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From Rail Roko to Bharat Bandh

Farmers begin protest in Punjab; others to join nationwide bandh today, indefinite Rail Roko protest from Oct 1 against farm Bills

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Farmers' union in Punjab began their three-day 'Rail Roko' protest on Thursday against the three farm Bills, while others have given a call for a nationwide 'bandh' on September 25, and indefinite 'Rail Roko' protest from October 1. According to farmers' leaders, roads, highways and rail tracks will be blocked.

Farmers from Western Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra have decided to join the farmers' protests. The farmers have also received support from 18 political parties, including the Congress which has Governments in four States, TMC in West Bengal, Left in Kerala, AAP in Delhi, TRS in Telangana, Samajwadi Party in Uttar Pradesh, Shiv Sena and NCP in Maharashtra.

As many as 10 Central trade unions, including All India Trade Union Congress, National Trades Union Congress, Centre of Indian Trade Unions, Hind Mazdoor Sabha, All India United Trade

Union Centre and Trade Union Coordination Centre have come out in support of 'Bharat Bandh'. The Ola Cab Drivers' Association and lorry drivers' Association too have decided to support the farmers and are unlikely to operate on Friday. Meanwhile, several social media users were quick to point out that NCB has summoned Bollywood actress Deepika Padukone on September 25 itself in a drug case, on the day of nationwide protests by farmers. Social media is abuzz with speculation that this may act as a diversionary tactic.

In view of the mass protests, Railway authorities said 26 pairs of special trains and nine parcel trains will remain suspended from September 24 to September 26, while 20 trains have been partially canceled, five terminated before destination.

Among the trains that will remain suspended are the Golden Temple Mail (Amritsar-Mumbai Central), Jan Shatabdi Express (Haridwar-Amritsar), 'New Delhi-Jammu-Tawi-Karambhoori' (Amritsar-New



Farmers block a railway track as they participate in Rail Roko Andolan during a protest against the Farm Bills passed in both the Houses of Parliament, at village Devi Dass Pura, about 20km from Amritsar, on Thursday

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the farm Bills. According to farmers' leaders, over 100 farmers and arhatiya (commission agents) will participate in the nationwide shutdown.

A representative of organisations said roads and railway tracks will be blocked at 125 places across Punjab.

Bills free farmers from middlemen's clutches: Minister

Terms of contract farming loaded in favour of farmers, says Tomar

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The farm Bills are loaded in favour of small farmers vis-à-vis investors and these would completely transform their lives, said Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar on Thursday.

Tomar said the Bills passed by Parliament will bring revolutionary changes in the lives of farmers as they can sell their produce to any buyer, get a guarantee of price of their crops, go for crop diversification, use new technology and reduce their input costs.

Addressing a Press conference here at the BJP headquarters, the Minister said in Punjab farmers are taxed by 8.5 per cent in the 'mandis' and they are forced to sell their produce at a low price. They also bear the transportation cost of moving their produce to the mandis.

"We have given them freedom to sell their produce outside mandis where there is no tax either by the Central or State Government," the Minister said.

"Farmers do farming and

take their produce to mandis. There are 25-30 people with licences in these mandis. They do auction of produce. Whatever price is decided in the auction, farmers are bound to sell their produce at that price whether they are happy or not because if they decide to take their products and go home and come back again, they will have to pay additional logistics cost," Singh said.

He said 86 per cent of farmers in the country are small and marginal who would now get the guaranteed price of their produce from investor or processor without any risk. He said terms and conditions of the contract farming are loaded in favour of farmers. If prices of the produce go high after the contract is signed, investor is bound to give farmer a fixed percentage of high return than the original agreed upon.

Deepika arrives in Mumbai for NCB quizzing tomorrow

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Continuing its investigations in the Sushant Singh Rapput death-related drug case and the expanded Bollywood drug nexus case, the Narcotic Control Bureau (NCB) grilled Sushant's ex-manager Shruti Modi and fashion designer Simone Khambatta and scheduled the questioning of actress Rakul Preet Singh and Deepika Padukone's manager Karishma Prakash for Friday and actress Deepika on Saturday.

Deepika arrived in Mumbai from Goa on Thursday night. As a section of the electronic media carried on with their trial of the Bollywood personalities on issues relating to the Bollywood drug nexus, the NCB grilled Shruti Modi for eight hours, while it questioned Simone for five hours.

"Today Simone Khambatta and Shruti Modi joined the investigation and statements in this regard have been recorded at NCB. Tomorrow Rakul and Karishma will be joining the investigation," NCBs Deputy Director (Operations) KPS Malhotra said.

Sources said that the NCB had also called director and executive producer Kshiti Ravi Prasad of Karan Johar's Dharma Production for questioning on Friday. However, there was no formal confirmation from the NCB that it had indeed issued summons issued to Kshiti.

During Thursday's questioning, Shruti Modi and Simone were grilled on the issues that had come to the fore during the grilling of Rhea Chakraborty and her brother Shwink.

Nuclear scientist Sekhar Basu dies of Covid-19

Kolkata: Veteran atomic scientist and former chairman of Atomic Energy Commission Dr Sekhar Basu succumbed to Covid-19 on Thursday at a private hospital here, a health department official said. He breathed his last just three days after turning 68. "Dr Basu was suffering from Covid and other kidney ailments. He died at 4:50 am," official said.

Covid-19 IN INDIA

TOTAL

CASES: 57,91,690

DEATHS: 91,740

RECOVERED: 47,23,809

ACTIVE: 9,75,323

STATES	TOTAL CASES	DEATHS	RECOVERED
Maharashtra	12,63,799	33,886	9,56,030
Andhra Pradesh	6,54,385	5,558	5,79,474
Tamil Nadu	5,63,691	9,076	5,08,210
Karnataka	5,48,557	8,331	4,44,658
Uttar Pradesh	3,74,277	5,366	3,07,611
Delhi	2,60,623	5,123	2,24,375
West Bengal	2,37,869	4,606	2,08,042
Odisha	1,96,888	805	1,57,265
Telangana	1,79,246	1,070	1,48,139
Bihar	1,74,266	878	1,59,700
Assam	1,65,582	608	1,32,709
Kerala	1,54,458	614	1,07,846
Gujarat	1,28,949	3,382	1,09,311
Rajasthan	1,22,720	1,397	1,02,330
Haryana	1,18,554	1,255	98,410
Madhya Pradesh	1,15,361	2,122	90,495

India's fresh Covid count twice of Asia's

NAVIN UPADHYAY ■ NEW DELHI

Six months after India first imposed lockdown, the country has emerged as the worst global hotspot — so much so that India's daily tally is more than double of Asia and one and a half times more than that of entire Europe. Put together, these two continents have more than 100 nations.

India's daily spike is also 10 times more than the total number of cases recorded by 57 African nations.

When India declared the first of a series of lockdowns on March 25, the country had less than 500 Covid-19 cases and was placed at the bottom of the world tally. In six months, the cases have shot up to nearly 6 million, and India now occupies the second spot in the world.

During the same period, barring India all other Asian countries have staged remarkable comebacks against coronavirus. On Thursday, while India recorded nearly 87,000 cases, 48 Asian countries put together reported just 40,000 cases. India's close neighbours like Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Nepal recorded just 1,666, 533, 11 and 1,172 cases respectively.

While India is nearing 6 million caseloads, the next in the Asian list is Iran with just 4.32 lakh cases. Bangladesh, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Turkey occupy third, fourth, fifth, and sixth spots with 3 lakh plus cases. Pakistan has 3,07,418 cases.

The latest trend shows that



A healthcare worker takes swab sample from a passenger for Covid-19 test at Sarai Kale Khan Bus Terminal in New Delhi on Thursday

Market tanks for 6th day on eco recovery fear

Mumbai: Sensex plunged 1,115 points while Nifty crashed below the 10,850-mark on Thursday as investors dumped equities amid a sharp global selloff and concerns over economic recovery. World markets were bathed in a sea of red as fears about a second wave of Covid-19 infections in major economies and lack of fresh stimulus from central banks gloomed sentiment.

A sharp depreciation in the rupee and volatility on F&O expiry day further weighed on the bourses. Detailed report on P9

Daily Covid cases to fall as 2nd peak has hit Capital: Kejriwal

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday said the second wave of coronavirus pandemic has hit its peak in the national Capital with experts hinting that the cases of infection will decline in the coming days.

"We noticed that cases increased and it reached 4,500 new Covid-19 cases on September 17 and now coming down. So experts believe that the second wave of coronavirus which had hit the Delhi is now on peak and its intensity will be less in the coming days," Kejriwal said while speaking to the media.

The CM said the high-level virtual review meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi to review Covid-19 response and management was fruitful.

Sisodia, admitted to hospital with Covid, also has dengue

New Delhi: Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, who was admitted to hospital a day ago after earlier having tested positive for the coronavirus, also has dengue, officials said on Thursday.

CAPSULE

GOOGLE PAY APP SHARES TRANSACTION INFO DATA
New Delhi: Google India Digital Services Pvt Ltd, which operates the GPay app, has told the Delhi High Court that it is allowed to share customers transaction data with third parties.

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Oz ex-batsman Dean Jones dies of cardiac arrest in Mumbai

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Former Australia batsman Dean Jones, one of the finest exponents of ODI cricket, died of a sudden cardiac arrest in Mumbai on Thursday. Jones, 59, was in Mumbai with the Star Sports' commentary team for the Indian Premier League. He was in a bio-bubble in a city hotel. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

Jones played 52 Tests and 164 ODIs for Australia and was part of the 1987 World Cup winning team. "It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing away of Dean Mervyn Jones AM. He died of a sudden cardiac arrest," Star Sports said in a press release. According to an IPL source, it happened in matter of seconds. Detailed report on P12

Saudi Arabia allows outbound passenger flights to India

PNS ■ MUMBAI

Saudi Arabia has partially lifted its suspension order for travel to India. Now flights would be allowed from Saudi Arabia to India but not from India to Saudi Arabia. Late on Wednesday night, Air India Express informed passengers of a partial relaxation in the Saudi Arabian order. The airline's official Twitter handle said, "Air India Express Vande Bharat flights would continue to carry passengers on its flights from Saudi Arabia to India. The Airline would not carry passengers from India to Saudi Arabia." In a circular issued on Tuesday, Saudi Arabia's General Authority of Civil Aviation said it was "suspending travel to and from the following countries: (India, Brazil and Argentina) including any person who has been in any of the mentioned countries above in the last 14 days prior to their arrival to the Kingdom." Detailed report on P4

Harley Davidson to exit India, seeks partner to serve existing customers

New Delhi: American cult bike manufacturer Harley Davidson on Thursday said it is discontinuing sales and manufacturing operations in India, a decade after it started selling its premium bikes in the country. Industry sources said the company is looking to tie up with a partner to run its business in the country. The India action will include an associated workforce reduction of approximately 70 employees. Harley-Davidson Inc said in a SEC filing. In a separate statement, Harley-Davidson said it plans to close its manufacturing facility in Bawal (Haryana) and significantly reduce the size of its sales office in Gurgaon. Detailed report on P9

Fitness icons share with Modi secrets of staying healthy

First anniv of Fit India Movement, Modi's attempt to make India fit

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday interacted with fitness influencers, sports persons and citizens during a nationwide online Fit India Dialogue organised to celebrate the first anniversary of the Fit India Movement. The online interaction saw participants, including cricketer Virat Kohli, actor-model and fitness-freak Milind Soman and nutrition expert Rujuta



Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually interacts with Indian cricket team captain Virat Kohli during Fit India Dialogue on the first anniversary of Fit India Movement, in New Delhi on Thursday

an attempt to involve citizens of the country to draw out a plan to make India a fit nation. The Prime Minister said fitness is not something which is very difficult to achieve but requires about thirty minutes 'dose' of exercise daily.

Deworming drive from Sept 25 to Oct 1

The health workers would visit every household during the drive

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

More than 43 lakh children between one to 19 years of age would be dewormed. Albundaz, the anti helminth tablet in the state from September 25 to October 1 under national deworming drive. In view of the closure of schools due to the pandemic of Covid-19, the ANMs, Asha workers and Anganwadi workers would administer the medicine by visiting every household. All the safety protocols like social distancing, masks and use of gloves would be observed during the campaign. Informing about the campaign the Director General (DG) of state health services Dr Amita Upreti said that the anti helminth campaign is done twice a year. She said that this time the activity would not be done at the schools and Anganwadi centres and the health workers would visit every household to administer the medicine. The mission director of National Health

Commission (NHM) Sonika said that the children should remain free from the helminth worms so that their mental and physical development is not affected. She said that more than 22 Crore children between one to 14 years of age are under threat of helminth infection. The nodal officer of the campaign Dr K S Martolia said that the department has made necessary preparation for the success of the drive. The health workers and Asha workers have been given training to administer the medicine and arranged for the prompt action in case of any side effects from the medicine have been made. Dr Martolia clarified that the campaign would not be held in the containment zones.

The medical experts are of the view that deworming helps in increasing attention of students up to 25 percent in the schools. The helminth infection occurs by defecating in the open, walking barefooted, keeping long personal hygiene and eating infected food. The symptoms of the disease are retarded growth, anaemia, and loss of appetite, stomach ache, vomiting and irregular bowels.

Ramky to spend ₹150 crore on waste to energy plant if authorities approve

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

For the proper disposal of refuse derived fuel (RDF) generated in the solid waste management and recycling plant at Sheeshambada in Dehradun, Ramky Enviro Engineers Limited (REEL) that manages the operation of the plant, is ready to spend about Rs 150 crore to set up waste to energy power plant in Dehradun. About 100 metric tonnes of RDF is generated daily in the plant but the management has been unable to dispose of it completely so far. In the past, the localities living nearby the plant have also alleged that tonnes of RDF were buried by the administration of the plant, though the management has repeatedly refuted the allegations.

The company has asserted that it is planning to set up a six megawatt waste to energy plant in Dehradun for which it has already submitted a proposal to Uttarakhand Government and expressed its intent to lock down with Rs 150 crore. According to the management of REEL, the head of the Waste to Energy division of the company had a meeting with the chief minister

Trivendra Singh Rawat in January explaining how setting up a waste to energy power plant facility in Dehradun can be a permanent and sustainable solution for the disposal of RDF generated from the waste collected from the city.

As per the management, the company is well equipped to begin the construction of the power plant but is awaiting the approval of the State government and the Municipal Corporation of Dehradun (MCD). Meanwhile, on the question of why it is taking so long for REEL to get No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Uttarakhand Environment Protection and Pollution Control Board (UEPPCB), the management said that it got delayed due to ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and the lockdown with commenced from March. They claimed that they had submitted the renewal application online to UEPPCB and a site inspection has also been conducted by the board. The management also said that the board is optimistic about getting the renewal certificate of Consent to Operate (CTO) from the pollution control board in the next few days.

Kotak launches MyTeam Cards

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The Kotak Mahindra Bank is announced that it is the official partner of Delhi Capitals and launched MyTeam Cards - a specially designed range of debit and credit cards.

Kotak Mahindra Bank president of products, alternate channels and customer experience delivery, Puneet Kapoor said, "India's much loved annual festival that marries sports and entertainment is underway and with great delight we announce Kotak's partnership with Delhi Capitals. Kotak's cricket edition range of debit and credit cards - MyTeam Cards, will spice up the season even further, giving millions of ardent Delhi Capitals supporters a unique opportunity to own a small piece of their team and display their fandom in a unique way."

DELHI RIOTS

Court sends Umar to judicial custody till Oct 22 in UAPA case

NEW DELHI: A Delhi court Thursday sent former JNU student leader Umar Khalid, arrested under the stringent anti-terror law Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, in a case related to the communal violence in north east Delhi in February, to judicial custody till October 22.

Khalid, who was arrested on September 13 in the case, was produced before the court through video conferencing at the end of his 10 days police custody.

His custodial interrogation had started on September 14. Since police did not seek his further custody, Additional Sessions Judge Amitabh Rawat ordered his judicial custody with direction to the Tihar Jail Superintendent to take all necessary steps, within the rules, to ensure the safety and security of the accused.

Khalid claimed before the court that he has not signed any document whatsoever during his police custody.

"During the last 10 days' in police custody I have not signed any paper or statements," he told the court.

In the FIR, police has claimed that the communal violence was a 'premeditated conspiracy' which was allegedly hatched by Khalid and two others. He has also been booked for the offences of sedition, murder, attempt to murder, promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion and rioting.

Khalid had allegedly given provocative speeches at two different places and appealed to the citizens to come out on streets and block the

roads during the visit of US President Donald Trump to spread propaganda at international level about how minorities in India are being tortured, the FIR alleged.

In this conspiracy, firearms, petrol bombs, acid bottles and stones were collected at numerous homes, the FIR alleged.

Co-accused Danish was allegedly given the responsibility to gather people from two different places to take part in the riots, police alleged. Women and children were made to block the roads under the Jafraabad metro station on February 23 to create tension amidst the neighbourhood people, FIR said.

During the proceedings in the court today, Khalid said he was allowed to meet his family members before sending him to judicial custody.

Special Public Prosecutor Amit Prasad said police will allow Khalid's family members to meet him provided they reach within time as he has to be taken for medical examination and thereafter they will send the accused to judicial custody.

Khalid's counsel made submission that priority should be given for his safety and security and he be allowed to take his spectacles inside the jail which was permitted by the court.

Communal clashes had broken out in northeast Delhi on February 24 after violence between citizenship law supporters and protesters spiralled out of control leaving at least 53 people dead and around 200 injured. **PTI**

Delhi CM to meet Javadekar over steps to stop stubble fire

Kejriwal visits Pusa Agricultural institute to see the bio-decomposer technique

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

After his interaction with scientists on Pusa Technology to manage stubble causing air pollution, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday visited Pusa Agricultural Institute to see the bio-decomposer technique developed by scientists of IARI, terms the technique practical and doable for preventing stubble burning pollution.

Kejriwal said that this technique involves the spraying of Pusa decomposer capsules along with a liquid formulation using readily available elements, that will help decompose the stubble into compost, decrease the use of pesticides and increase the productivity of the farm soil. "I will meet the Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar in a day or two to discuss the efficient

and effective implementation of this simple, doable, and practical technique to stop stubble burning."

"I will request him to speak to the neighboring states to take all measures to effectively implement it despite the crunch of time. We will surely implement this technique in a very efficient and effective manner in Delhi," Kejriwal said.

Briefing the media after his visit, he said, "Delhi and many other North Indian states are covered with smoke due to stubble burning in the neighboring states by the farmers. Pusa Agriculture Institute scientists have developed a new and innovative technique, under which they give four capsules, with the help of which the farmers can prepare a 25-liter of a liquid mixture with jaggery and chickpea flour, which is sufficient to cover 1 hectare of land. When the farmer sprays



Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal witnesses turning of crop stubble (Parali) into manure via bio-decomposer techniques, developed by IARI Pusa, in New Delhi on Thursday

the 25 liters of the liquid mix on the stubble, the stubble

softens and melts down in 20 days.

The soil loses its richness due to stubble burning. It also destroys the useful bacteria and fungi in the soil, apart from causing harm to the environment.

This improves the fertility and productivity of the soil and the farmers can use manure and compost for crops and less fertilizer consumption will be required in the field.

As the brothers reached the Shahdara flyover, two men intercepted them on a motor cycle and tried to snatch their bag. Facing resistance, one of the accused allegedly took out a pistol and shot at Manish before fleeing," he said.

The farmer can then begin his sowing again and he does the future. The cost of the capsule is very less. We will be getting a proposal mentioning all the important details such as cost per acre soon.

This is the result of many years of hard work and efforts of the scientists, and they have got the validation after a year after all their piloting and projection. They have also given their technique a

license for commercial use.

On a question of why there is no action on stubble burning throughout the year, CM Kejriwal said, "I agree that no major efforts have been made the whole year on stubble burning. I do not want to blame anyone but the central government is also trying its best."

Corrigendum
Notice is given to the public that the Auction Notice No. 27, "Borrower Mohammad Haq Ali" published in the "Hindustan" English and "Hindustan" Hindi newspapers on dated 24.09.2020 should be read in Demand Notice/Outstanding Amt. Column "Date of Demand Notice is 04.05.2019 and "O/S Amt. Rs. 60,75,926.30" interest and other expenses w.e.f. 30.04.2019 instead of "Demand notice Date 04.05.2019" and "O/S Amt. Rs. 60,75,926.30" interest and other expenses w.e.f. 31.05.2019". Rest of the detail remain the same.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Manjeet Bhat, Sohi Ramlal Bhat, R/o 29, Kamel Road, Dehradun.

52-year-old man shot at for resisting robbery bid

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A 52-year-old man was shot at allegedly by two unidentified motorcycle-borne men resisting robbery bid on the Shahdara flyover in National Capital.

The victim has been identified as Manish. According to a senior police official, Manish sustained a bullet injury in his stomach and is undergoing

treatment at a hospital in Patparganj.

"Manish is out of danger now. The identities of the accused are yet to be established and teams have been formed to trace them," said the senior official.

"The incident took place around 7.30 pm on Wednesday when Manish and his brother, Arun, were returning home.

They live in Ramprastha in Ghaziabad district of Uttar Pradesh," said police official privy to investigation.

As the brothers reached the Shahdara flyover, two men intercepted them on a motor cycle and tried to snatch their bag. Facing resistance, one of the accused allegedly took out a pistol and shot at Manish before fleeing," he said.

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Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited (DHFL) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(1) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, Demand Notices issued by the Authorized Officer of the company to the Borrowers/Guarantors mentioned herein below require the amount mentioned in the notice to be repaid by the date specified in the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the order of the court.

Name of the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Date of Possession
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(Loan Code No. 00001164) (Yamunanagar Branch) Shiv Kumar (Borrower) Babita W/o Shiv Kumar (Co-Borrowers)	All That Parcel & Property of: Part of Plot No. 67, Khata No. 427 & 438, Near Mandir Mandir Shiv Vihar Colony, Saharapur-247001	19-Dec-2019 for Rs. 1631610/- (Rupees Sixteen Lacs Thirty One Thousand Six Hundred Thirteen Only)	19-Sep-20
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13 deaths, 684 new +ve cases reported in State

Covid Death toll 542; patient count mounts to 44404 in the state

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The pandemic of Covid-19 claimed 13 more lives in Uttarakhand on Thursday. The state health department reported 684 fresh cases of the disease on Thursday which increased the tally of the disease to 44404 in the state. On the day 1031 patients were discharged from different hospitals of the state after their recovery. A total of 32154 patients have so far recovered from the disease and the percentage recovery now stands at 72.41 per cent. The state has an Infection Rate (IR)

of 7.10 percent.

At All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Rishikesh six patients of the disease were reported dead on Thursday. A similar number of patients succumbed to the disease at Sushila Tiwari government hospital, Haldwani. One patient died at HNB Base hospital, Srirang.

The health department reported 161 fresh cases of the disease in Dehradun. One reason for the relatively low number on the day was the fact that the lab of the Government Doon Medical College (GDMC) hospital remained closed for disinfection activities. In Udham Singh Nagar 131 patients were reported while 114 patients surfaced in Almora district. Haridwar reported 80 fresh cases, Nainital 58, Uttarkashi 42,

Pauri 32, Pithoragarh 27, Chamoli 17, Rudrapur 14, Champawat five and Bageshwar three cases of Covid-19 were reported.

In Udham Singh Nagar 313 patients were discharged while 227 and 191 patients were discharged from Nainital and Dehradun districts respectively. Uttarakhand now has 11507 active patients of the disease with Dehradun maintaining its big lead at top of table with 4048 active cases of the disease. Haridwar is on second spot with 2055 active patients and Udham Singh Nagar on third position with 1371 active cases. Nainital has 1200, Pauri 597, Uttarkashi 422, Almora 355, Pithoragarh 317, Chamoli 316, Tehri 284, Champawat 201, Bageshwar 197 and Rudrapur 144 active patients of the disease.

Modi Govt is the biggest well wisher of farmers: Rawat

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the biggest well wisher of farmers. The farm bills passed in the parliament will bring about a revolutionary change in the condition and future of farmers. The system facilitated through these bills is such that the farmers will be able to sell their produce for good rates either in the mandi or outside. The profit which the middlemen used to pocket will not be earned by the farmers as the role of middlemen has been eradicated, opined chief minister Trivendra Singh Rawat.

Addressing the media here on Thursday, the CM said that some people are trying to misguide and instigate the farmers. "The farmers are being lied to but farmers should themselves understand these agricultural reforms. They know very well that the PM's attitude has always been in favour of farmers' welfare. It is this thought which has guided these reforms," said Rawat.

Recalling the PM's works in the interest of farmers, he said that when Modi was the CM of Gujarat, he had ensured regular and assured electricity supply for seven hours daily for the

farmers. Even after becoming the PM, the farmers have remained among his top priorities.

Under the Modi government the top priority has been accorded to villages, poor and farmers. The budget of the Agriculture minister under the UPA government in 2009 was only Rs 12,000 crore which has now been increased to Rs 1,34,000 crore. In the past, the Centre had never spent Rs 75,000 crore on the welfare of farmers in a year but the Modi government made this possible.

A sum of Rs 92,000 crore has reached the accounts of farmers through DBT under the PM Kisan Yojana so far. Recently, the Modi government announced a package of Rs one lakh crore for agricultural infrastructure. During the UPA government's tenure, farmers used to get up to Rs eight lakh crore loan whereas now Rs 15 lakh crore loan is being provided every year to farmers. The Swaminathan commission had made important recommenda-



tions for agricultural development during the UPA's term but these were not implemented then. The Modi government has not only implemented these recommendations but added more provisions to it to ensure the welfare of farmers," said the CM.

Rawat said that the Modi government has ensured double benefit to the farmers. If they sell their produce in the Mandi, they will be paid according to higher MSP. If they sell outside the Mandi, they will get higher prices and technical benefit, he added.

10 lakh MT rice target set for Kharif season

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Reviewing the paddy purchase arrangements for the 2020-21 Kharif season, chief minister Trivendra Singh Rawat approved the target of purchasing 10 lakh metric tonnes of rice through 242 purchase centres. Directing officials concerned to make all the necessary arrangements, he also approved the price of Rs 1,888 per quintal for grade A rice and Rs 1,868 per quintal for average quality rice for this year. Arrangements for purchasing the produce from October 1 should be completed on time, he directed.

Food secretary Sushil Kumar informed that paddy was sown in 2,50,000 hectare area this year considering which a target of 10 lakh metric tonnes produce has been set. The number of purchase centres has been increased this year for the convenience of farmers considering the Covid-19 pandemic.

Cong MLAs meet Governor Maurya

Complains that the Govt stopped them from raising issues of public interest during Monsoon Session

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A delegation of Congress party MLAs led by Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) president Priyam Singh met the governor Baby Kanti Maurya at her residence on Thursday. In the meeting the Congress leaders claimed that the state gov-

ernment blocked them from raising the issues of public interest under sections 310 and 58 during the monsoon session of assembly. They complained that the state government was only interested in getting its constitutional obligations fulfilled and abstained from discussion on issues of

public interest.

Congress delegations handed over a memorandum to the governor in which the issues which the party wanted to raise in the assembly were mentioned. The party said that it wanted discussion on handling Covid-19 situation in Uttarakhand, the unemployment triggered by Covid-19 lockdown and increasing unemployment in the state. The Congress leaders added that they wanted discussion on recent natural disasters in Pithoragarh, Bageshwar, Chamoli and Rudrapur districts and its impact handling by the state government. The

party listed the pathetic condition of farmers and non-payment of their pending dues, deteriorating law and order condition and master plan of Kedarnath as some of the issues it wanted to raise in the assembly. The Congress leaders requested the governor that she should direct the state government to ensure that the issues of public interest are raised in the assembly.

Apart from PCC president, the delegation included Manglauli MLA Zari Nizamuddin, Bhagwanpur MLA Mantra Rakesh, Jaspur MLA Adesh Chauthan and Kedarnath MLA Manoj Rawat.

Farmers agitated at passage of Farm Bills: Harish Rawat

Says the new legislation would finish Mandis, MSP and PDS systems

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Former chief minister and general secretary of All India Congress Committee (AICC), Harish Rawat has said that farmers in all parts of the country are agitated and angry at the passage of three farm bills in

parliament. He said that farmers have given a call of Bharat Bandh on Friday and the Congress party has decided to support the farmers. Questioning the manner in which these bills were passed without discussion and voice vote amid suspension of eight MPs, Rawat said that all norms were set aside by the government.

He said that the concept of Minimum Support Price (MSP) was obtained by the farmers after much struggle. He claimed that the new bill ensures that gradually the relevance of MSP is finished. "Initially the private players would offer good prices to the farmers but in later stages when the system of



Mandi is destroyed they would finish the MSP. Why is the government not bringing a law to protect the MSP?" he asked.

The veteran leader of Congress said that the government wants to demolish the PDS system which has ensured food security for the poor. Under the new regime everything would be in the hands of

market forces. Launching an attack on the government for giving a mortal blow to the labour reforms, that by passing legislation the government has allowed companies employing less than 300 workers to shut down without any notice. He claimed that now jobs of 75 to 80 percent of the labour force have come under risk.

Magnitude of Kumbh Mela will depend on Covid situation: DG (L&O)



PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The magnitude of the Kumbh Mela to be held in Haridwar during 2021 will depend on the status of Covid-19 at that time. If that period is free of Covid restrictions, it will be free for all but if the restrictions are still in place, the entry will be restricted as stated by chief minister Trivendra Singh Rawat. The only uncertainty around the Kumbh Mela is that centered around Covid-19, said the director general (Law and Order), Ashok Kumar in an online interaction with The Pioneer on Thursday.

Referring to the challenges faced by the Uttarakhand government due to Covid-19, the DG said that since this was a situation never faced before, the first challenge was to enforce the lockdown effectively yet politely. "The police had to discharge their duty without losing their humane face. We helped in distribution of ration, home delivery of essential commodities and medicines. Now with the unlock process in effect, we have a different scenario to face. People are going about their lives and earning their livelihood but precautions and guidelines have to be observed. We have issued about three lakh challans for violations of the norms so far," he said.

When it comes to the challenges faced by the police apart from the pandemic, the DG said that top priorities are

crime control, law and order, and traffic while drug abuse and cyber crimes are also aspects which cannot be ignored. Regarding substance abuse, the DG said that though cannabis and opium are two groups of traditional drugs in India, their use has now increased. The rise in abuse of synthetic drugs in recent years has increased the challenge which can be tackled effectively only with the active participation of society. "We have a two-pronged battle against drugs-one is the enforcement targeting the suppliers and the other is to raise public awareness as with that we can tackle the demand side which will also attack the supply. We need to take the youth towards positivity involving all segments of society as this is a major problem ailing society. Anyone with information about drug dealing can call or WhatsApp the drug task force on 94120 29536."

Responding to a query on measures taken to address the scope for corruption and misuse of power by the police, Kumar said that there is a triple chance of misuse of power by police. "Therefore, we have to keep enforcing discipline and standards within the police. On an average, we take some type of action against about 500 personnel per year when an allegation of corruption or misuse of power is confirmed as the accountability factor is very high in our

department."

The DG further informed that before the pandemic the trust quotient of the police was about 30 per cent which was boosted considerably during the pandemic as the people saw the police working on the ground and helping people. As a result of the people friendly role played by the police, the trust quotient rose to about 90 per cent though it has dropped slightly after the lockdown ended. This is also because the police are now also enforcing discipline as part of their inherent role. Though the trust quotient may not remain as high as 90 per cent, it will surely remain between 50 to 70 per cent, he added.

Regarding cyber crimes, he said that despite the challenges, the Uttarakhand police is very well trained in dealing with such crimes. At least one sub-inspector in each police station has been trained well in tackling cyber crime and the State police have cracked a considerable number of cases. However, when the information on social media goes out like the nation as in the case of social media platforms like Facebook, the police face an additional challenge in trying to secure the information. Awareness is very vital as nothing is 100 per cent secure online, he stressed.

Replying to a query about how the police will effectively enforce Covid guidelines and other rules, he stressed on the

role of public awareness and a sense of responsibility among the citizens. Regarding noise pollution from wedding points late in the night, he said though the police will take necessary action in such cases, it is also important that pressure groups be formed among citizens as the society also needs to partner in resolving social issues.

Considering the recent tensions between India and China coupled with issues with Nepal, the DG said, "I cannot comment much on international issues but it is certain that China is not India-friendly. It also started dividing India and Nepal who have shared close relations for centuries. Nepal also needs to understand the reality."

On the subject of community policing, he pointed out the limited sources of the department while also stressing on the importance of common sense. The people also need to understand their responsibility. "I am also thinking of forming a task force involving the community to deal with littering and other issues in places like picnic spots. It is important to understand that policing is for the public and the community also needs to be involved."

Conveying his message to the public, he reiterated that the police is meant for the public, adding that the people should also trust the police and bring any issues to their knowledge. The police are open to all issues.

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CRPF officer martyred in Budgam terror attack

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

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

Vijayakant tests Covid-19 positive, admitted to hospital

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

Advocate shot dead in Srinagar

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

the SKIMS where doctors declared him dead on arrival. Qadri had recently locked horns with his opponents on the social media who often labeled him an agent of 'agencies' in Kashmir valley. In one such case, Qadri had even posted a tweet urging the police authorities to register FIR against one social media user. "I urge the state police administration to register FIR against this Shah Nazir who has spread the wrong campaign that I work for agencies. This is a true statement can lead to threat to my life."

6,324 new cases in Kerala

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

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

Briefing the media on Thursday evening, Vijayan said that there were 45,919 Covid-19 patients across the State as on Thursday. He said that 21 persons died in the State during the last 24 hours due to Covid-19. He said that the situation is under control and the government is taking all necessary steps to contain the spread of the virus. He also mentioned that the government is providing financial assistance to the affected families.

sionals in the State. Tamil Nadu succeeded in containing the number of new patients on Thursday to 5,692 while there were 46, 405 patients across the State. For the first time, Kozhikode topped the table of districts with the highest number of patients-883. Out of this, 820 contracted the pandemic through social contacts, said Vijayan. Thiruvananthapuram district had 875 Covid-19 patients as on Thursday evening. The chief minister disclosed that out of the 6,324 persons tested positive on Thursday, 5,321 Tamil Nadu if this is the trend, according to medical profes-

Singer SPB's condition critical

Chennai: Tamil Nadu is in a state of anxiety as the health condition of legendary singer S P Balasubrahmanyam (SPB) to friends and fans) deteriorated on Thursday evening, according to the corporate hospital where he had been admitted since August 5 for Covid treatment. "His condition in the last 24 hours has deteriorated further warranting maximal life support and his condition is extremely critical. The team of experts at MGM Healthcare are closely monitoring his health condition," the health bulletin issued by Dr. Anuradha Baskaran, Assistant Director, Medical Services, MGM Healthcare hospital said.

Mamata announces monetary aids for Durga puja organisers

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday announced liberal largesse to the clubs organising Durga Puja prompting the Opposition BJP and Left to link her actions with next year's Assembly elections. The Chief Minister's latest announcement include a grant of ₹50,000 to the clubs organising Durga Puja. This apart, Banerjee also announced a 50 percent rebate in electricity charges for the Puja committees and requested the private-owned Calcutta Electricity Supply Corporation to follow suit. Last year the State Government had allowed only 10 percent rebate in power charges for the Durga Puja committees. There are about 28,000 Durga Puja committees in Bengal and the dole could cost the Government about 200 crore, sources said. Besides, she said that no tax would be charged by the municipal authorities including Kolkata, Howrah, Asansol and Siliguri Municipal corporations and panchayats were. The Fire Brigade Department too would not charge any fees from the Puja organisers, Banerjee said.

Monsoon may start withdrawing from west Rajasthan Mon onwards

New Delhi: The India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Thursday southwest monsoon is likely to start withdrawing from west Rajasthan Monday (September 28) onwards. Hot and humid conditions are also likely to reduce thereafter. Widespread and heavy rain will continue in parts of Bihar, sub-Himalayan West Bengal and some northeastern states till September 26. Conditions are likely to become favourable for withdrawal of southwest monsoon from West Rajasthan and adjoining areas around 28th September. The Low Pressure Area lies over central parts of East Uttar Pradesh and the neighbourhood. The associated cyclonic circulation extends up to mid-tropospheric levels. It is likely to move

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

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A day after registering two cases in connection with the large-scale violence in Bengaluru in August, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Thursday conducted searches at 30 locations and arrested an alleged key conspirator related to the incident. The arrested conspirator Sayed Sajid Ali, 44, resident of Bengaluru, alleged to have been involved in the attack on KG Hall Police Station in Bengaluru that took place late in the evening on August 11 resulting in "huge" damage and destruction of public and government property, including damage to the police station building and vehicles parked in its premises and nearby areas.

All works as a recovery agent with a bank and has been absconding since August 11, immediately after the riots. In addition, Ali's arrest, searches were also conducted at 30 locations in Bengaluru city to unearth the conspiracy behind the attacks on DJ Hall and KG Hall police stations. "During the searches, airgun, pellets, sharp weapons, iron rods, digital devices, DVDs, many SDP & PF-related incriminating documents and materials have been seized," the NIA said in a statement. On Wednesday, pursuant to Union Home Ministry's directions, the NIA took up the investigation of two Bengaluru violence cases registered by the State police at DJ Hall and KG Hall police stations on August 12.

Teenager gangraped in Aligarh

PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH

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

Woman raped for five years on pretext of marriage

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

Aligarh lock company faces copyright charges

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

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

CHENNAI: The Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court on Wednesday delivered a verdict with respect to the holy shrine of Lord Muruga at Palani Hills in Tamil Nadu by cancelling the tender issued by the executive officer to appoint contractors for providing house and other facilities. The temple and establishments attached to the temple. Justice G.R. Swaminathan, who heard a writ petition filed by T.R. Ramesh, president, Indic Collective, challenging the executive officer's move to float tenders for the same approved the contention of the petitioner that devotees were authorized with the maintenance and cleaning of the temple and its premises as per "Uthavara Patti", an age old voluntary service. Ramesh also argued that the executive officer by entrusting the cleaning and maintenance works of the temple to outsiders on a commercial basis was infringing on the rights of the devotees.

Drive to remove encroachment in Agra to clean blocked drains

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

AMU reservation issue raised in Parliament again

Aligarh: Once again MP Satish Kumar Gautam raised the reservation issue of AMU during Zero Hour in Parliament. The MP said that there is no reservation of SC, ST and backward class students in AMU like it is in Kashi Hindu University due to which these students are not getting a chance to study in good universities. This is the violation of their rights. The system should be implemented in the AMU as well and demanded to form a monitoring committee.

BJP's leader accuses party official of harassment

Aligarh: The lady leader of BJP's Minority Front has made serious allegations against her own party official. She alleged that the official has been harassing her for a year and a half. He harassed her in programs and threaten her to implicate her in false cases on protest. Along with the press, she also complained to the SSP. The BJP Minority Front leader, resident of the Delhi Gate area, said that she was associated with the BJP in the year 2018 through a senior official.

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NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

The Chief Administrative Officer, Northern Railway, Kachnara Gate, Delhi, for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-tender under Two Packet System for the under noted work:-

- Mode of Tender: E-Tender (Two Packet)
- Tender notice No: 74/WSG/24368638/WR/LCO Dated 24.09.2020
- Full name of work: Aligarh-Bhindgarh Section (Zone-I) - Supply and Sinking of 65mm gauge machine chaser for track ballast RS-GE-1 (June 2016) (with update correction slips) in between Aligarh (including) to Biharihat (Excluding) in connection with "Proposed Doubling of Barabanki - Aligarh (161 km)" of Lucknow Division on Northern Railway.
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- Earnest money amount: Rs. 18,42,00,00,00 only
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- Last date of time of upload of tenders: 19.10.2020 upto 11.30 hours. Tender documents can be uploaded by the tenderer on IREPS web site i.e. 06.10.2020 to 19.10.2020 upto 11.30 hrs. Tender documents (immediately after close of uploading of tender) (D2): In case of two packet system, Financial bids of the eligible tenders would be opened subsequently on the date & time to be notified later on.
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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one male was found dead on 16.09.2020 at Anand Parvat Industrial, Gali No. 09, Harjan Basti, Shastri Nagar, Delhi in the area of PS Sarai Rohilla, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 60A u/s 174 CrPc, Dated 16.09.2020. The dead body has been preserved in mortuary of Subzi Mandi, Delhi for 12 hrs for identification. The description of the dead body is given as under:

Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: about 50-55 years, Height: 5'6" Feet, Face: Round, Complexion: Wheatish, Built: Thin, Wearing: Green Colour Shirt, Brown Colour Trouser with Brown Colour Belt and Bare footed. He was a vagabond.

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

Sd/- SHO P.S. Sarai Rohilla, Delhi

DP/586/N/2020 Ph: 011-23693611, 23691106, 8750870133

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: 45 years, Height: 168 cm, Complexion: Fair, Face: Oval, Built: Thin, Wearing: Dark Green colour T-Shirt and Khaki Pajama** was found in unconscious condition from H-Block, Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi where he was declared dead by doctor. In this regard a case DD No. 22-A u/s 174 Cr. P. C. Dated 31.08.2020 has been registered at P.S. Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

Sd/- SHO P.S. Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi

DP/311/SW/2020 Tel: 011-24106346

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified New Born Baby **Name: Unknown D/o Unknown R/o Unknown Age: New Born Baby Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: Without cloth** has been found dead in a vacant plot behind H. No. B-233, Laxmi Park, Nangloi, Delhi on 20.09.2020. In this regard a case vide FIR No. 930/20 dated 20.09.2020 has been lodged at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this dead found New Born Baby may kindly inform to the following:-

SHO: P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi

Order Distt., Delhi

DP/436/O/2020 Ph. 011-25946700, 25946710

SEARCH FOR MISSING MALE

General Public is hereby informed that one male (depicted in the photo) **name: Rajender S/o Ram Shah R/o Raj Nagar, Ward No.37, Hinduan, District-Kirauli, Rajasthan Aged-26 Years** has been reported missing since 09.08.2019 vide FIR No.29/2020 u/s 365 IPC Dated 19.01.2020 Registered at Police Station Anand Vihar, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-

Complexion: Fair, Height: 5', Face: Round, Built: Normal, Hair: Black, Clothing: Blue coloured Lining Shirt, Grey coloured Pant and barefoot.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing male, may inform SHO, Anand Vihar, Delhi at E-mail: clt@cbl.gov.in or website: <http://cbl.nic.in> Sd/-

File No. : 011-24368638 & 24368641 SHO, Anand Vihar, Delhi

Tel. No. : 011-24368639 Tel. No. : 22384300, 22384600

DP/200/SHD/2020 Mob. : 7065036022

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED MAN

General Public is hereby informed that one man (depicted in the photo) **name: Ravi Shankar S/o Sita Ram R/o H. No. 24, Extn. 2-A, Nangloi, Delhi Aged-52 Years** has been reported missing/kidnapped since 13.07.2020 from the area of P.S. Nangloi, Delhi vide DD No. 113-A Dated 22.07.2020 has been Registered at Police Station Nangloi, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-

Complexion: Wheatish, Height: 5'9", Face: Round, Wearing: Blue checked shirt, blue coloured pant and black coloured sandal in feet.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing man, may inform SHO, Nangloi, Delhi at E-mail: clt@cbl.gov.in or website: <http://cbl.nic.in> Sd/-

File No. : 011-24368638 & 24368641 SHO, Nangloi, Delhi

Tel. No. : 011-25949470, 25947225

DP/315/O/2020 Mob. : 7065036127

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

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

By Order: M/s. Prigya Gupta Metropolitan Magistrate-08

Room No. 272, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

Stifling more voices

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



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

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

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

Rafale under fire again

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



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

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

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

When babu becomes neta

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



AJOY KUMAR

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SOUNDBITE

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

Canadian PM
—Justin Trudeau



The Morrison Government will undertake the most significant reforms to Australia's insolvency framework in 20 years as part of our economic recovery plan.

Australian Treasurer
—Josh Frydenberg



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

Ukrainian President
—Volodymyr Zelensky



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

Footballer
—Sahil Abdul Samad



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Labour-friendly laws

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

SK Nag
Mumbai

Monsoon Session ends

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

The actual beneficiaries of farm Bills

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

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



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

Haridasan Rajan
Kozhikode

Fair and responsible

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

further the communal agenda of the Government.

M N Musaseed
Mumbai

Rising COVID cases

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

Urv Jain
Ujjain

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FIRST COLUMN

The threat posed by hospital waste

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



KOTA SRIRAJ

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

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

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

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

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

(The writer is an environmental journalist)

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

—CSK CAPTAIN MS DHONI

POINT COUNTERPOINT



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

—FORMER CRICKETER KEVIN PIETERSEN

Corona paints a bleak picture

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



UMA NAIR

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

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

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

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

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

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

“ INSTITUTIONS LIKE THE LALIT KALA AKADEMI HAVE A GREAT ROLE TO PLAY IN OPENING THEIR SPACES TO AS MANY SOLO SHOWS AS POSSIBLE TO LIFT THE DARKNESS IN THE WORLD OF THE LONELY ARTIST WAITING IN THE WINGS. THE INDIA INTERNATIONAL CENTRE AND AIFACS DO YEOMAN'S SERVICE FOR THE ARTS. BIG ARTISTS, TOO, NEED TO GET OUT OF THEIR COCONOS AND HELP OTHERS IN NEED ”



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A double whammy to the girl child's survival

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



SWAPNA MAJUMDAR

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

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

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

Supported by the Indian Council

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(The writer is a senior journalist)



FOREIGN EYE



PAKISTAN MUST LEARN FROM INDIA

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

(Dawn editorial)

If Trump loses, he may refuse peaceful shift

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

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

Trump, a Republican, also said he believed the election result could end up in the US Supreme Court, and he cast doubt on postal voting. Many American states are encouraging mail-in voting, citing the need to keep Americans safe from the coronavirus pandemic that has killed over two lakh people in the country.

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

said when asked whether he would commit to a peaceful transition, one of the cornerstones of American democracy. "I have no problem with it," he said, but he was very strongly about the ballots, and the ballots are a disaster... Trump told reporters at a White House news conference on Wednesday when asked about a peaceful transfer of power after the presidential polls in November irrespective of the outcome.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

which she characterised as an attack on democracy.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Trump-appointed judges under an election-year political lens

AP ■ NASHVILLE

US District Judge Eli Richardson, a Trump administration appointee who backed the President's conservative base by blocking a Tennessee law that restricts mail-in voting, had an appointment after the presidential election. But first, the lifetime-appointed judge said, he had to "address head-on the proverbial elephant in the room," declaring his own impartiality in the case.

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

Trump, Biden clash on handling of coronavirus

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

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

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

"Our plan will crush the

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

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

what we've done," Trump said.

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

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

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

AP ■ SEOUL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

AFP ■ TEHRAN

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

"The Iranian nation has

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

AP ■ TAIPEI, TAIWAN

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hong Kong activist Wong arrested over unauthorised assembly

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

GLOBE TROTTER

RISHI SUNAK UNVEILS NEW WAGE TOP-UP SCHEME

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

ISRAEL TIGHTENS SECOND LOCKDOWN

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

AMENDMENTS: PROTESTS AS THAI LAWMAKERS VOTE

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

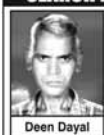
OVER 360 MORE DETAINED IN BELARUS IN PROTESTS

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

INDIAN STUDENTS APPEAL TO UK PM ON VISA ROSS

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

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



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

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

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S/O: P.S. Karol Bagh, Delhi
Tel: 011-24368639, 24368641
Fax No: 011-24368639
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Short Term E-bid Notice
Single stage, two envelope short term e-bids are invited upto 02.00 pm of 12-10-2020 for Supply and Installation Automated Extraction System on Reagent Rental basis at Covid-19 Test Lab, Dept. of Microbiology, RUHS College of Medical Sciences, Jaipur, (Total Approx. Cost in Rs. 144.00 lakh) (Pre Bid Meeting on 25-09-2020 at 11.00 am) Details may be seen in the Bidding Document at the Website <http://eproc.ruhscollegejaipur.org> or sppp.raj.nic.in (UBN - CMS2021GLR00044)

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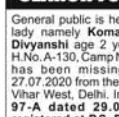


General public is hereby informed that one unknown person (depicted in the photo) has stolen one Water Motor Crompton Greaves 1 HP and one meter of Delhi Jal Board, from the shop no. 142, Ground Floor, DB Gupta Market, Karol Bagh, Delhi on 05.04.2020. The description of the suspected person is as under:

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

S/O: P.S. Desh Bandhu Gupta Road, Delhi
Ph: 011-23613252, 8750870429
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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



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

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

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Fax: 011-24368639
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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that a girl named Tara D/o Sh. Shola Mandal R/o Jhuggi No. A84/118, Indra Camp, A-Block, N.I.A. Phase-1, Naraina, New Delhi, Age: 14 years, Height: 5'2", Built: Medium, Face: Round, Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: Printed White Suit & Brown Colour Salwar and Yellow Colour Sandal in feet is missing/kidnapped since 20.12.2016 at 08:00 PM from the area of P.S. Naraina, New Delhi. In this regard a case FIR No. 255/2016 dated 21.12.2016 u/s 363 IPC has been registered at P.S. Naraina, New Delhi.

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

E-mail: ic@cbl.gov.in
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Fax: 011-24368639
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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED GIRL



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

Complexion: Shallow, Height: 5', Face: Long, Build: Medium, Identification: Mentally Disturbed, Clothing: wearing orange colour kurta, blue colour pajama and hawai chappal in feet. Any person is having any information or clue about this missing/kidnapped girl may inform SHO, Naraina, New Delhi at E-mail: ic@cbl.gov.in or Website: <http://cbl.nic.in>, Tel: 011-24368639/24368641, Fax: 24368639.

S/O: P.S. Naraina, New Delhi
Ph: 011-25891181, 25892010, 8750871122
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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



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

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

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S/O: P.S. Nangloi, Delhi
Ph: 011-25947225, 25949470
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Mkt tanks on slow eco recovery fear

FIANS ■ MUMBAI

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

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

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

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

The Nifty50, on the other hand, lost 176.68 points, fell well below the psychological 11,000 mark. The recent bear run has been due to resurgence in coronavirus cases across the world, largely in Europe, and anticipated lockdown restrictions across several countries of the continent, including the UK and France. The BSE Sensex closed at 36,553.60, lower by 1,114.82 points, or 2.96 per cent, from 37,668.42. It opened at 37,282.18 and touched an intra-day high of 37,304.26 or a low of 36,495.98 points. The Nifty50 closed at 10,805.55, lower by 326.30

points or 2.93 per cent from its previous close.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PTI ■ MUMBAI

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

Besides, stronger dollar against key rivals currencies and robust outflows of foreign funds from domestic markets weighed on the rupee. The rupee opened at 73.91 in the interbank forex market, the Indian currency opened on a weak note at 73.82 and traded in a range of 73.75 and 73.96 a dollar during the session.

Harley-Davidson plans to close India manufacturing facility

FIANS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

The company said that it is changing the business model in India and evaluating options to continue to serve its customers.



Harley-Davidson plans to close its manufacturing facility in Bawal and significantly reduce the size of its sales office in Gurugram, the company said in a statement.

"The company is communicating with its customers in India and will keep them updated on future support. The Harley-Davidson dealer network will continue to serve customers through the contract term."

Primary issuances attract most FPI inflows

FIANS ■ MUMBAI

Inflow of foreign portfolio investments (FPI) surged last month, according to a report by ICIG Securities.

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

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

GOOGLE TO DELHI HC

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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

It has also said that GPay

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

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

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

New Delhi: The Finance Ministry on Thursday said

banks have sanctioned loans of about ₹1.77 lakh crore to 44.2 lakh business units under the ₹3-lakh crore Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme for the MSME sector reeling under the slowdown caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

However, disbursement against the sanctioned amount stood at ₹1.25,425 crore to 25.74 lakh MSME units till September 21. The scheme is the biggest fiscal component of the ₹20-lakh crore Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan package announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in May to mitigate the distress

caused by the lockdown due to COVID-19 by providing credit to different sectors, especially micro, small and medium enterprises. The total amount sanctioned under the 100% Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme by #PSBs and private banks to #MSMEs and individuals stands at ₹1,77,353 crore, of which ₹1.25 lakh crore has already been disbursed; the finance minister said in a tweet.

Govt extends suspension of fresh insolvency proceedings for 3 months

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

RBI announces special OMOs of simultaneous sale

Purchase of G-Secs worth ₹10K cr each

PTI ■ MUMBAI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The nine-member committee set up by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, released a draft non-personal data policy in mid-July giving the public two months to provide feedback. Per the policy, any data which does not contain any personally identifiable information of an individual is termed as non-personal data. For example, while order details collected by an e-commerce platform will have name, age, address and other contact information of an individual, it will be considered non-personal data if specific identifiers like name, address and contact information are removed.

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

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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre on Thursday permitted five States to go for additional borrowing of ₹9,913 crore through Open Market Borrowings (OMBs) to meet their COVID-19 related

expenditure amid falling revenues due to the COVID-19 crisis.

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

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

The Department of Expenditure under the Finance Ministry, has accorded approval to Karnataka for additional borrowing of ₹4,509 crore, followed by Telangana (₹2,508 crore) and Andhra Pradesh (₹2,525 crore). Goa intends to raise ₹223 crore and Tripura ₹1,481 crore, it said. In view of the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, the Centre had in May allowed additional borrowing limit of up to 2 per cent of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) to states for the year 2020-21 with certain conditions. This made an amount up to ₹4,27,302 crore available to the states. Of the extra 2 per cent, only 0.5 per cent is unconditional. After that, states will be allowed four increments of 0.25 per cent subject to implementation of four specific state-level reforms, where weightage of each reform is 0.25 per cent of GSDP.

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

Single platform for social startups from Delhi-NCR

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

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

The application is open till September 30.

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16	HYVPL, RONTAK	AUGMENTATION OF 132 KV 5/STN. JASSA FROM LX 2025 MVA, 132/33 KV + 1 X 16/20 MVA, 132/11 KV T/PS TO 2 X 20/25 MVA, 132/33 KV + 1 X 16/20 MVA, 132/11 KV T/PS, SUBJECT TO DISAPPEAREMENT OF ASSOCIATED COLONY (CIVIL WORKS)	CLOSING DATE 08.10.2020	4361350.00/892 00.00 for General and Rs. 44600.00 for registered L&C Society	https://www.hvgn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvgn.org.in
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22	HFDC, AMBALA	IN-HOUSE MANUFACTURE AND SUPPLY OF RCC FENCING POSTS IN AMBALA DISTRICT	21.09.2020	32 LACS	www.mfc.gov.in	0171-2551567 gm.ambala@mfc.gov.in
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25	HFDC, AMBALA	FIXING OF RCC FENCING POSTS WITH BARBED WIRE IN KURUSHETRA AND KATHAL DISTRICTS	21.09.2020 28.09.2020	34 LACS	www.mfc.gov.in	0171-2551567 gm.ambala@mfc.gov.in

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'Glad to do some memorable comedies'

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

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

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



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

—Karan Kundra

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

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

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



Mariah felt not worthy of existing

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

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

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

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

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

What is the film about?

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

What attracted you to this project?

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

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

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

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



Another kind of hunter

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

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

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

What were the on-ground challenges?

Carrying out this investigation was fraught with challenges. The trade spans

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

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

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

Any memorable or shocking moment...

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



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

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

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

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

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

Young at heart

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

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

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



NISSAN KICKS 1.3 Turbo XV

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

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

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

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

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

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



Fast and steady

The BMW X4 is great but not the most practical car

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

Opposite the factory, there is a BMW track where they test their SUVs. There was one sweeping left-hander, which in the US is on the other side of the steering wheel, and had a negative camber. That is the inside of the turn was higher than the outside, quite unlike turns on most racetracks which are angled into the turn, described as positive camber. In a positive camber turn, the most extreme examples of which are oval racetracks in the US, the banking of the corner helps turn the car into the corner with less steering input, thanks to centrifugal force. In a negative camber corner, you are fighting that force that wants to pull you down and those are challenging for both the car as well as the driver. But in a corner that just how well it handles, even after a couple of laps having switched some of the driver aids off. It is a testament to just how superlative handling has become on some SUVs, that a car like that which might have led to a rollover at higher speeds a decade ago, can be handled so darn easily. One reason for that is the couple like shape of



BMW X4 30d M Sport

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

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

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

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

are driving yourself all the time, one can question the extra 50,000 you spend on a comparable 30i petrol-engine variant. I agree that the 265hp 30d variant with the three-litre turbocharged diesel is not available on the X3 but that just highlights my point that the X4 is a driver's car. If you really want drivability, the five-series sedan with the petrol engine is ₹10,00,000 less, although the M Sport 530i with all the toys costs 61 lakh, the sedan is better.

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



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

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

RICH IN ANTIOXIDANTS

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

CHOOSE THE DARK SHADE

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



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

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

LOADED WITH FIBER

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

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

ANTI-INFLAMMATORY PROPERTIES

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

A NATURAL DETOXIFYING AGENT

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

A GLUTEN-FREE GRAIN

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

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

FIGHTS DIABETES

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

YOUR WEIGHT LOSS PARTNER

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

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

PROMOTES HEALTHY HEART

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

SUPPORTS EYE HEALTH

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

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

R E C I P E S



OLD BOMBAY NANKHATAI

WHAT YOU NEED

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

For glazing:

- Milk: 2 tbsp
- Powdered sugar: 1 tbsp

METHOD

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

Courtesy: Chef Varun Inamdar.

STUFFED RAVIOLI

WHAT YOU NEED

For ravioli filling

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

For ravioli dough

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



ALMOND PUMPKIN KEBAB

WHAT YOU NEED

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

METHOD

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



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

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

Courtesy: Chef Manish Mehrotra.

SMOKED SALMON FISH CAKES

WHAT YOU NEED

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



METHOD

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

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

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

Courtesy: Le Crausset.



Bravo is progressing very well, and if he has a couple of good days of training, he could come into selection consideration for the next game

It's unfair to judge Cummins right now. He is one of the best going around in the world. I trust him and I'm sure, he will come good. We are just happy to have him

I back myself to play the pull shots and have practised quite a bit. Pretty happy with the performance of my squad. All my shots were good

We were actually keeping things pretty simple, we knew what strokes are to be executed on this ground, so we just stuck to our plan and it went out really well

DUGOUT

MOTION PICTURE











13 years ago on September 24, 2007, India under MS Dhoni beat Pakistan by 5 runs in the final of the inaugural edition of World T20 at Wanderers Stadium in Johannesburg

KL RAHUL BREAKS SACHIN'S RECORD
Kings XI Punjab captain KL Rahul on Thursday became the fastest Indian batsman to reach 2000 IPL runs. Rahul overtook Sachin Tendulkar, who till Thursday held the record for being the fastest to 2000 IPL runs. Tendulkar, who played all six seasons of IPL for Mumbai Indians, had reached the milestone in 63 innings. Rahul did it in 60 innings. Gautam Gambhir is the 3rd in the list, who had scored 2000 runs in 68 innings followed by Suresh Raina (69) and Virinder Sehwag (70)

DHONI WILL GET BETTER AND BETTER
CSK head coach Stephen Fleming on Thursday defended under-fire skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni, saying it takes "a bit of work" to find best form after a long break and he will "get better and better" as the IPL progresses. "MS is one of the players that hasn't played much cricket in the last year-and-a-half. Everyone expects MS to come out and do what he has done in the past. It doesn't just happen, it takes a bit of work," Fleming said. "As the tournament goes on, he'll just get better and better. To come in and expect him to get a 30-ball 70 would be a tough ask and we've other players also who are in good form and can do a job. So, it's valuing what each player can do and also respecting Dhoni is one of a kind when he is in form and has been playing."

DECISION ON ASH, ISHANT AFTER TRAINING
Delhi Capitals will decide on spinner R Ashwin and pacer Ishant Sharma for their next match against CSK after their practice session on Thursday. While Ishant picked up an injury before their first match of the season against KXIP, Ashwin dislocated his shoulder during the game. "Ashwin is going for practice today (Thursday) and we haven't taken a call yet if it is going to be available or not for tomorrow's (Friday) game. We will see how the practice goes," assistant coach Mohammad Kaif said in pre-match conference. "We are monitoring him closely. But yes, if he is not fit to play tomorrow, we have Amit Mishra who is a very experienced player, and has been doing well in the IPL," Kaif said that Ishant "was sprinting well and is currently under observation". "Our team physio has been keeping a close eye on him and we will also take a call today after our practice session in the evening," said the 39-year-old.

DIFFICULT TO BAT FOR LONG DURATION
Mumbai Indians captain Rohit Sharma admitted that sapping condition in the UAE makes it difficult to bat for long duration and that's the reason he felt a bit tired by the end of his match-winning knock against KKR. "It is not easy to play long innings here. It takes a lot of out of you to play in these conditions. Maybe I was a bit tired in the end and it was a lesson for us that one set batsmen needs to bat deep till the end," Rohit said. "We've seen it in the past and that's what I tried to do. While the heat and humidity made it difficult but it was imperative to bat as long as possible after a six-month break. Rohit said. "I haven't played a lot of cricket in the last six months time and was looking to spend some time in the middle; it didn't come out well in the first innings but glad to have done it tonight."

POINTS TABLE						
		P	W	L	NRR	PTS
1	 MI	2	1	1	+0.99	2
2	 RR	1	1	0	+0.80	2
3	 RCB	1	1	0	+0.50	2
4	 DC	1	1	0	+0.00	2
5	 CSK	2	1	1	-0.14	2
6	 KXIP	1	0	1	+0.00	0
7	 SRH	1	0	1	-0.50	0
8	 KKR	1	0	1	-2.45	0

KLassic knock

Rahul's unbeaten 132 powers KXIP to 206/3 against RCB



Kings XI Punjab captain KL Rahul celebrates with teammate Karun Nair after he hits Dale Steyn for a six

PTI ■ DUBAI

Skipper KL Rahul smashed the first century of the 2020 Indian Premier League to propel Kings XI Punjab to a daunting 206 for 3 against Royal Challengers Bangalore here on Thursday.
Rahul, who was dropped in the 17th and then again in the 18th over by RCB skipper Virat Kohli, played the role of sheet anchor, scoring 132 off 69 balls that was laced with 14 boundaries and seven sixes.
With his spectacular knock, he surpassed Rishabh Pant to post the highest individual score by an Indian in IPL history. Playing his 60th innings,

KXIP CAPTAIN KL RAHUL SMASHED AN UNBEATEN 132 OFF 69 DELIVERIES AGAINST RCB TO RECORD THE HIGHEST-EVER SCORE BY AN INDIAN IN THE HISTORY OF IPL. IT IS ALSO THE HIGHEST-EVER SCORE BY A CAPTAIN IN IPL. RAHUL ALSO BECAME THE FASTEST INDIAN BATSMAN TO REACH 2,000 IPL RUNS, TAKING 60 INNINGS

Rahul also became the fastest Indian to reach the 2000 IPL runs. The stylish batsman clipped away a full length delivery to fine leg for four to break Sachin Tendulkar's record, who reached the milestone in 63 matches.
Opening the batting with R a h u l , M a y a n k Agarwal (26) looked dangerous and shared a 57-run stand with his captain. However, with the introduc-

tion of spin into the attack in the seventh over, Yuzvendra Chahal (1/25) struck with the last ball, cleaning up Agarwal (26) with a delightful googly.
Nicholas Pooran (17) and Glenn Maxwell (5) once again failed to make an impact as Shivam Dube (2/33) accounted for the duo. Karun Nair pitched in with an eight-ball 15.
The pace troika of Umesh Yadav (0/55), Dale Steyn (0/57) and Navdeep Saini (0/37) had a torrid time as the KXIP skipper was on fire in his second game as captain.
All players wore black arm-bands to honour Australian cricketer turned commentator Dean Jones, who died in Mumbai due to a cardiac arrest on Thursday.

Youth vs Experience

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

PTI ■ DUBAI

Skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni's much-awaited promotion in the batting order will be an area of interest when Chennai Super Kings strive to pick up pieces against a confident Delhi Capitals in their third IPL encounter on Friday.
The shock defeat against Rajasthan Royals on a batting beller at Sharjah could be primarily attributed to a poor show by the spinners along with a disastrous 20th over but the batsmen can't absolve themselves completely, especially Murali Vijay, Kedar Jadhav and the skipper himself.
Dhoni had come in to bat at number seven, promoting the likes of Sam Curran, Jadhav and Ruturaj Gaikwad ahead of himself, but the pull backfired badly leaving Faf du Plessis with too much work in too little time.
While his fans still swear by his six-hitting ability, a closer look would show that Dhoni is unable to change the gears against express pace and it was only when Tom Curran came with his medium fast, Dhoni launched an attack. That too when the match was a contest was over.
However on a big Dubai ground with bigger-sized boundaries, the skipper can rotate the strike better unlike Sharjah and also take those extra deliveries to settle down.
For Delhi Capitals, winning a cliffhanger right at the end would have given them a lot of confidence even though Ravichandran Ashwin's probable absence after a shoulder injury could force them to reshuffle their bowling line-up.
Senior spinner Amit Mishra could be an option to partner Axar Patel in case Ashwin is unable to

make it.
The cushion of bigger boundaries can always help a wrist spinner attack more by tossing the ball up.
Another aspect will be pacer Mohit Sharma's performance. While Mohit got KL Rahul at the beginning but his loose deliveries at the back-end made things difficult for the Capitals even as Kagiso Rabada bowled tightly at one end.
Against a side like CSK which revels in attacking the last 10 overs, the Capitals might like to try Harshal Patel, who is also a handy batsman at any number having opened in domestic cricket.
This is if Ishant Sharma, who is still nursing an ankle injury is available.
Anrich Nortje in his first IPL game wasn't bad but left-arm Daniel Sams could create those awkward angles that batsmen dislike.
Shimron Hetmyer is likely to get one more chance unless Ricky Ponting wants to bring in some stability in the form of Alex Carey.



PTI ■ MUMBAI

Former Australia batsman Dean Jones, one of the finest exponents of ODI cricket, died of a sudden cardiac arrest in Mumbai on Thursday.
Jones, 59, was in Mumbai with the Star Sports' commentary team for the Indian Premier League. He was in a bio-bubble in a city hotel. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.
Jones played 52 Tests and 164 ODIs for Australia and was part of the 1987 World Cup winning team.
"It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing away of Mr Dean Mervyn Jones AM. He died of a sudden cardiac arrest," Star Sports said in a press release.
"We express our deep condolences to his family and stand ready to support them in this difficult time. We are in touch

'Professor Deano' dies of cardiac arrest

with the Australian High Commission to make the necessary arrangements," the release added.
According to an IPL source, it happened in matter of seconds.
"Deano was standing in the hotel lobby and he suddenly collapsed. Brett Lee was standing by his side. Brett tried to revive him by applying CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) but he didn't respond," said the source.
"He was then taken to Harkisan Das Hospital in Girgaon where he was announced dead on arrival." Jones' family is in Melbourne and the Australian High Commission is in touch with them.



A player well ahead of his time, Jones scored over 6068 ODI runs at an average of 44.61 with seven hundred and 46 fifties.
For Indian fans, he will for-

ever remain in their memory for the iconic Test in Chennai, where he laid the foundation of a big Australian score with an unbeaten double hundred in challenging conditions.
In ODI cricket and those numerous World Series Cup matches on Australia's Channel 9, Jones, clad in yellow jersey and the lips lined with zinc cream is etched in memories of the late 80s and early 90s generation.
In ODI cricket, he would often charge down the track against fast bowlers and hitting them over in-field. He played a number of Test matches against India in the 1992 World Cup in Brisbane, a thriller that India lost by one run.
In his post retirement life he

performed the role of a cricket analyst for various channels, primarily in South Asia—India and Pakistan, where he was immensely popular.
One of the Indian news channel named him *Professor Deano*, a moniker that stuck with him and was also his Twitter handle.
He could polarise opinion and would often get trolled. He also once courted controversy for calling Hashim Amla "terrorist" on air, a light-hearted comment but the racist undertone forced the particular broadcaster to take him off air.
His on-air comments, with fellow commentator and Trans Tasman all-rounder Scott Styris was enjoyed and lapped up by new generation of cricket followers.



Modi asks Kohli about Yo-Yo test

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Shower Virat Kohli explained the Yo-Yo test helped Indian cricketers aim for high-level fitness when Prime Minister Narendra Modi asked him about the mandatory running aerobic fitness routine.
Prime Minister Modi was interacting with fitness experts and influencers from across the country to mark the one-year anniversary of the *Fit India Movement*.
Modi was asked to know what is Yo-Yo test and asked if the captain also has to pass it or he gets spared?
"I heard these days there is a Yo-Yo test for the team, what is this test," asked Modi during the virtual interaction.
"This test is very important from fitness point of view. If we talk about global fitness level,

our fitness level is still low compared to other teams and we want to take it up, which is a basic requirement."
The gruelling routine has two sets of cones that are 20 metres apart. Once the beep is sounded, the athlete has to reach the marker on the other side by the time the next beep sounds, turn and get back to where he started before the third beep.
The frequency of the beeps gradually increases for the subsequent runs.
Kohli, who is currently in the UAE for the IPL, said even he has to clear the test to get selected for the India team.
"I'm the one who goes to run first and this is the condition that if I fail that I am also not available for selection. It is important to set that culture and it will lead to improvement in overall fitness levels."

Hat-trick hero Havertz

AFP ■ LONDON

Frank Lampard said Kai Havertz is just getting started after opening his Chelsea account with a hat-trick in a 6-0 thrashing of Barnsley, while Arsenal also booked their place in the League Cup fourth round with a 2-0 win at Leicester.
Havertz had struggled to make an impact in his first two Premier League games since sealing a reported \$94 million move from Bayer Leverkusen as the most expensive signing of Chelsea's £230 million spending spree in the transfer market.
But the 21-year-old German was one of just three players to retain his place from Sunday's 2-0 defeat to Liverpool and Lampard's decision reaped its reward as he scored his first senior hat-trick.
"I am delighted with Kai, it was everything I wanted from him," said Lampard.
"He had no pre-season so I wanted to give him more time on the pitch with his teammates, learning how we play and press. It was a great night for Kai and it is the first of

many for him."
Thiago Silva and Ben Chilwell also made their Chelsea debuts, while Tammy Abraham and Ross Barkley made the most of rare starts to get their names on the scoresheet.
Abraham powered on loose pass down the Barnsley half to slam home the opener before Havertz's calm finish opened his Chelsea account.



A brilliant unselfish flick from Abraham teed Havertz up perfectly to convert his second after Barkley drove home on his weaker left foot.
Havertz was due to be replaced by Chilwell 25 minutes from time but just completed his hat-trick in time by rounding Brad Collins before tapping into an empty net before Olivier Giroud completed the scoring.
"I am very happy to score three goals, but this is just my beginning at the club and I want to score more and more goals," said Havertz.
Arsenal won the only all-Premier League tie of the night as Christian Fuchs's own goal broke the deadlock at the King Power.
Eddie Nketiah added a late second for the Gunners, who could face Liverpool at Anfield twice in three days next week should the Premier League champions progress past Lincoln.
Everton continued their fine start to the season with a 5-2 win at League One Fleetwood despite two howlers from England number one goal-



Mendy joins Chelsea

London: Chelsea on Thursday announced the signing of goalkeeper Edouard Mendy from Rennes on a five-year deal for a reported fee of 22 million pounds.
The Senegalese international will compete with Kepa Arrizabalaga and Willy Caballero for a starting spot at Stamford Bridge.
"I am so excited to be joining Chelsea," said Mendy. "It's a dream for me to be a part of this exciting squad and to work with Frank Lampard and all of his coaching staff."
"I look forward to meeting my team-mates and can't wait to get started." AFP
keeper Jordan Pickford. Also, Newcastle thrashed League Two Morecombe 7-0.



Luis Suarez poses with all the trophies that he won during his 6-year Barcelona's career which includes 2015 UEFA Champions League, UEFA Super Cup, FIFA Club World Cup, 4 La Liga, 4 Copa del Rey, one Supercopa de España

Suarez moves from Barca to Atlético

Barcelona: Atletico Madrid announced the signing of Barcelona forward Luis Suarez on Wednesday, confirming the Uruguayan striker is set to continue playing in La Liga rather than joining Juventus in Italy.
Barcelona said that Atletico had agreed to pay six million euros for Suarez, who left his last training session in tears on Wednesday having been told over the summer that he was no longer required by new coach Ronald Koeman.
Since joining Barca from Liverpool in 2014, Suarez has won a host of trophies, including the 2015 Champions League and four Liga titles.
He leaves as the club's third highest scorer with 198 goals behind Cesar Rodriguez (232) and Lionel Messi (634).
The move to Barcelona's La Liga rivals follows a failed attempt to join Juventus.
Pirlo disclosed last week a deal was unlikely because of delays in the Uruguayan's bid to get an Italian passport. AFP