Southeast Asia — from Malaysia right up through Thailand, Laos, Vietnam and further into China. Due to the nature of the trade in these countries, trafficking can also be linked to other illegal activities such as drug smuggling, illegal logging and human trafficking. So the level of risk and danger is quite high. But the biggest challenge and risk was to the investigators we worked alongside because in some of these countries they could risk their lives for exposing these illegal trade operations. For me, the biggest challenge was feeling quite helpless at the industrial scale of the trade.

You have put yourself in some extremely risky situations to make this film. How has your former life as a Royal Marines Commando Sniper equipped you to deal with them?

My background turned out to be valuable throughout the filming. I was able to use many of the skills I was taught in the Marines like collecting useful information for the investigation. Often, it was just myself and my director Laura out on the ground, gathering information. We had to plan operations as if they were a military tasking, taking into account vehicle moves, communications, actions and worst-case scenario planning. Flexibility is the biggest asset to any live investigation. Sometimes, we would be out on the ground for 18 hours and then all of a sudden, we had to follow a different lead into a different country, the whole time being aware that what we were doing was incredibly risky and dangerous.

Any memorable or shocking moment...

One of the most memorable parts about the filming was spending time with

the Counter Tiger Poaching units in the Taman Negara National Park, Malaysia. We spent weeks in the jungle tracking down tiger poachers. They have dedicated their lives to the protection of the few wild tigers left in Malaysia. It's frustrating that their efforts are being completely undermined by the industrial scale poaching taking place in their own backyard. The wild tigers are being trafficked North into Vietnam and China where a premium is fetched as the dead or butchered ones are worth more than those alive and wild. It was truly great to spend time with these dedicated and loyal teams, learning how they operate and what their biggest challenges were. This gave me the background knowledge and drive to find out more about the illegal trade.

For me, the most shocking scenes revealed how large some tiger facilities were. I also visited some places where hundreds of tigers were locked up in cages. The tiger trade is hidden from sight, unlike the ivory or rhino trade where the brutality is on show for the world to see. The world is largely unaware of the brutal way in which they are farmed and ultimately slaughtered for their bones. Breaking into these facilities to expose the cruelty these tigers are exposed to is a vital part of bringing the truth to the wider world.

Why should people watch the film and what do you hope they'll take away from it?

Anyone with an interest in conservation should watch this film. It is an investigation into the destruction and extinction of an apex predator, an insight into how the commodification of a farmed product can affect an entire wildlife species. It is an action-packed, thrilling shocker of an investigation that will take the viewer to some unexpected places. I hope that this film will make a small difference and add to the weight of work that international and local NGOs are doing in the field of tiger protection and conservation.

(The series premieres on October 3 at 9 pm on Sony BBC Earth.)

Young at heart

The Nissan Kicks 1.3 Turbo CVT proves the adage 'the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak'

First things first, this new 1330cc turbocharged petrol engine the Nissan Kicks and on the Renault Duster is a blast. It is by far and away the most powerful small engine available in India right now. Its 156PS of power is 10 per cent greater than the 1.4 dCi turbo on the Creta and Seltos. When you press the throttle pedal, you realise that it is not just a number, the Kicks can move. With this car, you genuinely need to be constantly wary of the hundreds of speed cameras that the Delhi Traffic Police have been installing across the city since you get the hang of the power band, you just ride the Kicks and you realise that it did have a permanently on power on this car. The Continuously Variable Transmission (CVT) is not bad either. It does ensure that you stay within a proper engine range for fun if that is what you want and is conservative at lower urban speeds as well.

However, then you show this car a corner. Of late, I have become quite accustomed to even mass-produced small hatchbacks having good handling at higher speeds. Some small cars have even surprised me with handling that you would have thought is far above their price band, the Hyundai Grand i10 comes to mind here. The Kicks on the other hand, feel old. That is because it is old, based on the first-generation



NISSAN KICKS 1.3 Turbo XV

ENGINE: 1330cc Turbocharged Petrol
POWER: 156PS
TRANSMISSION: CVT Automatic
EX-SHOWROOM PRICE (AS TESTED): ₹13.44 LAKH
MILEAGE (RATED/TESTED): 14.2 kmp/11 kmp
RATING: 6.5/10
COMPETITION: Hyundai Creta, Kia Seltos, Maruti S-Cross, Renault Duster Turbo

"Lots of power for the money but not for the untrained driver"

tion Duster platform. In fact, the Duster and Kicks have been upgraded with this engine and transmission at the same time. Initially, I thought this car did not have traction control as there was no 'off' switch for that feature. But later, I discovered that it did have a permanently enabled TCS. Maybe the TCS needs a bit of fine tuning but it is a good thing that owners cannot switch it off at the push of a button. It's because the Kicks will teach you understeer if you hit a corner a bit aggressively. But at speeds that the Korean twins and even the S-Cross can man-

age fairly nonchalantly. However, in a straight line, the Kicks Turbo is fabulously fun. The other issue I have with this car, in addition to the silly card-like keys that Nissan and Renault keep using, are the quality of the interiors and the plastics. The seats with their quilted leather are very comfortable but the instrument cluster feels rather like a low-end display, given the display on competition cars. The Kicks' remarkably tiny pedal area still feels small even with one pedal removed. The plastics also feel a bit low-end and you feel

that on the bare plastic steering wheel in particular and with the blanked out area for steering controls. You can get better interiors for the price, even though the mid-spec Korean twins that the Kicks goes up against (in price) are not as fancy as their top-spec versions. On the XV CVT that I was driving, Apple CarPlay and Android Auto came as standard through the touchscreen but I did find the factory-fitted speakers a bit off the mark. Rear-seat comfort while cruising is no better nor worse than the competition but the sharply raked rear means that storage space might feel a bit compromised.

That said, if you like driving and most importantly, you understand some nuances of cornering and dealing with power, the Kicks is amazing albeit it might prove to be unforgiving and can easily catch you out. But 150+ horsepower at 13 lakh on-road, if you buy the manual, is stunning value for power!



Fast and steady

The BMW X4 is great but not the most practical car



I first drove the BMW X4 around the Blue Ridge mountains on the border between North and South Carolina in the summer of 2018. This is because most of the BMW manufactures 'X' range of Sports Utility Vehicles is at a factory in Spartanburg, South Carolina. In fact, if Donald Trump had imposed taxes on European imports into the United States and Europe had responded, BMW would have been the worst affected carmaker because it would have suffered from both ends.

Opposite the factory, there is a BMW track where they test their SUVs. There was one sweeping left-hander, which in the US is on the other side of the steering wheel, and had a negative camber. That is the inside of the turn was higher than the outside, quite unlike turns on most racetracks which are angled into the turn, described as positive camber. In a positive camber turn, the most extreme examples of which are oval racetracks in the US, the banking of the corner helps turn the car into the corner with less steering input, thanks to centrifugal force. In a negative camber corner, you are fighting that force that wants to pull you down and those are challenging for both the car as well as the driver. But in a

BMW X4 30d M Sport

ENGINE: 2993cc six-cylinder Turbocharged Diesel
POWER: 265HP
TRANSMISSION: 8-speed Dual-Clutch
EX-SHOWROOM PRICE (AS TESTED): ₹67.9 LAKH
MILEAGE (RATED/TESTED): 16.8 kmp/11 kmp
RATING: 8/10
COMPETITION: Mercedes-Benz GLC Coupe, Jaguar F-Pace, Porsche Macan

"Brings the 'Sports' back in to Sports Utility Vehicle but the X3 makes more sense"

the X4, giving it a lower stance than the X3 on which it is based. On the twisty hill roads in the Carolinas, the X4 was really fun to drive. Well, the X4 30d, the top-end variant that BMW India sells, is just how I remember it around the corners. Fast and steady.

But then you realise that out here in India, it is quite difficult to make a case for a car like this. The BMW X3 might not have this amazing engine and definitely cannot take the corners as well, but it makes much more practical sense here. Firstly, the X4 is a far more driver-oriented car than the X3, and unless you

are driving yourself all the time, one can question the extra ₹10,000 you spend on a comparable 30i petrol engine variant. I agree that the 265hp 30d variant with the three-litre turbocharged diesel is not available on the X3 but that just highlights my point that the X4 is a driver's car. If you really want drivability, the five-series sedan with the petrol engine is ₹10,00,000 less, although the M Sport 530i with all the toys costs 61 lakh, the sedan is better.

Yes, the X4 will stand out and the 30d has a lot of power to get out of almost any situation. But the X4 is targeted at a single person or a young couple because the X3 is a lot more practical with its shape able to hold a lot more luggage inside. I feel that the X4 30d is better value in terms of its overall package than the Jaguar F-Pace or even the Porsche Macan, the latter being a bit pricier. The Mercedes-Benz GLC Coupe 300d is its biggest rival. While, even in the case of the Merc, I'd buy the standard GLC body shape, I think the Bimmer wins on the handling front. The X4 is an excellent vehicle but maybe this is because I'm getting older now, I just cannot see the logic of it when the X3 is around.



It's a well-known fact that rice has always been a staple food in Asia but we usually think or talk about white rice. However, did you know about black rice, the surprising health benefits that it consists? Well, it has properties such as anti-inflammatory, anti-cancer, anti-diabetes and antioxidants. This superfood is also a rich source of nutrients and minerals like protein, fiber, iron and copper. Unprecedented times like these calls for boosting our immune system. The rich source of antioxidants in black rice helps to build up the immunity and improves the body's ability to fight diseases.

Black rice, also known as as forbidden rice or purple rice, used to be a valuable commodity in ancient China and this is why every grain of it was seized and consumed by the royalty only. Hence, the term forbidden was coined. It mainly grows in the Northeast (called as Chak Hao) and the Southern parts (called as Kavuni in Tamil) of India. In order to select the best variety, closely look at the colour of the rice — the darker the shade, the more nutrition it has. Here are a few benefits and uses of it:

RICH IN ANTIOXIDANTS

Black rice is a grain, which is loaded with antioxidants. The deep black colour is a mark of its antioxidant properties. The anthocyanin content found in it is way more than most of the grains and this is what makes it stand out in comparison to other superfoods such as quinoa and red rice. Despite being less popular than other rice

CHOOSE THE DARK SHADE

Did you know about the surprising health benefits of black rice? Nutrition coach PRIYA PRAKASH lists some



varieties, research shows that black rice has the highest overall antioxidant capacity and activity. Antioxidants protect cells against oxidative stress caused by free radicals. Adding black rice to your meal helps in more disease protecting antioxidants. Studies have shown that the anthocyanin antioxidants in grains helps the body to protect

against heart diseases, cancer and many more. It is good for eye, immune health and skin as well.

LOADED WITH FIBER

Black rice is loaded with fiber and minerals. A typical bowl of 100 gm of black rice serving has over 4.9 grams of fiber. This is

double the amount available in brown rice. If you are looking for a fiber rich diet then it is better to start consuming black rice.

ANTI-INFLAMMATORY PROPERTIES

Black rice is a natural healing food. Research has shown that it helps in reducing inflammatory compounds in your body and increase the anti-inflammatory compounds. This increase in the anti-inflammatory compounds further help in reducing inflammation in various diseases such as cancer, arthritis and allergies.

A NATURAL DETOXIFYING AGENT

It is a rich and natural detoxifying agent. Studies have shown that the phytonutrients in black rice help detoxify your body and remove harmful toxins from your liver. It helps the liver to flush out waste material with its antioxidant property. So next time you throw a party, have a detox week by consuming it.

A GLUTEN-FREE GRAIN

Gluten is a group of seed storage proteins found in cereal grains. Eating foods with gluten causes an immune reaction that damages the lining of their small intestines. Since most nutrients are absorbed through

the small intestine, this can lead to nutritional deficiencies. And black rice is naturally gluten-free. If you are allergic to gluten and have the Celiac (an autoimmune disorder that's triggered when you eat gluten) disease, then you should consider having black rice in your daily diet plan. The potential to cause intestinal damage is a major disadvantage of gluten. Gluten can also cause abdominal and bloating pain. Not everyone can digest it easily. Black rice provides all healthy nutrients including protein and fiber.

FIGHTS DIABETES

The black rice bran contains fiber, which in turn helps glucose to be absorbed by your body over a longer period of time. Research has proven that eating whole grains like black rice helps your body lower the risk of Type 2 Diabetes and also keeps your weight in check in addition to boosting your energy levels. It maintains consistent sugar level. So if you are a diabetic person, you must substitute your regular rice with black one as it's way better and helps fight diabetes.

YOUR WEIGHT LOSS PARTNER

Since it's a whole grain and super-rich in fiber, this combination helps your body reduce signals of hunger, thus, helping in

preventing overeating. In addition, researchers have found out that it helps prevent insulin resistance in your body, which leads to and is related to the risk of becoming overweight or obese. So if you are someone who is looking to reduce weight, start with including black rice in your weight loss regime.

PROMOTES HEALTHY HEART

A healing food like black rice has been shown to reduce the atherosclerotic plaque formation in the arteries, which is the main reason for a heart attack and stroke. In addition to this, it also helps to reduce the two common factors in heart disease, namely LDL, triacylglycerol and total cholesterol. Consider including forbidden rice to promote a healthy heart and keep heart-related ailments at bay.

SUPPORTS EYE HEALTH

It includes zeaxanthin and lutein that protect retina from damaging free radicals. Hence, black rice is an ideal food for achieving a healthy body. They are a package of nutrients with several health benefits. Switch to black rice to stay fit!

(The author is the co-founder of Naturally Yours.)

R E C I P E S



OLD BOMBAY NANKHATAI

WHAT YOU NEED

- Ghee: 1/2 cup
- Powdered sugar: 1/2 cup
- Refined flour: 3/4 cup
- California Walnuts powder: 1/4 cup
- Salt
- Semolina: 2 tbsp
- Baking soda: 1/4 tsp
- Cardamom powder: 1/2 tsp

For glazing:

- Milk: 2 tbsp
- Powdered sugar: 1 tbsp

METHOD

- In a mixing bowl, put ghee and powdered sugar. Whip for 10 minutes until smooth as it needs to be soft, white, fluffy and creamy.
- Add refined flour, walnut powder, salt, semolina and baking soda, cardamom powder.
- Mix well and knead the dough manually. Do not over-knead.
- Roll into a baking sheet till the dough is one cm thick. Transfer onto a baking tray.
- Cut into long rectangles.
- Mix milk and sugar in a bowl and apply on top of the cut triangles using a brush.
- Bake at 180 degree C for 10 minutes.
- Remove the tray and allow the cake to cool completely.
- Store in an airtight container.

Courtesy: Chef Varun Inamdar.

STUFFED RAVIOLI

WHAT YOU NEED

For ravioli filling

- Pumpkin: 600 gm
- Shallots: 5-6
- Garlic cloves: 3-4
- Olive oil: 1 tbsp
- Salt: To taste
- Pepper: To taste
- Walnut: 60 gm
- Parmesan cheese: 100 gm
- Oregano

For ravioli dough

- All-purpose flour: 250 gm
- Egg yolk: 8
- Whole egg: 1
- Olive oil: 20 gm
- Salt: 25 gm



ALMOND PUMPKIN KEBAB

WHAT YOU NEED

- Pumpkin: 500 gm
- Green chillies (chopped): 1 1/2 tsp
- Garlic and ginger (chopped): 2 tsp
- Cumin seeds: 1 tsp
- Cracked coriander: 1 tsp
- Red chilli powder: 1 tsp
- Nutmeg powder: 1/8 tsp
- Chat masala: 1 tsp
- Dry mango powder: 1 tsp
- Desi ghee: 40 gm
- Almonds (slivered): 20 gm
- Almonds (chopped): 40 gm

METHOD

- Peel, deseed and grate the pumpkin.
- Heat desi ghee in a thick bottom casserole pan and sauté ginger and garlic, green chillies, cumin seeds and all the spices.
- Add the pumpkin. Cook for 15 to 20 minutes till the water has dried out.



- Add the chopped almonds and cook for another five minutes. Let the mixture cool down. Cut them into rough, thin patties of 30 gm each. Coat them with slivered almonds.

- Heat desi ghee in a pan and place the patties in medium hot oil. Cook till the bottom caramelises and then carefully turn the patties. Cook them till they are crisp from outside.

Courtesy: Chef Manish Mehrotra.

SMOKED SALMON FISH CAKES

WHAT YOU NEED

- Smoked salmon: 400 gm
- Mashed potatoes: 300 gm
- Melted butter: 2 tbsp
- Wholegrain mustard: 2 tsp
- Fresh dill (chopped): 1 tsp
- Fresh parsley (chopped): 1 tsp
- Fresh chives (chopped): 1 tsp
- Lemon juice
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- Flour (seasoned): 1/2 cup
- Eggs, beaten: 2
- Breadcrumbs: 1 1/2 cups
- Oil: 100 ml



METHOD

- Preheat the oven to 190 degree celsius.
- Place the salmon in a roasting dish, cover with foil and place in the oven for 15 minutes to heat through.
- Flake the salmon with a fork and place in a large bowl together with the

- mashed potatoes, butter, and mustard. Mix well.
- Add the dill, parsley, chives, lemon juice and zest. Season well with salt and pepper and mix thoroughly.
- Divide the mixture into 12 portions and form into balls. Flatten each ball to

- about one cm thick.
- Dip each fishcake in the seasoned flour, then the beaten egg and finally the breadcrumbs to coat each one.
- Fry the fishcakes in two tbsp oil over medium-high heat for five to eight minutes on each side until golden brown and crispy.

Courtesy: Le Crausset.

'Professor Deano' dies of cardiac arrest

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Former Australia batsman Dean Jones, one of the finest exponents of ODI cricket, died of a sudden cardiac arrest in Mumbai on Thursday.

Jones, 59, was in Mumbai with the Star Sports' commentary team for the Indian Premier League. He was in a bio-bubble in a city hotel. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

Jones played 52 Tests and 164 ODIs for Australia and was part of the 1987 World Cup winning team. "It was with great sadness that we share the news of the passing away of Mr Dean Mervyn Jones AM. He died of a sudden cardiac arrest," Star Sports said a press release.

"We express our deep condolences to his family and stand ready to support them in this difficult time. We are in touch with the Australian High Commissioner to make the necessary arrangements," the release added.

According to an IPL source, it happened in the middle of seconds. "Deano was standing in the hotel lobby and he suddenly collapsed. Brett Lee was with him at the time. Brett tried to revive him by applying CPR (Cardio Pulmonary

Resuscitation) but he didn't respond," said the source.

"He was then taken to Harkisan Das Hospital in Gurgaon where he was announced dead on arrival."

Jones' family is in Melbourne and the Australian High Commission is in touch with them.

A player well ahead of his time, Jones scored over 6000 ODI runs at an average of 44.61 with seven hundred and 46 fifties.

For Indian fans, he will forever remain the test in Chequar, where he laid the foundation of a big Australian

score with an unbeaten double hundred in challenging conditions.

There was an iconic picture of Jones throwing up while batting and so severely dehydrated he was that he had to be admitted to a hospital during the course of the Test match.

In ODI cricket and those numerous

world Series Cup matches on Australia's Channel 9, Jones, clad in low jersey and the lips lined with zinc cream is still etched in memories of the late 80s and early 90s generation.

In ODI cricket, he would often charge down the track against fast bowlers and hitting them over-in-field. He played a match winning knock against India in the 1992 World Cup in Brisbane, a thriller that India lost by one run.

In his post retirement life he performed the role of a cricket analyst for various channels, primarily in South Asia—India and Pakistan, where he was immensely popular.

One of the Indian news channel named him Professor Deano, a moniker that stuck with him and was also his Twitter handle.

He could polarise opinion and would often get trotted. He also once courted controversy for calling Hashim Amla "terrorist" on air, a light-hearted comment but the racist undertone forced the particular broadcaster to take him off air.

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YOUTH VS EXPERIENCE

CSK Dad's Army takes on Iyer's youth brigade

PTI ■ DUBAI

Chipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni's much awaited promotion in the batting order will be an area of interest when Chennai Super Kings strive to pick up pieces against a confident Delhi Capitals in their third IPL encounter on Friday.

The shock defeat against Rajasthan Royals on a batting belfer at Sharjah could be primarily attributed to a poor show by their spinners along with a disastrous 20th over but the batsmen can't absorb themselves completely, especially Murali Vijay, Kedar Jadhav and the skipper himself.

Dhoni had come in to bat at number seven, promoting the likes of Sam Curran, Jadhav and Ruturaj Gaikwad ahead of himself but the players were badly leaving Far du Plessis with too much work to do little time.

While his fans still swear by his six-hitting ability, a closer look would show that Dhoni is unable to change the gears against express pace and it was only when Tom Curran came with his medium fast, Dhoni launched an attack. That too when the match was a contest was over.

However on a big Dubai ground with bigger-sized boundaries, the skipper can rotate the strike better unlike Sharjah and also take those extra deliveries to settle down.

For Delhi Capitals, winning a cliffhanger right at the

onset would have given them a lot of confidence even though Ravichandran Ashwin's probable absence after a shoulder injury could force them to reshuffle their bowling line-up.

"We will take a call on Ashwin after today's practice session. He is coming for training. Our physio Patrick Rahart will take a final call," DC fielding coach Mohammed Kaif said in a pre-match presser.

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The cushion of bigger boundaries can allow the spinners to attack more by tossing the ball up.

Another aspect will be pacer Mohit Sharma's performance. While Mohit got KL Rahul at the beginning but his loose deliveries at the back end made things difficult for the Capitals even as Kagiso Rabada bowled tightly at one end.

Against a side like CSK which revels in attacking the last 10 overs, the Capitals might like to try Harshal Patel, who is also a handy batsman at any number having opened in domestic cricket.

This is if Ishant Sharma, who is still nursing an ankle injury is available.

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