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No offset clause in future defence deals

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

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

Offset clause was brought in to allow the Indian defence industry to acquire world-class technology and tie-ups with foreign vendors.

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The CAG observed in its report last week that in most of the deals critical frontline technology from abroad did not come in.

In the Rafale deal, the Government watchdog observed that, "For instance in

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

The CAG report said in many cases it was found that the foreign vendors made various offset commitments to qualify for the main supply contract but later were not

earnest about fulfilling these commitments.

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

However, the offset clause is not applicable to the Government to Government deals and single-vendor contracts.

The Rafale deal is one of the most prominent such contracts in the recent past. In such deals, the Government, from which the weapon platform is procured, stands guarantee for all issues, including delivery schedule and availability of critical spares besides maintenance.

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

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

Brahmos, Nirbhay, Akash to ward off Chinese threat



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

Anti-farm laws protest spreads

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The farmers' protests in the country seem to be growing every day across the country. On Monday, Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh sat on dharna at Khatkar Kalan, an ancestral village in Nawanshahr, the birthplace of Shaheed Bhagat Singh on his birthday anniversary to protest against the farm laws, while a tractor was set on fire at India Gate in Delhi on Monday morning by Punjab Congress Youth workers.

Farmers in Punjab launched "Gheero Corporate Businesses" in the State. The silo run by Adani Agri Logistics Group at Village Dargu in Moga was gheraoed by Barnala MLA Gurmeet Hayer.

Farmers' protests backed by the Congress and other Opposition parties also spread in Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Odisha, Telangana, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh. Congress workers also held nationwide protests in State's Capitals.

Farmers groups observed a Statewide bandh in Karnataka while Dravidia Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) and its allies held protests across Tamil Nadu.

In Delhi, Punjab Youth Congress activists set ablaze a tractor at India Gate on Monday morning. The Delhi Police said five people claiming to be members of the Punjab Youth Congress — Manjot

Tractor set on fire at India Gate, 5 Youth Cong men arrested; Punjab CM sits on dharna

Singh (36), Ramandeep Singh Sindhu (28), Rahul (23), Sahib (28) and Sumit (28), all residents of Punjab — have been arrested.

Around 15-20 people carried a tractor on a truck to Rajpath, Man Singh Crossing. They unloaded the tractor from the truck and set it on fire, said a senior police official. "Fire department received information regarding the incident at 7.42 am and two fire tenders were rushed to the spot," said a senior Delhi Fire Service official.

The Congress in Haryana held a protest outside the party's HQ in Chandigarh.

The Punjab Government is also consulting lawyers to move the Supreme Court on the issue.

The CM was accompanied by his wife and ex-Minister Prem Singh Kaur, new Congress in-charge of Punjab affairs Harish Rawat, PPCC chief Sunil Jakhar, Vidhan Sabha Speaker Rana KP, Cabinet Ministers, around 45 MLAs and six MPs. They all sat in the memorial complex right in front of the statue and sat on dharna for over an hour.

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

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI has not drawn any conclusion in the death case of filmstar Sushant Singh Rajput and all angles of the incident are being looked at and no aspect has been ruled out as of date," a CBI spokesperson said in statement.

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

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

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

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

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

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



Lakhan Majra Police Station.

"Ranveer died the spot. On the basis of the statement given by Ranveer's son Manjeet, a case under section 302 of Indian Penal Code (IPC) was registered and manhunt is on for the accused," the SHO said. Police said on September 27 Dahiya was deputed for duty in general "gash" from 9 pm to 1 am, but he didn't turn up for duty and hence he was marked absent.

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

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

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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

This is part of a proposal being finalised by the Railways which will soon be sent for Cabinet approval, the sources said. The user fee, the sources said, will vary according to the class — it would range between ₹10 and ₹35 with the higher price for AC first class passengers.

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

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Sonia asks Cong CMs to pass Act to override farm legislations

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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



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

Kerala Cong MP moves SC against farm laws

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

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

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

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

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

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

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

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



weeks before the November 3 presidential election.

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

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

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

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

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after December or January.

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

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

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

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

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

Covid-19 IN INDIA

TOTAL

CASES: 61,31,450

DEATHS: 96,212

RECOVERED: 50,84,178

ACTIVE: 9,50,201

STATES	TOTAL CASES	DEATHS	RECOVERED
Maharashtra	13,51,153	35,751	10,49,947
Andhra Pradesh	6,81,161	5,745	6,12,300
Tamil Nadu	5,86,397	9,383	5,30,708
Karnataka	5,82,458	8,641	4,69,750
Uttar Pradesh	3,90,875	5,652	3,31,270
Delhi	2,73,098	5,272	2,40,703
West Bengal	2,50,580	4,837	2,19,844
Odisha	2,12,609	866	1,73,571
Telangana	1,87,211	1,107	1,56,431
Bihar	1,80,032	892	1,66,188
Kerala	1,79,923	698	1,21,264
Assam	1,69,985	655	1,39,977
Gujarat	1,34,623	3,431	1,14,576
Rajasthan	1,30,971	1,456	1,09,472
Haryana	1,25,412	1,331	1,08,411
Madhya Pradesh	1,22,209	2,207	97,571

CAPSULE

LOAN MORATORIUM: CALL ON INTEREST IN 2-3 DAYS

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

FORM GOVT WITH BJP, ATHAWALE TELLS SEN

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

GANGSTER KILLED AS UP POLICE CAR HITS 'NILGA'

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

PM to address 2 public meetings on Oct 3 in HP

ATAL TUNNEL INAUGURATION

Shimla: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address two public meetings in Himachal Pradesh after opening the strategic Atal Tunnel Rohtang on October 3, Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur said Monday, asserting all COVID-19 protocols will be followed during the function.

The CM said that Modi, accompanied by Defence

Minister Rajnath Singh, would inaugurate the tunnel, one of the world's longest at a high altitude of 10,000 feet -- on the Manali-Leh National Highway during his over five-hour stay in the hill state.

The timing of opening of the strategically important Atal Tunnel is very significant in view of the ongoing tension in Ladakh on the Sino-Indian

border, he added.

For the inauguration on October 3, the PM is scheduled to arrive at the Center for Disaster Situation and Analysis Establishment (SASE) helped by a chopper in Manali in Kullu district at 9.15 am.

He will halt at a Border Roads Organisation guest-house for 10 minutes and will interact with officials of the BRO.

Modi will formally inaugurate the 9.2-km Atal Tunnel,

built at an altitude of about 10,000 feet above the sea level, at its South Portal (entrance) at Manali between 10 am and 11.45 am.

Thereafter, he will travel through the tunnel to reach its north portal in Lahaul valley of Lahaul-Spiti district and flag off a Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC) bus for the south portal in Manali, the CM added.

There, the prime minister will address a public meeting of 200 people

in Sisu of Lahaul valley, he added.

The PM will then return to south portal and address another public meeting of 200 people in Sisu of Lahaul valley (Manali), he added.

The PM will depart from the same SASE helped at 2.20 pm, Thakur added.

The tunnel, built at a cost of about Rs. 3,300 crore, is extremely significant from the defence point of view as it will not only shorten the distance between Manali and Leh by 46 km, it will also benefit the residents of Lahaul-Spiti, the CM added.

Saini appears before SIT

PNs ■ CHANDIGARH

Pacing murder charges in 1991 Balwant Singh Multani disappearance and murder case, Punjab's former Director General of Police (DGP) Sumesh Singh Saini finally joined the investigations by appearing before the Special Investigation Team (SIT) in Mohali's Matour police station on Monday.

Punjab Police's SIT, in connection with the disappearance case of junior engineer Balwant Singh Multani in 1991, had on Sunday issued summons to Saini to join the investigation. Saini appeared at the police station at around 11

am, and faced nearly 300 questions during the five-hour-long questioning.

Earlier on September 23, Punjab's former top cop had failed to appear before the SIT on September 23, to evade arrest in the matter.

Now as the Supreme Court had granted him interim protection from arrest in the matter, he has joined the probe.

Saini was charged in May in connection with the disappearance of Balwant Singh Multani in 1991 when he was working as a junior engineer with the Chandigarh Industrial and Tourism Corporation (CITCO).

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LOST AND FOUND

I. Sudama Yadav Vio Davinder Yadav R/o Gali No. 1, Anand Vihar, East Karnal District, Haryana Dist. No. 3625/1 Dated 17.08.2020 has been lost on dated 15-07-2020 in Anand Vihar Karmali at 15.44 if anybody found then Please Contact above Address.

It is For the Information That My Original Qualifying Examination Certificate of Main Matriculation Examination of Year 2013 And Roll No. 2195273, Issued By CBSE Has Been Actually Lost. Sandeep Kaur R/O VPO Uggole Dist. Barnala Teh. Tapa.

I. Yugal S/O Ajoy Kumar R/o Village Rohna Teh. Karnal Dist. Sonpat declare that my matriculation marksheet pass from Sonpat school 2018 my roll no. 2206983, school no. 201716 and centre no. C239, is lost. If someone found pick up please call my address.

I. Sandeep Kaur D/o Sh. Paragjit Singh R/o 302, Village Tepla Dist. Ambala declare that I have lost 12th DMC Roll No. 2004191 in the year 2015 issued by CBSE.

PUBLIC NOTICE

We Randhir Singh S/o Nalb Singh and Sarjeet Kaur Vio Randhir Singh R/o Village Kaur Majra Post office Kishanpura, Dist. Rupnagar declare that our son Tevesh Singh his wife Harpreet Kaur and their son Agaveer Singh all are out of our control. We declare them from all our movable/immovable properties. Anybody dealing with them will do so at his own risk and responsibility.

I. Vijay Pal Punia S/o Sh. Dhampal Punia R/o 896, New Housing Board Colony main road, Indraprastha, Delhi-110028. I have changed my name to Vijay Pal Punia. I am out of my control. So I disown him from my all movable/immovable properties. Anybody dealing with him will do so at his own risk.

I. Lilawati Vio Sh. Suresh R/o Village Bapat Panpat declare that my son Vinod Nandan and his wife Poonam Devi are out of my control. So I disown them from my all movable/immovable properties. Anybody dealing with them will do so at his own risk.

We Samir Singh S/O Tuli Ram Singh And Sonam Vio Samir Singh B/O #1816-C, Small Flats, Dhiana Uti, Chandigarh District. That Our Daughter Subhash Singh, Daughter-In-Law Sumran, Grand Daughter Poonam And Younger Son Papu are Out Of Our Control And We Disown Them From All Our Movable And Immovable Property.

I. Smt. Anjali Kaur widow of EX Navy No 1471697 LIE Babir Singh resident of VPO Lohana Teh. & Dist. Ludhiana (Punjab) declare that Bhupinder Singh (Male) DOB 22-05-2000 Aadhar No. 465149373819 is real and legitimate son born to me and wedlock No 147193F LIE Babir Singh & Smt. Anjali Kaur.

I. Parameet Kaur Vio Shiv Kumar R/O 1576957 LIE HAV AD REGT Vii Mawa Pindi, Mohali Tehsil Anandpur Sahib, Dist. Rupnagar, Punjab, declare that in my husband's Army Record my wife's name wrongly written as Kaur (D.O.B 10-6-83), but my correct name is Parameet Kaur (D.O.B 15-6-83).

I. Basmat Raj Kaur Spouse of No. 330111V Ex No Sarjit Singh S/o Basmat Teshi Patti Dist. Tarn Taran (Pb) declare that I, have changed my name from Raj Kaur to Rajwinder Kaur vide addno in my out of court. So I have disowned him to all my properties and relationships. So I will not be responsible for any deal done by him in any manner.

I. Sukhpal Kaur Vio Army No. 2452326, Ex. Hav. Harbans Singh R/O VPO, Jhandaesta Teh. & Dist. Moga (Punjab) Pin 142048 Declare That My Correct Date Of Birth Is 01/01/1969 And My Aadhar Card No. Is 9543-0319-21792.

I. Kulwant Kaur Vio Gundeep Singh, House-64, Randhawa, Satgubha Bhawan, Sector-11, Khariar, Mohali, Punjab, my son Ramandeep Singh, my wife Preetinder Kaur and my daughter. They misbehaving with me and my husband. I disown them from my movable/immovable properties. Anybody deal with them at their own risk.

I. Subhash Chander Dharma S/O Nand Lal Dharma R/O H.No. 2, Aggarwal Colony, Asandh Road, Panipat 131203 is declaring that my son Ajay Dharma alias addno in my out of court. So I have disowned him to all my properties and relationships. So I will not be responsible for any deal done by him in any manner.

I. Prem Lata Vio Late Chander Bhan Singh R/o H.No. 3505, Vashant Colony Kankshetra, have disown my son Jai Parkash and his wife. Pinky, and all my movable/immovable properties, as they are out of our control.

I. Kamrabi S/O Del Ram VPO Adhyana Tehsil Matoudda, Punjab declare that I have disown my two son Sonbir and his wife, Kusum, Hansraj and his wife Jyoti from my movable and immovable properties, as they are out of our control.

I. Heena Ba Spouse of Service No. 14649764W Rank Sep Jadesa Jayendrasinh G Unit 861 WSKP (640 EME BN/C/o 56 APO Have Changed my Name from Heena Ba Jadesa J0 To Heena Ba Vio Affidavit dated 03.09.2020 Before Ambala Court.

I. Saroj Kumar Prasad S/O Sh. Parmanand Prasad R/o House No. 1118, Sector-7-B, Chandigarh declare that in my service record my name wrongly mentioned as Saroj Kumar. My correct name is Saroj Kumar Prasad. Concerned please note and correct it.

I. Shanti Biswakarma Vio Ganesh Bahadur Biswakarma, 57, Behlana, Chandigarh declare that I have changed my son name Sahil Biswakarma to Shahel Biswakarma both are same person.

I. Devinder Mohan Joshi S/o Kundan Lal, Panchkula, H.No.1311, Sector-4, Jhokhila (Haryana) have changed my name to Devendra Mohan Joshi.

I. Sharla Devi spouse of Army No. JC 342959K No. 508 Salish Kumar Vio Village-Korah, Tehsil-Bah, Distt-Agra, (UP) have changed my name from Sharla Devi to Sarala and DOB from 15-09-1979 to 15-07-1980 vide affidavit dated 8-09-2020, before Distt Court Agra (UP).

I. Smt. Lata spouse of No. JC 422491-P Rank Sub Name Kudale Vitthal Devram VPO Garegaon Dumala, Tehsil Shirur, Distt Pune State Maharashtra-412211. I declare that I have changed my name from Smt. Lata to Kudale Lata Vimal vide affidavit dated 26/08/2020 before Session Court, Haryana.

I. Devender Kumar S/O Chohan Lal, Village Haxoli, Post Office Haxoli, Tehsil Rajauri Distt. Panchkula, Haryana have changed my name from Devender Kumar to Devender Singh.

I. Sarjot Kaur Vio Surjit Singh R/O Village Ram Nagar, Tehsil Gulia District Kailash Have changed my Daughter Name Distt. Panchkula To Arman Dev Singh.

I. Manita Kumari Vio Kuldeep Gupta R/O #2148 Near Police Station Barara Tehsil Barara Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name Manita Kumari to Manita Gupta.

I. Surinderjit Singh Vio Dibagh Singh R/O Prem Nagar, Haridwar Chhianan Road, Near Haridwar Gurukul, Gurukul declare that in School record of my son and daughter Robinpreet Singh and Harjinderpreet Kaur, names of parents are wrongly mentioned as Surinderjit Singh and Dibagh Singh. Correct names are Surinderjit Kaur and Dibagh Singh.

I. Amrit Bala Vio Rakesh Thakur, House 2494, Sector-24-C, Chandigarh have changed my name to Neha Thakur.

I. Rajiv Kumar Monga S/O Narinder Monga R/O #9, Sector-10, Panchkula (Hr) have changed the name of my daughter, from Angelina Monga to Aashita Monga.

I. Karan Mahajan R/O Vijay Kumar Mahajan R/O H.No-565 A, Oskar, Nagra, Gurudaspur, Tehsil-Distt. Ludhiana, R/O Ex-Student Of Little Flower Convent School Passed My 10th In 2015. I Want To Change My Father's Name From Vijay Kumar Mahajan To Vijay Kumar And My Mother's Name From Kuran Mahajan To Kuran.

I. Ankit S/O Sh. Ramesh Kumar R/o Vii Budana, Tehsil Namak, Distt Hissar hereby declare that I have changed my name from Ankit to Ankit Chandra for all future purposes.

I. Santosh Rami Vio Ram Kumar R/o #198, Palora, Chandigarh have changed my name to Santosh Lata.

I. Chetani Ram S/O Ram R/o 25, Sector-19, Chandigarh have changed my name to Chhotu Ram.

I. Santosh Kumar Vio Late Hav. Sh. Hridya Parkash R/O Glassi Kalan, Tehsil Uchana, Distt. Jind, inform that my son from Pawan Singh have changed my son's name to Pawan for all future purposes.

I. Service No. 14649764W Rank Sep Jadesa Jayendrasinh G Unit 861 WSKP (640 EME BN/C/o 56 APO Have Changed my Name from Parth Raj Singh To Jadesa Jayendrasinh Jayendrasinh.

I. Anshdeep S/O Mohinder Pal R/O VPO Thanaul Tehsil Phillaur (Jalandhar) changed my name to Anshdeep Singh.

I. Rakesh S/O Naveed Chand R/O Village Palsid Tehsil Phillaur (Jalandhar) changed my name to Rakesh Kumar.

I. Amarjit S/O Harbans R/O Village Pawan, PO Dayapur Tehsil Phillaur (Jalandhar) changed my name to Amarjit Shamir.

I. Am Kanjhat Singh S/O Of Marga Singh Resident Of Village Mahant In District Sri Muktar Sahi Has Changed My Name To Mahant And I Will Use Singh As Surname.

I. Indrajit Singh S/O Harbans Singh R/O Kothi Phuman Singh R/O Village Swarn, PO Kairali, Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name to Indrajit Singh R/o.

I. Rishalpal S/O Mahar Singh R/O Village Khori, District Karnal declare that in my Passport my wife's name mentioned as Satyawati but other documents her name mentioned as Satya Ram. Satyawati and Satya Ram are same person's wife's names. I want to change her name as Satya Rani in my Passport.

I. Pawan Kumar S/O Harman Singh Village Chaunta, Teh. And Gurdaspur, District Distt I Have Changed My Name As Pawan Singh From Pawan Kumar.

I. Kamaljit Kaur Vio Ragbir Singh R/O Village Salpura, Post, Salpura, Tehsil-Distt. Gurdaspur, Punjab. My Son Lovepreet Singh Studying In 9th Class in Army Public School Tarn Taran, Gurdaspur. His School Record My Name Kamaljit Kaur Which Is Wrong But My Name Kamaljit Kaur Which Is Correct.

I. Davinder Pal Singh S/O Jasbir Singh R/O H.No.294-B, Sona Enclosure, Jalandhar-144009, Punjab have changed my name as Davinder Singh.

I. Sonika Vio Jaswant Jassi R/o 83, Moh. Bada, VPO, Jansher Khast, Distt. Jalandhar, have changed my name from Sonika to Sonika Jassi after marriage.

I. Kuldeep Kaur Vio Late NK Kulwinder Singh R/O VPO Kaur Kalan, R/O H.No. 294-B, Sona Enclosure, Jalandhar have changed my daughter's from Jasbir Kaur to Jasveer Kaur.

I. Kamaljit Vio Rajinder Singh Alta R/O V. Atal Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) have changed my name to Kamaljit Kaur.

I. Rajinder Singh S/O Kishori Lal R/O Singhpura Tehsil Barara (Ambala) Have Changed My Name Rajinder Singh To Rajinder Kumar. I Have Changed My Name To Rajinder Kumar. I Have Changed My Name To Rajinder Kumar.

I. Manpreet Singh S/O Deshpande Jee Singh R/O W.No. 12 Chak Alia Baksh Mushan (Hoshiarpur) changed my name to Manpreet Singh Kaur.

I. Manpreet Kaur Sidhu Vio Lakshinder Singh Hayer R/O Chak Bhai Kh. (Ludhiana) changed my name to Manpreet Kaur Hayer.

I. Rani (S) Ranjit Kaur V/O Malik Ram R/O V. PO. Sardangh Tehsil Phillaur District Jalandhar Known By Two Names Ranjit Kaur (R) And Also Known Name.

I. Sonny Kumar S/O Ram Lohayia R/O H.No-7525 Mohalla Abadpura Phillaur (Jalandhar) changed my minor son name Krishna to Krishna Luthra.

I. Karanvir Mahay S/O Harsh Kumar Mahay R/O Village Ajala PO Bija Tehsil Phillaur (Jalandhar) Known by two names Karanvir Mahay alias Karanvir both are same person.

I. Anshdeep S/O Mohinder Pal R/O VPO Thanaul Tehsil Phillaur (Jalandhar) changed my name to Anshdeep Singh.

I. Rakesh S/O Naveed Chand R/O Village Palsid Tehsil Phillaur (Jalandhar) changed my name to Rakesh Kumar.

I. Amarjit S/O Harbans R/O Village Pawan, PO Dayapur Tehsil Phillaur (Jalandhar) changed my name to Amarjit Shamir.

I. Am Kanjhat Singh S/O Of Marga Singh Resident Of Village Mahant In District Sri Muktar Sahi Has Changed My Name To Mahant And I Will Use Singh As Surname.

I. Indrajit Singh S/O Harbans Singh R/O Kothi Phuman Singh R/O Village Swarn, PO Kairali, Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name to Indrajit Singh R/o.

I. Rishalpal S/O Mahar Singh R/O Village Khori, District Karnal declare that in my Passport my wife's name mentioned as Satyawati but other documents her name mentioned as Satya Ram. Satyawati and Satya Ram are same person's wife's names. I want to change her name as Satya Rani in my Passport.

I. Pawan Kumar S/O Harman Singh Village Chaunta, Teh. And Gurdaspur, District Distt I Have Changed My Name As Pawan Singh From Pawan Kumar.

I. Kamaljit Kaur Vio Ragbir Singh R/O Village Salpura, Post, Salpura, Tehsil-Distt. Gurdaspur, Punjab. My Son Lovepreet Singh Studying In 9th Class in Army Public School Tarn Taran, Gurdaspur. His School Record My Name Kamaljit Kaur Which Is Wrong But My Name Kamaljit Kaur Which Is Correct.

I. Davinder Pal Singh S/O Jasbir Singh R/O H.No.294-B, Sona Enclosure, Jalandhar-144009, Punjab have changed my name as Davinder Singh.

I. Sonika Vio Jaswant Jassi R/o 83, Moh. Bada, VPO, Jansher Khast, Distt. Jalandhar, have changed my name from Sonika to Sonika Jassi after marriage.

I. Kuldeep Kaur Vio Late NK Kulwinder Singh R/O VPO Kaur Kalan, R/O H.No. 294-B, Sona Enclosure, Jalandhar have changed my daughter's from Jasbir Kaur to Jasveer Kaur.

I. Kamaljit Vio Rajinder Singh Alta R/O V. Atal Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) have changed my name to Kamaljit Kaur.

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Election Program of Members of The Managing Committee of The Baragoun Cooperative Credit and Service Society Ltd. Baragoun to be held on 29.11.2020.

S.No.	Program	Date	Time	Place
1	Exhibition of list of voters as required under para 2 of rule 35 (APPENDIX-A PART II)	20.10.2020 22.10.2020	9 AM to 5 PM	C/O ARCS Karmal N. 217 C.S. Karmal 1, C. Concerned Branch C-4 Common place of the area
2	Filing of objection if any of voters list as per Para 2 of rule 35 (APPENDIX-A PART II)	23.10.2020	9 AM to 12 PM	O/o ARCS Karmal N. 217 Ramesh Nagar Near Ravindas
3	Hearing of objection voters list as required u/s 35(4) (APPENDIX-A PART II)	23.10.2020	2 AM to 4 PM	—
4	Filing of Nomination Papers	17.11.2020	10 AM to 2.00 PM	—
5	Display of list of received nomination papers.	17.11.2020	4.00 PM	—
6	Scrutiny of nomination papers	18.11.2020	10 AM to 2.00 PM	—
7	Display of list of valid nomination papers	18.11.2020	3.00 PM	—
8	Withdrawal of nomination papers	20.11.2020	10 AM to 2.00 PM	—
9	Allocation of Symbols	20.11.2020	4.00 PM	—
10	Taking of poll if necessary	29.11.2020	8 AM to 4.00 PM	Govt. Sen. School Baragoun

Note: It is compulsory of all voters to bring their Society pass bookholder photo ID. (ii) Total no. of Cooperative Committee Members will be Elected out of 85 Members of Agr. and 12 Members of Non-Agr. (iii) If 10% of Elector Members, at least 10, T.S.C. Member and 10% of Non-Agr. Member will be Elected.

(Anu Koshik) Returning Officer-Cum- Assistant Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Karnal

HP.F.W.D. TENDER NOTICE. (OFFLINE)

Sealed time offer tender in form PWD-6 & 8 are hereby invited on behalf of Government of Himachal Pradesh by the Executive Engineer, Kalpa Division, HP. PWD, Kalpa for the following works from the approved and eligible contractors interested in HPWD, so as to reach in the office of the Executive Engineer Kalpa Division HP.PWD, Kalpa on or before 17-10-2020 up to 10.30 AM, and shall be opened on the same day at 11:00 AM in presence of intending contractors or their authorized representatives. The tender form documents can be had from the office (Kalpa Division, HP.PWD, Kalpa) against cash payment (Non-refundable) on any working day during the office hours upto 4:00 PM, on 17-10-2020. No application for sale of tender forms will be received on 17-10-2020 after 4:00 PM. If the office happens to be closed on the above mentioned dates, the tenders will be sold on the next working day at the same time and venue. The Earned Money in the shape of National Saving Certificate, F.D.R.s from any Post office/branch in H.P. duly pledged in the name of Executive Engineer, Kalpa Division, HP.PWD, Kalpa must accompany with each tender. Conditional tenders and applications for purchase of tender forms received without the Earned Money will be treated as invalid. The tenders shall be kept open for 120 days. The Executive Engineer Reserves (Right to accept or to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Time Allowed	Cost of form	Eligible class of contractor
1	Improvement of black spot to link road from main stand to newly constructed parking at Rocking Poo in Distt. Kinnair (HP) (SH - Providing W. metal crash barrier between RD. 000 to 0067)	1,43,375/-	3000/-	Three Months	350/-	'C' Class
2	C/O Parking from Main Stand to newly constructed parking Km. 000 to 005555 - Providing B&W. W. metal crash barrier between RD. 000 to 0067	3,18,897/-	6500/-	3Months	350/-	'C' Class
3	Improvement of black spot on link road to Village Pang in Distt. Kinnair (HP) Km. 000 to 002250 (SH - W. metal crash barrier between RD. 0055 to 0065 and 2485 to 2515)	3,00,363/-	6100/-	3Months	350/-	'C' Class
4	Improvement/Widening of Pao Township Set for road Km. 000 to 2200331 - Providing WBM Grading-I & II for extra width and Tarring work from Km. 1750 to 1950 (Kharoli Mandir Gate to Hospital Chowk)	2,43,149/-	5000/-	Two Months	350/-	'C' Class
5	C/O Jeppan Road to Shikharang in P.O. Duni Km. 000 to 00255 in Distt. Kinnair (HP) (SH - Improvement/Widening by C/O RAVAI in G.I. wire grade at RD. 0015 to 0055)	1,57,942/-	3200/-	Two Months	350/-	'C' Class
6	C/O link road to Village Pang Km. 000 to 2925 in Distt. Kinnair (HP) (SH - C/O RAVAI in G.I. wire grade at RD. 00171 to 00195 and 0045 to 0076.20)	4,92,480/-	10000/-	3Months	350/-	'C' Class
7	SRT to Govt. ITI Toilets at R/O in Distt. Kinnair (HP) (SH - Providing doors, windows, tile, plastering and Sanitary fittings)	1,38,921/-	3000/-	Two Months	350/-	'C' Class
8	Restoration of rain damages on link road from NH 22 to Thang Km. 000 to 8900 (SH - C/O RAVAI in PCC at RD. 8485 to 8492)	4,66,458/-	9500/-	3Months	350/-	'C' Class
9	Restoration of rain damages on link road from NH 22 to Thang Km. 000 to 8900 (SH - C/O RAVAI in PCC at RD. 8048 to 8063)	1,13,605/-	3000/-	Two Months	350/-	'C' Class
10	SRT to Judicial Quarters for replacement of water tank at R/Peo in Distt. Kinnair (HP) (SH - Replacement of water Tank)	1,56,945/-	3200/-	Three Months	350/-	'C' Class
11	C/O link road to Village Talling Km. 000 to 007035H - C/O RAVAI in G.I. wire grade at RD. 00110 to 001180	4,44,577/-	9000/-	Three Months	350/-	'C' Class
12	C/O link road to Village Talling Km. 000 to 007035H - C/O RAVAI in G.I. wire grade at RD. 00110 to 001180	4,33,239/-	8700/-	Three Months	350/-	'C' Class
13	C/O link road to Village Talling Km. 000 to 007035H - C/O RAVAI in G.I. wire grade at RD. 00414 to 0049.20 & 0480 to 0500	3,48,847/-	8000/-	Three Months	350/-	'C' Class
14	C/O link road to Village Talling Km. 000 to 007035H - C/O RAVAI in G.I. wire grade at RD. 00425 to 0439.40 & RD. 0500 to 0514.40)	2,57,919/-	5200/-	Three Months	350/-	'C' Class
15	C/O link road from Sunnam to Hango Km. 000 to 3500 (SH - F.C. from Km. 4240 to 4435)	4,14,544/-	8500/-	Two Months	350/-	'C' Class
16	C/O Barracks for Home Guards at Sharno in Distt. Kinnair (HP) (SH - C/O BAVAI for protection of building at RD 90 to 0025)	205491	4200	3Months	350/-	'C' Class
17	RRI on Kalpa Ropthi road Km. 000 to 6375 in Distt. Kinnair (HP) (SH - C/O RAVAI in G.I. wire grade at RD. 3585 to 3594)	2,33,466/-	5000/-	Three Months	350/-	'C' Class
18	A/R & M/O link road to Village Pooth Km. 000 to 3415 (SH - P.L. Interlocking paver block at RD. 2960 to 3000)	1,83,071/-	4000/-	Two Months	350/-	'C' Class
19	A/R & M/O link road to Village Pooth Km. 000 to 3415 (SH - P.L. Interlocking paver block at RD. 300 to 3096)	1,80,821/-	3300/-	Two Months	350/-	'C' Class
20	C/O 69.00 mt. Span Motorable bridge over Hango Nallah to Village Chulung (SH - C/O RAVAI in G.I. wire grade for Launching of bridge)	1,81,425/-	4000/-	Three Months	350/-	'C' Class
21	C/O Jeppan Road from Chiskato to Kammara Via Karmra to Panungu Km. 000 to 2925 in Distt. Kinnair (HP) (SH - Formation cutting from Km. 1030 to 1070)	2,35,261/-	5000/-	Two Months	350/-	'C' Class
22	Improvement of black spot on Spillway Labrang Kammara road Km. 000 to 11915 (SH - C/O RAVAI in G.I. wire grade from RDs 8148 to 8157.60 & C/O BAVAI from RD. 8240 to 8273.90 and 8495 to 8555)	4,43,873/-	9,000/-	Three Months	350/-	'C' Class
23	C/O road from Kammara Bus Stand to Lower Kammara Km. 000 to 9500 (SH - C/O G.I. wire grade RAVAI from RDs 8471 to 8496.40 and C/O RAVAI from RDs 8496.40 to 9515.40)	1,73,191/-	4000/-	Three Months	350/-	'C' Class
24	Restoration of rain damages on link road Rest House to Thousing road Km. 000 to 1750 (SH - C/O BAVAI at RD. 0160 to 0203)	3,96,941/-	7500/-	Three Months	350/-	'C' Class

Agitation, legal recourse to fight farm laws: Capt

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH/KHATKAR KALAN

Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Monday vowed to fight the Centre's "malicious" and "anti-national" agriculture acts constitutionally and legally, asserting that he will do whatever it takes to protect the farmers from the Central Government's "nefarious designs".

Capt Amarinder, addressing the media, said that he will be consulting with lawyers to work out the legal course of action for challenging the unconstitutional laws in the Supreme Court. "Agitation and legal recourse will be undertaken simultaneously to fight these new laws and force the Union Government to rethink its decision," he said.

Slamming the step-motherly treatment meted out on Punjab and Haryana to make big corporates like the Adanis happy, Capt Amarinder asked, "Will the Adanis subsidize food for poor Indians?" These laws will spell the death-knell for the PDS system, apart from ruining Punjab and its farmers, he added.

Terming the new legislations as a total violation of the nation's federal structure, the Chief Minister described the enactment of the Farm Bills as a black day for Punjab. "The manner in which the laws were brought in through the Ordinances route and then pushed through Parliament without discussion was deplorable," he said, asserting that contraries to the lies being spread by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD), the Punjab Government was never once apprised of the move to bring in such Ordinances.

Making it clear that the Centre's verbal assurance that MSP (minimum support price) could not be trusted, Capt Amarinder said: "When they can break constitutional guarantees, who can trust their verbal assurance... Why MSP has not been made a constitutional right of the farmers in these Acts."

Capt Amarinder said that



those sitting at the Centre clearly knew nothing about agriculture, which explained their bid to destroy the time-tested farmer-arthiya relations. "The small farmers, whom our government has been trying to help over the past 3.5 years and who constitute more than 70 percent of the farming community, would be the worst affected," he added.

SLAMS AKALIS FOR THEIR ROLE
Slamming the Akalis for defending the Bills for months, the Chief Minister again questioned what Harimrat Badal was doing all this time and why she did not quit the Cabinet when the Ordinances were first brought in. "Why did the Akalis oppose us in the all-party meeting? Why did they run away from assembly?" he asked, dismissing their hollow claims of now on standing with the farmers.

"These claims are only meant to grab political power in Punjab, but nobody trusts them now," he said, adding that SAD's decision to quit NDA was also the result of revolt from their own party members. Stressing the need for all to rise above politics to fight Centre's dangerous laws unitedly to protect Punjab and its people, especially the farmers, he said: "The fight, at present, is between the farmers and the Central Government, but the fact is that all powers of the states are being usurped by the Centre. We have nothing left

except excise from liquor sales."

WARNS AGAINST ISI EXPLOITING FARMERS' ANGST TO FOMENT TROUBLE
Asserting that he does not want Punjab's youth and farmers to take to arms to fight for their right to live, the Chief Minister warned that these new laws will endanger the security of the border state of Punjab, as Pakistan's ISI was always on the lookout for opportunities to foment trouble. Punjab has lost 35,000 lives to terrorism in senseless violence in the past and with the unrest among the farmers spreading to other states, the entire nation would be exposed to the ISI threat, said Capt Amarinder, adding that Pak-backed forces will try to feed on the angst in India.

"ISI looks for people they can easily arm with guns and grenades. In last three years, we've held over 150 terrorists. Everything in Punjab was peaceful. But when your bread and butter is snatched, won't you be furious? They become a target of ISI. What Government did is anti-national," he said Capt Amarinder.

Pointing out that 150 terrorists had been nabbed in Punjab in recent months with huge caches of arms and ammunition, the Chief Minister said that he will not let anyone disturb the state's peaceful atmosphere, which the new legislations had the potential to do.

CM DESCRIBES ENACTMENT OF FARM LAWS AS BLACK DAY FOR PUNJAB



PUNJAB CONG ANNOUNCES SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN TO COLLECT 2 CR FARMERS' SIGNATURES FROM OCT 2

All Indian Congress Congress (AI) general secretary in-charge of Punjab affairs, Harish Rawat, on Monday announced a signature campaign beginning October 2 to collect two crore signatures of farmers against the new Farm Laws.

"These will be submitted to the President of India on November 14 to coincide with Jawaharlal Nehru's birth anniversary," he said, adding that Kisan Sammelans would also be organized to take the fight to its logical conclusion.

Describing Capt Amarinder Singh as the protector of farmers, Rawat said that the farming community was pinning its hopes on the Chief Minister to lead them in this war against the "black laws" promulgated by the Centre.

At the same time, he took a dig at the Akalis, saying that they had remained silent for a long time and were now coming forward to support the fight for farmers' rights.

The Chief Minister Capt Amarinder said that while Rahul Gandhi had already taken up the cudgels against the Farm Laws, the Punjab Congress would seek his support in leading a nationwide struggle against these legislations.

BEHBAL KALAN FIRING CASE

Former Punjab DGP Saini, suspended IGP Umranangal named as accused

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Former Punjab Director General of Police (DGP) Sumesh Singh Saini and suspended Inspector General of Police (IG) Paramraj Singh Umranangal have been named in Behbal Kalan firing incident as accused by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the police firing incident of October 14, 2015.

The two have been named as accused in the first information report (FIR) in the Behbal Kalan case registered at Bajakhana police station under the charges of attempt to murder, armed and dangerous.

The SIT claimed that both the police officers have been found "prima facie guilty" in this case on the basis of documentary evidence and the statement of witnesses.

Paramraj Singh, in his statement before the court, had claimed that the then DGP Saini and IGP Umranangal had issued instruction to former SSP

case related to murder and attempt to murder. It has been learnt that even though Saini and Umranangal have been accused of criminal conspiracy, the SIT would not arrest them immediately as the Punjab and Haryana High Court has asked the SIT to give them a seven-day notice before initiating action against them in the police firing cases.

Now, the SIT is expected to issue notices to Saini and Umranangal soon.

Notably, only a week back, a policeman, who is the prime accused in the firing incident, had turned over.

The Faridkot local court, on September 15, allowed the SIT's application seeking pardon to inspector Pardeep Singh, who was the then SSP of former Moga Road Charanjit Singh Sharma.

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Charanjit Singh Sharma to end the protesters dharna at Behbal Kalan at any cost; and to end this protest, Charanjit Singh Sharma and his team members allegedly used brutal force in which two protesters were killed and many other were injured.

SIT member IGP Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh had also submitted in the Faridkot court that the then DGP Saini and suspended IGP Umranangal were the main conspirators in the Behbal Kalan firing incident.

Two Sikh youth — Gurjeet Singh of Sarawan village and Krishan Bhagwan Singh of Niamiwala village — had died in the police firing on October 14, 2015, while protesting against the desecration of Guru Granth Sahib. Besides, many people were seriously injured in the incident.

A week after, an FIR was registered on October 21 at Bajakhana police station under Section 302, 307, 34 of IPC and 25, 27, 54, 59 of Arms Act.

24 more Covid-19 deaths, 1630 new cases in Haryana

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana on Monday reported 1630 fresh Covid-19 cases, taking the State's tally to 125,412, while 24 more fatalities pushed the toll to 1331, according to the health department's daily bulletin.

A total of 2421 patients recovered from different hospitals of the State over the last 24 hours. Of the 24 fatalities on Monday, five were reported from Panchkula; four from Panipat, and two each from Hissar, Karnal, Sirsa, Fatehabad and one each from Kaithal, Yamunanagar, Kurukshetra, Bhiwani, Rohtak, Ambala and Fatehabad districts.

Among the districts which reported a big spike in cases are Kurukshetra (261), Faridabad (195), Kurukshetra (163), Rohtak (126), Hissar (107) and Sonapat (102). Currently, there are 15,670 active Covid-19 cases in Haryana, while 108,411 people have been discharged from recovery. As of Monday, the State's recovery rate stands at 86.44 per cent, case fatality rate at 1.06 per cent, while the doubling rate of infections is 29 days.

Haryana Cong holds protest against new farm laws

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Congress on Monday held a protest outside the party's state headquarters here against the three new agricultural laws, with its leaders saying these are anti-farmers and demanded it be taken back.

The Congress workers also raised slogans against the BJP-led governments at the Centre and in Haryana.

Carrying placards, some of which read "Annadata ki suno pukar, bandh karo atyachar (Listen to farmers, end their oppression)", the workers demanded that the "black laws", which are "anti-farmers" be withdrawn.

A delegation comprising



senior leaders including Kiran Choudhary and Capt Ajay Singh Yadav submitted a memorandum on the farm-related laws issue to Governor Satyadeo Narain Arya which was addressed to the President. Earlier, a meeting was held

at the Congress' state headquarters here in which senior leaders including Selja, Bansal, Choudhary, Ajay Singh Yadav and other leaders addressed the party workers.

After the meeting, the procession of party leaders and

workers led by Kumari Selja, who were to march towards the Raj Bhawan, was halted by the Chandigarh police at a short distance from the Congress office and only six leaders were allowed to proceed to present the memorandum to the Governor. A number of workers who tried to march were rounded up by the police and taken into preventive custody before being released later.

The Congress is protesting against the new farm laws across the country.

After submitting the memorandum, Hooda, the Leader of Opposition in the Haryana Assembly, said, "We have demanded these black laws should be scrapped or amendments should be brought making a provision which would guarantee that farmers will get the minimum support price for crops outside the mandis as well".

Tehsildars to go from village to village for consolidation work

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

For the first time, Naib Tehsildar will go to every village and farm to measure the land. At present only Patwari or Kanungo used to visit the village for consolidation work. As many as 57 Naib Tehsildars who have completed their training are not only allotted one village each, but directions have also been issued to start the consolidation work from October 1.

Duties of 30 Naib Tehsildars have been assigned for villages of Bhiwani-Dagri district, while eight in Rohtak, four in Jhajjar, three in Panipat, eight in Karnal, one in Hissar, two in Ambala, two and two in

All Naib Tehsildars have been directed to complete the task of consolidation within the stipulated time period- Deputy Chief Minister

Gurugram. Before now, Naib Tehsildars in Haryana were not responsible for the consolidation. Deputy Chief Minister, Dushyant Chautala said that 64 villages in Haryana do not have consolidation. Complaints regarding land disputes are usually reported from these vil-

lages every day. He said that consolidation is very important to resolve such cases.

He said that for centuries, the land records of these villages were registered in the Bigha and Biswa, while the entire Haryana has land records registered in acre, kanal and bigha. The land of the farmers of these villages is divided and the farmers were not able to find a way to reach their fields. He informed that due to consolidation, the "Zamindari" (Land owner) will have legal ownership of his land.

The Deputy Chief Minister said that all Naib Tehsildars have been directed to complete the task of consolidation within the stipulated time period.

Bhagat Singh memorial

Capt announces ₹50L for upkeep, maintenance

PNS ■ KHATKAR KALAN (SBS NAGAR)

Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Monday announced ₹ 50 lakhs for the upkeep and maintenance of the memorial of Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh at Khatkar Kalan — his ancestral village.

The Chief Minister paid floral tributes to the great martyr on his 113th birth anniversary at the martyr's ancestral village where he later staged a brief dharna to kickstart a campaign against the Centre over the introduction of the farmers' legislations.

He was joined by AICC general secretary in-charge of

Punjab affairs Harish Rawat, Punjab Congress president Sunil Jakhar and Patiala MP Preeten Kaur, besides the Cabinet Ministers, around 45 MLAs and six MPs, and other party leaders.

However, former Minister and Congress MLA Navjot Singh Sidhu was conspicuous by his absence, besides the Sri Anandpur Sahib MP Manish Tewari.

They all sat in the memorial complex right from the time the statue was set on dharna for over an hour.

Remembering the courage of Bhagat Singh and other martyrs during the Indian freedom struggle, the Chief Minister exhorted the youth to

emulate the high ideals of these revolutionaries.

CM'S NAUTANKI DISRESPECT TO SHAHEED-E-AZAM: SUKHBIR

Describing Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh's Charanjit Singh Khatri Kalan as "shameful political nautanki at a very solemn place", SAD president Sukhbir Badal on Monday said: "If, at all, he had to go there, he should have done so after submitting an Ordinance declaring the Punjab state an agricultural market to render the Centre's Bill invalid in Punjab, and withdrawing his own APMC implemented in Punjab 2017 with the same provisions which

the Centre's new Acts contain."

SAD chief also recalled how some people had launched a party called the PPP, swearing by the soil of Khatkar Kalan, just a few years ago. "Where is the founder of that party now? Where is that party? And where is that oath? The people who disrespected Shaheed-e-Azam by swearing on oath by his name have now joined the Congress, a party Shaheed-e-Azam opposed," said Sukhbir.

SAD TO SUPPORT GOVT AGAINST CENTRE IF IT MOVES SC: CHANDUMAJRA

A senior Akali leader

Prem Singh Chandumajra on Monday maintained that the Akali Dal would support the Congress-led Punjab Government against the BJP-led Central Government if it would move the Supreme Court on the issue of farm bills.

Chandumajra, who also visited the memorial of Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh at Khatkar Kalan, said that in case the Government would knock the Supreme Court, his party would support the state against the Centre. At the same time, he also sought the Chief Minister's intervention to make the entire campaign against the farm bills an "all-party event".

Covid-19 fatalities remain a concern in Chandigarh even as cases decline

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

With six Covid-19 fatalities reported on Monday, the death toll reached 153 in the union territory of Chandigarh. The city reported 171 fresh positive cases pushing the total Covid-19 tally to 11678. The daily count of cases remained below 200 for the second consecutive day.

Even as the fresh cases are declining in the city, the Covid related deaths remain a major concern. The COVID-19 fatality rate stood at 1.31 per cent in Chandigarh.

While the other Covid-19 related parameters including growth rate of infection, positivity rate, active cases percentage, recovery rate have improved in the past ten days, the fatality rate in the city remains above one percent. 97 residents have died in the month of September due to Covid-19 while 56 fatalities

THE COVID-19 FATALITY RATE STOOD AT 1.31 % IN CHANDIGARH

were reported from the month of April to August.

A total of 7332 positive cases have so far been reported in the city in the month of September. A biggest single-day spike of 449 cases was recorded on September 13.

According to the Chandigarh Health Department's health bulletin, six fatalities, all aged above 50 years have been reported in the past 24 hours. Meanwhile, the recovery rate of COVID-19 positive cases in Chandigarh increased to 79.8 percent. The active ratio of cases stood at 18.8 percent which means for every 100 confirmed cases, 19 are currently infected in the city.

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

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

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

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

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

Maximum 180 infections were reported from Amritsar, followed by 138 from Ludhiana, 127 from SAS Nagar



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

A total of 2,033 patients — including 273 from Mohali,

229 from Amritsar, 213 from Ludhiana, 211 from Ferozepur, 160 from Jalandhar, 154 from Patiala, 120 each from Hoshiarpur and Pathankot, among others — have been discharged in the past 24 hours after recovering from the contagion taking the total number of recoveries to 86,013.

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

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

PNS ■ MOHALI

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

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

It was informed that local civil administration makes arrangements for estimated arrivals of produce from villages under its jurisdiction but



arrangements tend to fall short due to illegal sale of paddy from neighbouring states in those mandis.

Taking strict note of the transgression, Deputy Commissioner directed the police officials to establish special inter-state border check-points so that 'other State paddy' may not come in the district. Besides, he issued directions to register FIRs and

suspend licenses of errant arthiyas. The Sub-Divisional Magistrates (SDMs) have been directed to maintain constant vigil to ensure compliance. Pertinently, the other state paddy influx is prevalent in Lalru and Dera Bassi. Nakas or check points would be established primarily at Jharnari, Baltana, Barwara, and other places as suggested by local SDMs.

Another Nirbhaya case in Hathras, 4 persons held

PRADEEP SAXENA ■
ALIGARH/HATHRAS

Like Nirbhaya, a 19-year-old Dalit victim of gangrape was taken to share her horrific rape story with JN Medical college about her brutal assault but her tongue is silent as monsters cut her tongue, fractured three bones of her neck, and injured her spine brutally. For 15 days, she is on a ventilator and on life support. All four accused are arrested.

The victim's father alleged that the families of all four rapists are from the upper caste and are continuously threatening to take back the police case otherwise it will lead to worse consequences. Police have registered a case against all four rapists, arrested, and sent them to jail. PAC is deployed in the village to maintain law and order.

19-year-old Nirbhaya of the Chandiya community area of Hathras is doing struggle for life but different parties have started politics. Bhoom army and SP party president came to Aligarh and said that

Uttar Pradesh has become the State of suppression for Dalits where Dalit elder and girls are not safe. He alleged that in the last few months, more than 10 Dalits have been killed every day and criminals get political protection. The way this Dalit daughter has been gang-raped, now her family is being threatened clearly shown that these upper caste people have political protection. Bhoom army warned to protect if the girl is not put to justice and will punish those who will persecute out sisters and daughters. BSP chief Mayawati tweeted that the girl was first brutally beaten and then gang-raped, which is shameful and punishable. Sisters and daughters of our society are not safe in the State.

Former district president of Samajwadi Party Rubina Khanum said that the administration must shoot such monstrous public and private cases will burn these accused alive. Because of this Nirbhaya case, women of Chandiya are boiling. She further added that the women are not safe in this

Government and criminals get the protection of the government.

The Brother of the victim said that the condition of Nirbhaya is very critical and the doctors of JN Medical College have not yet told us clearly to take her to Delhi while the JN Medical College Dr. Fakhrul Huda, Head of Neuro Surgery said that the girl's family has not requested to take the girl to Delhi. Whereas Chandra Shekhar Azad and Ajay Kumar Lallu (State Congress President) said that law and order in the state is collapsed. Congress demanded from this government to admit her to AIIMS Delhi from Aligarh's medical college and ensure that her condition will improve.

On the other hand, the Dalit family is in panic. The victim's father said that the higher caste people will target his daughter in the future as well. Nya dalit community daughter of Delhi have a similar case, but TV and National News Channel are silent because they are also suppressed by this Government.

Bangladeshis with plot to kill TMC leader held

PNS ■
KOLKATA

In a breakthrough of sorts six people out of whom four are Bangladeshis, were arrested along the Bishnupur district of Bengal Bengal's for hatching plans to assassinate a Trinamool Congress politician, police said.

"The police arrested the accused persons on Sunday night from the Talpore village which is not far from the Visva Bharati Shantiniketan a central university created by Poet Laureate Rabindranath Tagore.

The police said the Bangladeshis were the 'Bhupari killers' who were working as masons in the nearby areas and had been given contract to kill a senior TMC leader from the district.

The six were arrested on the basis of a confidential information we received. Details cannot be divulged for the sake of the investigation," district Superintendent of police Shyam Singh said.

NIA court sentences ISIS ultra to life imprisonment in Kerala

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Subhani Haja Moideen, 36, an IS activist from Thodupuzha in Idukki district was sentenced by a NIA court in Kochi to life imprisonment for waging a war in association with terrorist forces against Iraq, India's friendly nation. The court observed that the NIA which probed the case against Moideen has succeeded in establishing that he had aligned with IS and waged war against Iraq.

This is the first case of its

kind filed in Kerala by the NIA against a person for aligning with a terrorist organisation and waging war against India's friendly country.

Judge P Krishnakumar found Moideen guilty under IPC Section 125 (waging war against a friendly nation of India), 120 B, and UAPA Sections 20, 38 and 49. Moideen has to pay a fine of Rs 2,17,000 under these Sections.

The judge said that the sentence was based on the interest of the civil society. The NIA

found that Moideen had left India for Turkey in 2015 and reached Iraq via Istanbul. His locations were identified by tracking the spots from where he logged into his Facebook accounts. In a Facebook chat he had with one of his associates, Moideen had made it known that he wanted to join the IS to kill the enemies of Islam. Moideen was taken into custody by the NIA along with the group of youth who had assembled at Kanakamala in Kannur district to plan a war against India.

Security forces neutralises LeT key operator

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

A dreaded Lashkar-e-Tayyiba (LeT) commander, directly responsible for three major terror attacks in which at least 21 security personnel were killed in action, was one among the two terrorists neutralised by the joint team of security forces in village Samboora of Awantipora in South Kashmir's Pulwama district late Sunday night.

After the gunfight ended late Sunday night, the security forces maintained the tight cordon and retrieved the dead bodies from the encounter site Monday morning. During the operation, the dreaded terrorists had attempted to escape and had even shifted their location repeatedly but were tracked down by the joint team of security forces and neutralised.

Addressing a press conference in Awantipora District police lines, Director General of Police, Dilbagh Singh, flanked by senior army and CRPF officers said, the gunfight that took place at Samboora, Pampore was a successful operation and security forces achieved 'big success' by killing one of the longest surviving terrorist commander of Lashkar-e-Toiba outfit and his close aide, Singh said the LeT terrorists have been identified as Aijaz Ahmad Reshi and Sajad Ahmad Sofi. They were both residents of Awantipora, he added.

DGP said, Aijaz Reshi was operational commander of LeT and was active alongside Burhan Wani, poster boy of Hizbul Mujahideen. Reshi was working as Over Ground Worker (OGW) in 2015 and joined LeT before Burhan Wani. The DGP told reporters.

Kerala reports 4,538 new Covid cases

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Though only 4,538 new Covid-19 cases were reported in Kerala on Monday, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said the details are inconclusive as the entire data for the day could not be collected.

"The details collected in the second half of the day would be furnished on Tuesday and hence the numbers would be higher than normal," said Vijayan while briefing the media on Monday. Vijayan ruled out the possibility of any lock down in the backdrop of the surging number of Covid-19 cases. He said 20 patients succumbed to the pandemic on Monday. "We are experiencing the doubling of Covid-19 patients on every 20 days.

2021 TN Assembly polls: CM, Dy CM spar over who should be CM candidate

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

Trouble is brewing up in AIADMK over the choice of the Chief Ministerial candidate to lead the party in the 2021 Assembly Election which may take place in the months of March-April as the tenure of the current House is coming to an end by May 2021.

The executive committee (the highest policy decision making body of the party) which met at Chennai on Monday turned out to be a stormy affair as the incumbent Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami and his deputy O Panneerselvam had a wordy duel over who should be the Chief Ministerial candidate.

K P Munusamy, MP, a close associate of Panneerselvam, announced at the end of the proceedings that the party would meet

again on October 7 when the name of the chief ministerial candidate will be declared.

Party insiders told The Pioneer that Chief Minister Palaniswami said he had handled the Covid-19 pandemic in an exemplary manner and even the Prime Minister of the country had complimented him for the 'good work'. He also pointed out that the State has seen a number of entrepreneurs making a beeline to set up industries and Tamil Nadu registered overall development during the last four years.

But Panneerselvam claimed he agreed to bury all the differences and accepted the post of deputy chief minister only for this term (2020-2021). "I was the natural choice of a Minister (Jayalitha) for the post of chief minister on both the occasions when she had to step down. Palaniswami is the

choice of Chinnaamma (V K Sasikala, late Jayalitha's close aide) and was appointed in the disproportionate asset case) and was appointed by unseating me for no mistakes of mine," said Panneerselvam.

It is known that lady luck smiled on Palaniswami in the form of Supreme Court verdict in the Disproportionate Asset case in 2017 February. The apex court upheld the verdict delivered by the Bangalore Special Court which had sentenced Sasikala and others to four years rigorous imprisonment. Sasikala was to be sworn in as Chief Minister on February 16 but her dreams were shattered by the Supreme Court verdict on February 14. Palaniswami was a stopgap arrangement as a minister as Sasikala wanted to induct TTV Dinakaran, her nephew, as chief minister in her absence.

Jawan injured in Pak's ceasefire violation

PNS ■ JAMMU

An Indian soldier received injuries during 'unprovoked' ceasefire violation along the line of control in Machhal sector of North Kashmir's Kupwara district on Monday. Ceasefire violation was also reported from Nowshera in Rajouri district of Jammu region where Pak army targeted several forward villages using mortar shells.

According to Defence spokespersons based in

Srinagar and Jammu, Indian army gave a befitting reply and retaliated effectively.

In Srinagar, Col Rajesh Kalia, Defence spokesman said, "Pakistan initiated an 'unprovoked' ceasefire violation along the line of control in Machhal sector of Kupwara by firing mortars and other weapons on Monday". He said, one soldier received injuries and was evacuated to a nearby hospital where his condition was stated to be stable. He said, Indian army gave a befitting response.

In Jammu, Lt Col Devender Anand said, "Pakistan army initiated ceasefire violation around 3.50 pm along the line of control in Nowshera sector of Rajouri". He said Pak army used small arms and mortars to target the forward locations. Indian army too retaliated effectively, he added.

Meanwhile, Indian army javans remained in a state of high alert to prevent any major infiltration bid or surprise attack by the Border Action Team of Pakistan army in the region.

COVID-19 Deaths, cases plummet in Maharashtra, Mumbai crosses 2-lakh mark

Mumbai: For the first time in 28 days, Maharashtra's Covid-19 deaths and cases plummeted drastically, though Mumbai's total cases breached the 2-lakh mark, health officials said here on Monday.

After recording 184 fatalities on August 31, Maharashtra witnessed just 180 deaths on Monday, a significant drop from the peak of 515 deaths recorded on September 15, taking the state's death toll to 35,751.

The state recorded 11,921 new cases on Monday, the lowest since August 31 when there were 11,852 new infections -- and steeply falling from the peak tally of 24,886 recorded on September 11 -- taking the state's Covid tally to 13,51,153.

The state's recovery rate also shot up -- from 76.31 per cent to 77.71 per cent -- while the mortality rate stood at 2.65 per cent on Monday.

On a positive note, 19,932 fully recovered people returned home on Monday, taking the total number of discharges to 10,49,947 till date, much higher than the 265,033 active cases currently present in the state. As per the figures released on Monday, there was one death roughly every 8 minutes and 497 new cases added every hour to the state's tally.

Of the 180 deaths, Mumbai led the chart with 40 fatalities, followed by Thane (24), Pune (19), Chandrapur (14), Satara (12), Kolhapur (10), Sangli and Yavatmal (8 each), Aurangabad, Hingoli and Amravati (5 each), Jalgaon and Solapur (4 each), Nashik, Osmanabad and Gadchiroli (3 each), Palghar, Beed and Nagpur (2 each), and Raigad. Ahmednagar, Ratnagiri, Latur, Nanded, Akola and Buldhana (1 each).

Continuing in the sub-50 range for the third day this



month, Mumbai recorded 40 fatalities which took up its toll to 8,834, while the number of cases shot up by 2,055 to take the city's tally past the 2-lakh mark to 200,901.

Of the total 8 circles, the situation in Mumbai circle (MMR, comprising Mumbai, Thane, Palghar and Raigad) remains on the brink as deaths spiral and cases pile up.

MMR's fatalities shot up by 67 to 15,533, and with another spike of 4,098 new infections, the total cases shot up to 471,712.

With another 35 fatalities, the Pune circle's (comprising Pune, Solapur and Satara districts) death toll increased to 7,725 and the daily case tally zoomed up by 2,583 to 358,375 cases.

Nashik circle has so far recorded 3,607 fatalities and 178,439 cases, followed by Kolhapur circle's 2,771 deaths and 91,711 cases, and Nagpur circle's 2,344 deaths and 103,621 cases.

Latur circle recorded 1,458 deaths and 54,536 cases, Aurangabad circle had 1,309 fatalities and 51,167 cases, followed by Akola circle with 870 deaths and 40,046 cases.

Meanwhile, the number of people sent to home quarantine increased to 19,75,923, while the number of those in institutional quarantine went down from 30,467 to 29,922 on Monday. IANS

HIV prevalent in street children, many thrown in flesh trade

PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH

The HIV continues to be a global health problem and the prevention of this infection is a challenge to the Indian Government.

In Aligarh district 41% of children living in slums and 49% of children living on streets are suffering from malnutrition along with an alarming 38% of street children reported as HIV positive. Many of these children are thrown into the flesh trade.

According to the study of LATA organization and the health department of the Union

Government on 560 children in the age group of 8 to 15 years, 68% were male and 32% female. 56% of boys are living on the streets while 44% are living in slums with families. Mostly these are a daily wage. This study reveals that 4700 children are living at railway & bus station on streets are suffering from malnutrition along with an alarming 38% of street children reported as HIV positive. Many of these children are thrown into the flesh trade.

BB Gupta, General Secretary of LATA said that 21% of these children are found deficient in vitamins A, B, and iron.

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1. 38/GM/SM/C-8/ET/2020-21-Name of Work : M/o Village (Mo Community Center & Boundary wall in Village Gheja Tilpatbad Sector-93) Noida Cost - Rs. 32.57 Lacs
2. 41/GM/SM/W.C-8/ET/2020-21-Name of Work : C/o Boundary wall (C/o Boundary wall of Green Belt and Park in 5% Abadi Plots in Sector-141) Noida Cost - Rs. 67.12 Lacs
3. 42/GM/SM/W.C-8/ET/2020-21-Name of Work : M/o Village (P/L C.C. and RMC work on Damaged Road/Gali of Nagar and Pandit Mohalla in Village Shadnagar) Noida Cost - Rs. 94.05 Lacs
4. 43/GM/SM/W.C-8/ET/2020-21-Name of Work : Strengthening of Road (Resurfacing of Gheja Bhangal Road from Badshahi Road to 3C Project) Noida Cost - Rs. 92.44 Lacs

Which can be uploaded by date 13.10.2020 upto 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened / downloaded on date 14.10.2020 at 11.00 AM.

(A) 5. 55/Noida/GM/SM/W.C-9/ET/2020-21-Name of Work : Strengthening of Roads (Resurfacing work with using plastic waste on 45.00m wide road along expressway in front ESS Sector-129 to Panchsheel underpass, Sector-91) Noida Cost - Rs. 60.97 Lacs

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No. RMSA/C/Wr-e-tender/19/201314/2020/10

The Mission Director, Samagra Shiksha, Assam re-invites bids for the following building works from registered contractor under PWD (Building). Assam having experience of similar nature of work in Assam. Details of the bid may be seen at e-procurement portal website (www.assamtenders.gov.in) and also in the office of the undersigned during office hours from 29-09-2020 (1100 hours) to 19-10-2020 (1400 hours). The bidders must be enrolled in www.assamtenders.gov.in

Date - 21st September/2020

Sl.	Pkg no.	Name of work	Estimate of value of work (in lakh)	Time of completion (in month)	Earnest Money Deposit		Tender cost (in rupees)
					General (in rupees)	Reserved category (in rupees)	
1	RMSA/C W/18-19/03	Construction of various civil work interventions for strengthening of existing secondary schools under Samagra Shiksha, Assam at Malegarh HS School in Bongaigaon district.	54.77	10	109540/-	54770/-	3000/-
2	RMSA/C W/18-19/06	Construction of various civil work interventions for strengthening of existing secondary schools under Samagra Shiksha, Assam at Falligani Bapuji HS School in Golaghat district.	66.27	10	132540/-	66270/-	3000/-
3	RMSA/C W/18-19/10	Construction of various civil work interventions for strengthening of existing secondary schools under Samagra Shiksha, Assam at Thauram Gogoi Memorial HS School in Sivasagar district.	80.95	10	161900/-	80950/-	3000/-
4	RMSA/C W/19-20/4	Construction of various civil work interventions for strengthening of existing secondary schools under Samagra Shiksha, Assam at Joymati High School in Bishwanath district.	48.90	10	97800/-	48900/-	3000/-
5	RMSA/C W/19-20/5	Construction of various civil work interventions for strengthening of existing secondary schools under Samagra Shiksha, Assam at Dinabandhu High School in Bongaigaon district.	45.72	10	91440/-	45720/-	3000/-
6	RMSA/C W/19-20/15	Construction of various civil work interventions for strengthening of existing secondary schools under Samagra Shiksha, Assam at Simanta Uchha Madhyamic Vidyalaya in Golaghat district.	60.40	10	120800/-	60400/-	3000/-
7	RMSA/C W/19-20/17	Construction of various civil work interventions for strengthening of existing secondary schools under Samagra Shiksha, Assam at Jangle Block High School in Hojai district.	45.72	10	91440/-	45720/-	3000/-
8	RMSA/C W/19-20/21	Construction of various civil work interventions for strengthening of existing secondary schools under Samagra Shiksha, Assam at Dadara HS School in Kamrup district.	30.20	10	60400/-	30200/-	3000/-
9	RMSA/C W/19-20/24	Construction of various civil work interventions for strengthening of existing secondary schools under Samagra Shiksha, Assam at Duhalia Extended High School in Karimganj district.	39.15	10	78300/-	39150/-	3000/-
10	RMSA/C W/19-20/25	Construction of various civil work interventions for strengthening of existing secondary schools under Samagra Shiksha, Assam at Kanai Lal Jew High School in Karimganj district.	45.72	10	91440/-	45720/-	3000/-
11	RMSA/C W/19-20/26	Construction of various civil work interventions for strengthening of existing secondary schools under Samagra Shiksha, Assam at Pallimangal High School in Karimganj district.	76.58	10	153160/-	76580/-	3000/-
12	RMSA/C W/19-20/36	Construction of various civil work interventions for strengthening of existing secondary schools under Samagra Shiksha, Assam at Puthimari Anantlik High School in Nagaon district.	63.58	10	127160/-	63580/-	3000/-
13	RMSA/C W/19-20/4	Construction of teachers' residential quarter in existing Adarsha Vidyalaya under Samagra Shiksha, Assam at Adarsha Vidyalaya under Juria block in Nagaon district.	60.04	10	120080/-	60040/-	3000/-
14	RMSA/C W/NS/11-9-20/6	Construction of New School building for upgradation of secondary to higher secondary school under Samagra Shiksha, Assam at Amgoorie Halwating Mazdoor High School in Sivasagar district.	244.42	12	488840/-	244420/-	5000/-
15	RMSA/C W/NS/11-9-20/7	Construction of New School building for upgradation of secondary to higher secondary school under Samagra Shiksha, Assam at Omeo Das High School in Sonitpur district.	244.42	12	488840/-	244420/-	5000/-

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New look BJP

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



This took some time coming, the recasting of the BJP after JP Nadra became its new president, ostensibly halted by the Government's preoccupation with the pandemic. But nine months down the line, the party has made some key changes. Almost 60 per cent of the office bearers are new, which means that the Modi-Shah duo is now reshaping the party's legacy by putting in place a generation next. The second rung would be ready by the time the next general elections are due, when some of the existing stalwarts would superannuate. The new and younger faces serve two purposes. First, they would feel they have a stakeholder-

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

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

Implement the rules

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



Agitating farmers in north India might find a lot of fault with the recently passed legislation that dismantled the old system of agricultural commerce even if the Central Government continues to believe in the necessity of these Bills as major reforms. Richer farmers are aghast at the Bills as they hurt their well-connected eco-system as well as harm State Government revenues. That's why politicians in Punjab are protesting so loudly whereas marginal farmers in other States are less unhappy with the Bills, considering their exploitation won't end at the end of the day, big corporations just replacing middlemen. But if the farmers are hoping to sway opinion against the Bills, then they would have to act upon their brethren burning stubble in their fields and not use it as a pressure tactic to get the Centre's attention.

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



BHOPINDER SINGH

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

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

He was an intellectual rebel, not

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

Canadian PM — Justin Trudeau



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

Punjab Chief Minister — Amarinder Singh



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

Cricketer — Steve Smith



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

Singer — Shaan



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Democracy in danger

Sir — Amid farmers' protests, particularly in Punjab and Haryana, President Ram Nath Kovind approved the three controversial farm Bills. Leaders of 18 parties had also approached the President last week, urging him not to give his assent to the Bills, calling the way in which they were passed "unconstitutional" and "unknown to our Constitution". The Government's dictatorial approach in passing the farm Bills, when it didn't have the majority in the Upper House, and now the President's decision to not heed the Opposition on the matter and act against the nation's conscience, only suggests that neither Harivansh Narayan Singh, Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, nor the President are working as independent entities but rather as puppets of the Central Government. Shriomani Akali Dal chief Sukhbir Singh Badal rightly called it a "dark day for democracy". The Opposition parties need to come together once again to challenge this cavalier attitude and arrogance as the country of more than 1.3 billion people, we have only 198 Biomedical Waste Treatment Centres (BMWTCs) and 225

The world needs a 'people's vaccine'

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

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



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

G David Milton
Maruthancode

Biomedical waste

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

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

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

that medical waste isn't dumped in public places.

Rahul Chouhan
Ujjain

Farmers' uproar

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

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

BO Changa
West Bengal

Women's safety

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

Khushbu Ved
Ujjain

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opinion

Last post for an officer

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



SINGH WAS AMONG THE FIRST TO BLOW THE BUGLE ABOUT HIS PARTY'S CHANGING TENOR, AGENDA AND DIRECTION, AND THEREAFTER SOUGHT A 'SERIOUS INQUIRY'. LITTLE DID HE KNOW OF THE CHANGING AND IRREVERSIBLE WINDS. SOON THE SOLDIER WAS IRONICALLY SLAMMED FOR 'INDISCIPLINE'

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

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

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

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

His wood-panelled office was

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

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

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

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

FIRST COLUMN

File ITR even for zero income

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



LIONEL CHARLES

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

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

Plus, under the seventh proviso to Section 139(1) of the Income-tax Act, 1961, even if the income is below the exempted limit, an assessee will have to file an ITR if they paid an electricity bill of ₹1 lakh or above during the year; deposited ₹1 crore or more in one or more current accounts and incurred an expenditure of ₹2 lakh or more for travel to a foreign country. An individual travelling or planning to travel abroad requires a legal proof of earning. For salaried people, the employer certificate serves as proof. However, for individuals who are self-employed, the ITR can serve the purpose. In cases where the assessee incurs capital losses during the financial year, the Income Tax Act allows him/her to carry it forward for eight consecutive years to set it off against any future gains. However, to keep track of the losses, it is mandatory to file the return before the due date even if the ITR is a loss return. Without this the losses of the year cannot be carried forward. So, even if there is no income to show, the Income-Tax Department lays down that you declare the capital losses in your return before the due date.

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

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

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

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

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—KARNATAKA CHIEF MINISTER
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—KARNATAKA LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION
 SIDDARAMAIAH

A mixed bag

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



UTTAM GUPTA

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

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

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

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

WORRIINGLY, THE CODE DOES NOT STRESS ON SOCIAL SECURITY AS A RIGHT AND DOES NOT MAKE ANY REFERENCE TO ITS PROVISION AS STIPULATED BY THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COUNTRY. PLUS, IT DOES NOT LAY DOWN A CLEAR DATE FOR ENFORCEMENT. THIS WILL LEAVE WORKERS VULNERABLE WITHOUT SOCIAL PROTECTION. IT IS VITAL THAT SOCIAL SECURITY PROTECTION BE MADE UNIVERSAL FOR THE ENTIRE NATION'S WORKFORCE. HOWEVER, THE CODE MAKES WHIMSICAL CATEGORISATIONS THAT WILL DEPRIVE MILLIONS OF WORKING POOR OF THEIR RIGHTS



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

This preponderance of the so-called unorganised informal economy (it accounts for roughly 50 per cent of the Gross Domestic Product and 80-90 per cent of the workforce) is the inevitable outcome of imposing such restrictions. The increase in threshold under The Industrial Relations Code, 2020 should come as a big relief, as firms having up to 300 workers will get the much-needed flexibility to adjust to the changing business environment. But what is the sanctity of fixing the threshold at 300? Why should enterprises employing workers in excess of this be subjected to approval?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Ginsburg's long fight for gender parity will be remembered

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

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

Growing up in the inherently unequal America of the 1940s-1960s with its institutionalised and mainstream sexism, Ginsburg was quickly confronted with the discriminatory system. Despite having served on the *Harvard Law Review* (considered a symbol of intellectual brilliance) and graduating top of her class at Columbia law firm in New York City wished to hire a woman at the time. Similarly, she lost a chance of serving as a Law Clerk to Justice Felix Frankfurter of the US Supreme Court, who unabashedly told her that he wasn't ready to hire a woman.

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



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

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

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

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

Justice Ginsburg proved them

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

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

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

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

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Trump's tax revelation could tarnish his image

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

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

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

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

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

“Donald Trump needs this election to be about Joe Biden as a choice,” said longtime GOP consultant Alex Conant.

“This keeps the focus squarely on Trump's character and the chaos going into the most important night of the campaign, the debate.” Of course, Trump has repeatedly faced — and survived — devastating turns that would have sunk any other politician.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

China fires back at US over SCS, green damage

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

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

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

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

FIRST 2020 PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE Trump, Biden face off today



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

New US citizen refugees excited for first Prez vote

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

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

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

Around the Globe

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

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

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

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

US judge suspends Trump's ban on TikTok downloads

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

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

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

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

Top Afghan negotiator in Taliban talks arrives in Pak

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

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

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

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

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

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

planned the September 11 attacks.

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

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

Armenia, Azerbaijan keep up deadly fight for disputed region

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

The Azerbaijani Defence

Ministry claimed that Armenian forces started shelling the town of Tartar on Monday morning, while Armenian officials denied the claim.

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

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

Armenia's Defence Ministry told the Interfax news agency Monday that over 550

Pompeo pledges US support to ease Greece-Turkey dispute

AP ■ THESSALONIKI (GREECE)

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

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

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YEAR 2020/21
Gandhinagar Smart City Development Ltd.
GANDHINAGAR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
Multi Store Building, B-Block, First Floor, Sector-11, Gandhinagar
Gandhinagar Smart City Development Ltd., is inviting tenders for the work given below. Bids are invited for the tendering rates from the reputable agencies.

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

The tender form can be filled online by downloading from website www.nprcorps.com from **22/09/2020 to 24/09/2020** upto **17:00 hours**. Bid Meeting will be held on **25/09/2020** at **11:00 am** to **12:00 pm**. Any documents for the necessary support of tender bid must be scanned in the electronic format and submitted online on www.nprcorps.com. The technical bids and the amount of tender fees and the Demand Draft of EMD shall be submitted in hard copy in name of **CEO, Gandhinagar Smart City Development Ltd.** upto **25/09/2020** by registered post or speed post by **17:00 hours**. Only those offers will be opened.

Online Technical Bid Opening **26/09/2020** at **15:00 hrs.**

Sd/-
Place: Gandhinagar Municipal Commissioner, Gandhinagar and
Dt. 28/09/2020 Chairman Gandhinagar Smart City
NON/FVP/N/2020/G/980 Development Ltd.

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Sr. No.	Tender Notice No. & Date	WORK AND LOCATION	Approx. cost of work in ₹	EMD in ₹
1	BC1728-21212 22.09.2020	Zone 4 A-2 : New works and all ordinary repair works in the jurisdiction of SSE(W-II) Lower panel (Only for MX EMU Workshop).	75,00,000.00	1,50,000/-
2	BC1728-21213 22.09.2020	Dadar: Providing Dy.CS(Bridge) office, yard master office and signal cabin, social welfare centre, underground tank, Over head tank and pump room at Dadar colony in connection with Rehabilitation of western railway south colony in connection with relocation of infringing structure and proposed new STR in connection with 5th and 6th line at Dadar station.	2,48,49,199.12	2,74,700/-
3	BC1728-21214 22.09.2020	Dadar: Rehabilitation of Dadar Rly colony-Type II (44-units), Type IV(2-units), Type III (1 units) along with Road, Drainage line, Toilets, Garages, Boundary wall in connection with rehabilitation of western railway south colony in connection with relocation of infringing structure and proposed new STR in connection with 5th and 6th line at Dadar station. (Two Tackles)	14,25,08,597.28	8,62,600/-

Sr. No. : 1 to 2 : Date & Time of Submission : On 22/10/2020 till 15:00 hrs. Date & Time of Opening : On 27/10/2020 at 15:30 hrs. Sr. No. : 3 : Date & Time of Submission : On 03/11/2020 till 15:00 hrs. Date & Time of Opening : On 03/11/2020 at 15:30 hrs. Regarding detailed tender conditions please visit www.treps.gov.in Manual offers will not be considered.

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

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

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Manoj Kumar Sharma & Kalpana Sharma LBDEL00001133502	C-22 F, Plot No. 9, C-22 F, First Floor, Delhi Police, Arjun Cgms, Mayapuri, Phase-1, Delhi-110091/ Sep 22, 2020	30,73,473/-	Delhi/ NCR
2.	Shubhankar Das Gupta/ Binata Das Gupta/ Lakshmi Narayan Das Gupta LBDEL0000389905	Building No. 866, Unit Number F-2 First Floor, Sector Swasthika, Ghazabad/ May- A, 1332, First Floor, Sector- 29, Housing Board Cst. Faridabad/ Sep 23, 2020	1,89,694/-	Delhi/ NCR
3.	Lakshminarasimhan N R L Vajrathi LBDEL0000370533	Mid-A, 1332, First Floor, Sector-29, Housing Board Cst. Faridabad/ Sep 23, 2020	1,90,535/-	Delhi/ NCR
4.	Sarman Kumar/ Nisha Sarman/ Sarman Kumar LBDEL0000389253	H. No. 1599, Housing Board Colony, Sector-29, Faridabad/ Sep 24, 2020	2,56,747/-	Delhi/ NCR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Appeal for Identification

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

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

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

The general public is hereby informed that an unidentified person about 30 years of age whose name, residence, and family is unknown has been found dead near Ring Road, Kela Ghat, Jamuna Bazar, Kashmere Gate, Delhi. In this regard, a vide has been registered with DD No. 57-A dated 23.09.2020 at PS Kashmere Gate, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to identify the deceased person, but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the UIDB is as under.

Sex: Male, Age: about 30 years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Thin, Wearing: Striped underwear and barefooted. If anyone has any information about his relatives, kindly inform the SHO/Kashmere Gate, Delhi.

E-mail : cid@cbl.gov.in
Ph. : 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax : 011-24368639
DP/594/N/2020

SHO P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi Ph. No. 011-23967889, 23968739

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a girl (deceased in the photo), Name: Pinki D/o Duxh Horan Arya R/o Jagmull, N-59/492, Moti Lal Nehru Camp, Shamsan Ghat, Munirka, New Delhi has been missing since 16.09.2020 from her house. In this regard a case vide FIR No. 400/2020 at 363 IPC dated 17.09.2020 has been registered at Police Station Kishan Garh, New Delhi.

PINKI
Her physical description is as under-
Age : 18 Years 6 Months, Height: 4'6", Complexion : Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Thin, Hair: Black & short, Wearing : Pink color top & white colour jeans and black colour shoes in feet. Any person having any information/Clue about this missing girl, may inform SHO, Kishan Garh, New Delhi at E-mail cid@cbl.gov.in or Website: <http://cbl.nic.in>

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

Phone: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax No. 011-24368639
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Paddy worth ₹10.53 cr procured in last 48 hrs

MSP buying begins in all States: Government

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

Besides paddy, the Govt through its nodal agencies has procured 34.20 tonnes of moong worth ₹25 lakh MSP value from 40 farmers in Tamil Nadu till September 24. Similarly, 5,089 tonnes of copra (the perennial crop) having MSP value of ₹52.40 crore has been procured, benefitting 3,961 farmers in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu against the sanctioned quantity of 95.75 lakh tonnes for Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala, it said. Based on the proposal from the states, the ministry said it has given nod for procurement of a total 13.77 lakh tonnes of kharif pulses and oilseeds from states of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Telangana and Haryana.

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

PTI ■ MUMBAI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In the forex market, the rupee settled 18 paise lower at 75.79 against the US dollar.

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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

Radiowaves used for trans-

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

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

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

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

ANS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

tion of PLI," said the source quoted above.

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

Apart from these, large scale electronic manufacturing (mobile phones), pharmaceutical drugs and medical devices, which already have an approved PLI scheme, would be provided full budgetary allocation for next five years. In the discussions by EGOs, the highest allocation of close to ₹60,000 crore (over the next five years) has been proposed for automobile and auto component sectors. This is with the belief that this sector will help India become a global hub of manufacturing and source house for global industries.

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

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

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

ANS ■ NEW DELHI

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

A total of 14,415 units were sold during the quarter ended September, as against 10,753 units sold during the previous quarter. The report showed that Mumbai accounted for 29 per cent of the total sales during the period under review, while 22 per cent of sales was contributed by Delhi-NCR.

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

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

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

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

Govt-owned NABARD gives clean chit to Reliance Commercial Finance

ANS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

NABARD had classified the account of RCF as Red Flag on February 25, 2020. Thereafter lenders conducted a detailed forensic audit by Grant Thornton (GT).

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

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

by Delhi High Court on 11th August, 2020.

As per information reported on Central Repository of Information on Large Credits (CIRIL), Indian Bank and Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB) their exposure to Reliance Home Finance Ltd (RHF) as a fraud account.

Indian Bank having an exposure of only Rs. 120 crore, made such classification on 29th Aug, 2020. The exposure of Federal Bank to RHF is 100 crore - out of the total RHF debt of over Rs 10,000 crore. Action of Indian Bank and Federal Bank is despite the Delhi High Court staying such action till the next hearing. Similar action of Punjab National Bank was also stayed.

'Corporate vultures eyeing small banks, merge LVB with Govt bank'

Chennai: The RBI should take a prompt and correct action of merging the 93-year-old Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB) with a nationalised bank, a top leader of one of the largest bank unions said.

"There are a number of corporate vultures that are circling the small-old generation private banks for a take over. These regional banks have their own tradition and culture and taking them beyond certain borders and expanding their size will result in failure," All India Bank Employees' Association (AIBE) General Secretary C.H. Venkatachalam told IANS.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL

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

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

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this Girl but no clue has come to light so far.

Any person having any information or clue about this Girl kindly inform to the following:

E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> Ph: 011-24368639, 24368641 DP/229/SW/2020

P.S. Kishanghar, New Delhi Ph. 011-26510075, 7065036254

SEARCH FOR MISSING

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

1. Name: Virender Kumar, Age: 35 Years, Height: About 5'6", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Medium, Wearing: Green or Black colour T-Shirt, Blue colour pant and Black shoes in feet.

2. Name: Divisha Tanwar, Age: 07 Years, Wearing: Jeans Pant-Top and Golden sandal in feet.

3. Name: Himani Tanwar, Age: 04 Years, Wearing: Jeans Pant-Top and Pink Colour sandal in feet.

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

Web: <http://cbi.nic.in>, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in Ph: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639

Police Station, Narela, Delhi Ph: 011-27280435, 7065036323

DP/488/ON/2020

SEARCH FOR MISSING FEMALE

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

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

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

E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> Ph: 011-24368639, 24368641

P.S. Tilak Nagar Marg, New Delhi Ph. 011-23382100, 8750870526

DP/112/ND/2020

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

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

Age: 15 Years, Complexion: Wheatish, Height: 5', Face: Round, Built: Medium, Wearing: Dark blue colour Shirt, blue colour Pajama and grey colour shoes in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out her but no clue has come to light so far.

Any person having any information about the missing/kidnapped person then please inform P.S. Bhalaswa Dairy, Delhi at following Tel No./e-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in and Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>

Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 Fax No. 011-24368639

Sd/- S.H.O. P.S. Bhalaswa Dairy, Delhi

DP/484/ON/2020 Phone: 011-27811933, 27811934

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

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

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

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

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

SEARCH FOR MISSING FEMALE

General Public is hereby informed that one female (depicted in the photo) namely Mamta W/o Ganesh R/o C-4/8, Model Town-III, Delhi Aged about 24 Years has been reported missing since 15.09.20 at about 5 PM from her residence vide DD No.52A Dated 19.09.20 registered at Police Station Model Town, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

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

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

SHO, Model Town, Delhi DP/410/NW/2020 Tel: 011-27459202, 27120032, 27456072

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

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

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

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

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

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

SEARCH FOR MISSING MALE

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

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

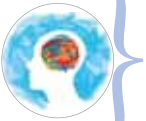
Any person having any information/Clue about this missing male, may inform SHO, Adarsh Nagar, Delhi at E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in or website: <http://cbi.nic.in>

SHO, Adarsh Nagar, Delhi Tel: 011-27674452, 27672452

DP/406/NW/2020 Mob: 8750870229

MindMatters

Researchers, including one of Indian-origin, have found that COVID-19 pandemic will cause a global tsunami of mental health problems. The study, scheduled to be presented at the ESCMO Conference on Coronavirus Disease in the US, revealed that the pressures on mental health, that already existed in abundance before this global pandemic, are increasing at an alarming rate



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Don't ignore your mind's talks

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

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

Link between PCOS and bipolar

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

All these can also lead to severe mood swings, which can cause a general feeling of instability. It's not that they aren't feeling guilty of their mood swings and not being able to deal with life. All these mixed feelings actually worsen their mental state and can fuelled the symptoms of depression and anxiety. For not being able to open up about all these issues also causes severe mental illness.

Even women, who are trying to get pregnant, also experience several mental turbulences because of with depression and anxiety caused by infertility. PCOS can host a series of mental conditions including:

- Anxiety
- Bipolar disorder
- Major depressive disorders
- Bulimia
- Other eating disorders
- Somatizations (physical manifestations of negative mental states)
- Interpersonal sensitivity

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

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

SUMMERCoolers

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

Quinoa contains iron that helps keep our red blood cells healthy and is the basis of hemoglobin formation. It also increases brain function because the brain takes in about 20 per cent of our blood oxygen. Quinoa is rich in magnesium that helps to relax blood vessels and thereby to alleviate migraines. Magnesium also may reduce Type 2 Diabetes by promoting healthy blood sugar control.

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



Fight the killer

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

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

Common symptoms:

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

Blood stem cell transplant to lead a longer life

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

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

On registering as a potential blood stem cell donor

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

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

Blood stem cell registries like

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

Blood stem cell transplant during the pandemic

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

The writer is Director and Clinical Lead, Pediatric Hematology, Oncology and Blood & Marrow Transplantation, Mazumdar Shaw Cancer Centre, Narayana Health City

GO BITE BY BITE

Most of the



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The writer is a Health Coach

DadiKa Kehna

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



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

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

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

One natural treatment for acidity is chewing a few tulsi leaves after a meal. It helps the body absorb food but also prevents reflux and the formation of ulcers. There are a lot of people who suffer from acidity. Sucking a piece of clove after a meal helps in reducing the problem.

Boil six dates in 1/2 litre of milk for 25 minutes over low heat. Drink three cups a day for dry cough remedy.

TIPTOP

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

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

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

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

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

SLIMLINE

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

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

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

INBRIEF

In the recent campaign to counter Covid-19, Narayana Garib Parivar Yojana has targeted to distribute monthly ration kits at homes to 5000 families. Recently, Narayana Seva Sansthan (NSS) also distributed food, sanitisers and masks to 1000 families in Assam flood-affected area.

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

The NGO is also conducting health screening and clothing distribution camps. Amidst the lockdown NSS regularly undertook food distribution operations in Haryana, Uttarakhand and Maharashtra, where over 13,800 families got ration kits, 1,37,000 food packs, 68,000 masks, 800 PP kits.

Prashant Agarwal, President of Narayana Seva Sansthan said: 'Monthly food distribution campaign to poor-labor families, needy and differently abled with free equipment distribution camp, has attempted to share happiness in different ways. Under the Narayana Garib Parivar Yojana, free food distribution camps are being organised in many states for the needy, so that no one who is needy starves.' The 34-year-old seva yatra has 418750 successful free operations of disabilities. A total of 2,63,000 tricycles, 2,70,000 wheelchairs, 2,90,000 crutches and 3,51,000 canes are successfully distributed among the needy. Adding to this, NSS also supports education of children through free education of 200 orphans at its Campus in Udaipur.

Trend Slazer

Farhan talks about vitriolic news reporting

Actor-singer-filmmaker **FARHAN AKHTAR** on Monday spoke out against what he feels is vitriolic news reporting.

Combined with Lata-Ji's birthday and Shaheed Bhagat Singh's birth anniversary, here's some more good news today. Sincerely hope that the top brands in question follow through on their valid concern about vitriolic news reporting," tweeted Farhan.

His tweet comes in reaction to a news piece that reads: "India's top brands want news channels to stop being toxic, warn they could pull the plug on advertising."



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

Bollywood action star **TIGER SHROFF** stunned fans with his new Instagram video, where he is seen pulling off a flying kick after his recent injury.



"Feels good to fly again after injury. Hope you guys have an unbelievable week and make the unbelievable believable! #YouAreUnbelievable," he captioned.

Recently Tiger, who is also a fitness enthusiast, flaunted his well-chiselled body on social media.

Paloma opens up on postpartum depression

Singer **PALOMA FAITH**, who is expecting her second child, has opened up about anxiety issues and postpartum depression that she faced had after her first childbirth three years ago.

"I did have a traumatic first birth and postpartum depression. So I am trying to make sure I surround myself with people who know that. I don't think I realised I was that ill until it went away. It's quite difficult because you wonder whether you'll be happy again," she said.



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

The COVID-19 outbreak has had severe economic consequences across the globe, which has led to dramatic changes in how businesses act and consumers behave. The scenario has hit the F&B industry so badly that now they are forced to change their interiors and menu to cater the current needs and safety concerns of people. Going with the current situation, Priyank Sukhija, MD & CEO of First Fiddle F&B Pvt Ltd, introduces a new concept, which encourages people to

When you are bubble-wrapped



dine out with safety at its priority as he unveils the new look of his restaurant — Dragonfly. Says Priyank, "Our industry has been unlucky since the beginning of the pandemic. Gradually, when unlock happened people returned to restaurants despite the restriction of liquor sales. When the

restrictions were finally removed, the second wave of cases came in and scared customers again. It was due to this reason that we thought of creating something which presents a safe alternative solution to our patrons. We actually did a research for approximately two months to think what could

fit in with social distancing norms yet look spectacular. Hence, pods were the answer." So that's how they were introduced, for each party group who wants to dine out without being concerned about their safety. "We created pods which are open from the top, have a capacity to host up to 12

guests, enclosed with acrylic walls, allowing them the view of the restaurant as well. The concept is created to make sure that each of the diners feel safe," says he.

The partitions, the walkways between them and just the area needed to allow the swing of the doors of each pod sets up the floor space of the restaurant but Priyank feels that it's totally worth it if it helps gain the trust of the customers and keep them secure. The process includes thorough sanitising of each pod after every seating. While the servers will be in full protective gear, the more cautious parties can ask them to leave their food and drinks on the small serving tables placed

right outside the door so that no one enters their protective bubble.

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

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

Expect the unexpected

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

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

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

Adam Gendle: Same as Tim really! I've never had the opportunity to see wildlife like that and travel to so many incredible places. It seemed like



the job of a lifetime. Being able to share it with my best mate makes it all the more special even if I did have to look at him in a skin-tight zorb suit in the bull's episode.

What's going to surprise people most about it?

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

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

be surprised by some of the facts we find out along the way too.

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

Tim: Terrible. I did this show to get away from my wife but ended up being forced to spend the whole time with him (laughs). It's all good. It's great to have the experts with all the experience, all you need to hear is — 'it will be alright mate' — from your best friend.

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

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

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

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

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

What all did you discover?

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

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

Which animal fact outcome surprised you the most?

Tim: The spider silk vs steel fact on paper is the one which you think to yourself. 'No way is that real'. The learning we did on that journey is bonkers. Like the fact that spiders produce seven different types of silk on average by seven silk glands. A single spider does not possess all seven glands but has at least three if it is male (dragline, attachment and swathing silk) or four if it is female. The additional one is for egg sac silk. They use different silk for building different parts of the web. Guess what? They never actually run out of silk. Also, keep your eye out for what the cichlid fish does in Germany. It looks like a goldfish but it can blow your mind.

Adam: Yes, I have to agree with Tim on that one. The spider silk thing was nuts and everything I learnt about spiders over the course of that episode was pretty incredible, especially because I was terrified of them to begin with. If we talk about cichlid fish, I was blown away by how smart they are. Although most cichlids are found in relatively shallow depths, several exceptions do exist. The deepest known occurrence is Trematocara at more than 300 m (980 ft) below the surface in Lake Tanganyika, African Great Lake.

You did a lot of stunts on the show. Which one was the scariest?

Tim: Personally, going in the corral with a bull was pretty scary. I wasn't keen on that at all. But overall, probably watching Gendle climb into the water with a Great White Shark was the scariest. It was beyond ridiculous. I held my breath for 20 minutes.

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

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



Indian-Australian choreographer **Ashley LOBO** is an advocate of movement related wellness. He believes dance is a doorway to physical, mental and emotional health. His message is particularly pertinent on September 29 which is observed as World Heart Day. This initiative by the World Heart Federation, aims to spread awareness about cardiovascular diseases (CVD), including heart disease and stroke. Research has connected CVDs to sedentary, unhealthy lifestyle, unbalanced diet, excessive use of tobacco and alcohol. Ashley reminds us that in India alone, the prevalence of CVDs is estimated to be around 54.5 million. As individuals, we may not always be able to control ambient air pollution or other environmental risk factors, but we can mitigate lifestyle risk factors. We could eat healthier, cultivate better habits and yes, dance!

Dance your heart out

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

not just about technique but also the heart and spirit. When you move to music, you shift the energy within and around you but there is research that shows us that dance is good for the heart as well. When you are dancing, you are working out, engaging multiple muscle groups, sweating it out just as you would if you were

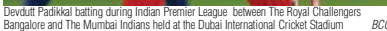


on a running track or in a gym. It really doesn't matter how you dance, as long as you do!"

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



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



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