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India in control of Pangong lake

Counter-measures by readjusting troops level to negate Chinese threat

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With China making repeated bids to breach Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the last three-four days in Ladakh, India has also taken counter measures by "readjusting" its troop levels at the disputed Pangong Tso (lake). This will negate any Chinese threat in the north bank of the lake.

The armed forces have further increased vigil all along the 4,000 km LAC from Ladakh in the west to Arunachal Pradesh in the east. All the border guarding forces besides the Army were directed to enhance patrolling in their respective areas of responsibility. The coming weeks may see the deployment of additional forces along the LAC.

Against this backdrop, the Brigadier-level talks on Wednesday after the foiled Chinese attempt to intrude did not yield any results, sources said here. This was the third round in the last three days and more parleys were expected to take place in the next few days to restore peace, they added.

On the latest Indian military step at the Pangong Tso (lake), sources said it is required to deal with the sort of situation that developed on the intervening night of August 29-30 when the Indian Army foiled a major transgression effort on the southern banks of lake by nearly 300 Chinese troops.



Army trucks move along the Manali-Leh highway amid border tension between India and China, in Kullu on Wednesday. PTI

A swift manoeuvre by the special forces commandos and regular Army troops denied the Chinese the element of surprise and the Indian Army is now dominating all the major hilltops there including the "Black Top" and "Helmet Top".

Giving details of the important action by the Indian forces on the northern banks, sources said "as part of precautionary deployment on August 30, some readjustments of our positions on our side was carried out."

It assumes significance as China dominates the ridgeline there besides "Finger 4". Finger means mountain spur. The readjustment or tactical deployment will now check any further aggressive move by the Chinese there, sources said.

In fact, the ongoing stand-offs for almost four months now began in early May from northern banks of the Pangong Tso when the Chinese forces intruded and obstructed an Indian patrol near Finger 4. It resulted in exchange of blows

leaving several soldiers from both sides injured.

Chinese troops are now fanned out between Finger 4 and Finger 8 area which length wise is about 5 km. The Indian Army is denied to patrol and the Chinese have also erected huts and makeshift bunkers. Despite five rounds of talks at the Corps Commanders level between the two armies, the Chinese forces have not withdrawn from this region leading to tension.

The "brazen" and

"provocative" attempt to alter the LAC on August 29-30, meanwhile, has further heightened tension on the entire 1,600 km long LAC in Ladakh sector. The Chinese tried at least three times more to breach the LAC on August 31 and September 1 on the southern banks of the Pangong lake, Chumar, and Depsang. However, prompt counter-measures by the Indian forces did not allow the matters get

out of hand.

Both sides have now deployed additional troops in the last three days on all the flashpoints. The two armies have also brought forward their tanks and heavy guns.

In order to maintain unhindered logistical movement, the 400-km long Srinagar-Leh highway is now partially closed for the general public to allow movement of Army convoys.

PUBG among 118 Chinese apps banned

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Amid the ongoing border dispute, India on Wednesday banned the 118 more Chinese apps, including the famous PUBG.

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology released the complete list of the 118 banned apps citing a series of reasons related to breach of security. Earlier, India banned 59 apps, including Tik Tok.

"The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has received many complaints from various sources, including several reports about the misuse of some mobile apps available on Android and iOS platforms for stealing and surreptitious-



ly transmitting users' data in an unauthorised manner to servers that have locations outside India. The compilation of these data, its mining and profiling by elements hostile to national security and defence of India, which impinges upon the sovereignty and integrity of India is a matter of very deep and immediate concern which requires emergency measures," said the Ministry.

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No Question Hour in Monsoon Session

Opp slams Centre, TMC says Covid used as excuse to 'murder democracy'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

For the first time in the history of Parliament, there will not be any Question Hour. The Government has claimed it took this decision this Monsoon Session of Parliament which starts on September 14 keeping in view safeguard related to coronavirus pandemic, but the move has outraged the Opposition MPs.

Opposition leaders said they were conveyed by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh that to deal with Question Hour requirement, Ministers would need to be briefed by officials of their Ministries and this would raise the number of visitors to Parliament during Covid times.

While senior Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury wrote to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla to mark his protest, Rajya Sabha member Derek O'Brien of the Trinamool Congress said the pandemic was being used as an excuse to "murder democracy". The Question Hour, the first hour in the House, allows members to ask the Government questions.

Rajnath, who is also the Deputy Leader of the Lok Sabha, reached out to senior Opposition leaders, including Leader of the Opposition

Ghulam Nabi Azad, Congress leader in the Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury and Trinamool's Derek O'Brien before finalising the plans.

"MPs required to submit questions for Question Hour in Parliament 15 days in advance. Session starts 14 September. So Question Hour cancelled? Opposition MPs lose right to question Govt. A first since 1950? Parliament overall working hours remain same so why cancel Question Hour? Pandemic excuse to murder democracy," O'Brien said.

In view of the coronavirus pandemic, Private Member's Business, usually fixed for every Friday has also been skipped. The session will have staggered timings to accommodate MPs of one House in both chambers and follow strict physical distancing norms.

On the first day, the Lok Sabha will have its proceedings from 9 am to 1 pm. Thereafter, from September 15 to October 1, the Lower House will have its sitting from 3 pm to 7 pm.

Similarly, from the second day, the Rajya Sabha will be transacting its business between 9 am and 1 pm.

The two-hour break between 1 pm and 3 pm will be used to disinfect both the chambers, said an official. The session will have 18 sittings, which includes two working Saturdays and Sundays each, and will end on October 1.

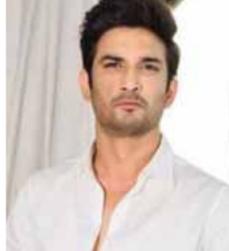
Congress MP Shashi Tharoor said questioning the Government is the oxygen of parliamentary democracy.

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Some TV channels maligning Sushant's family, says lawyer

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

As actress Rhea Chakraborty's father Indrajit was grilled by the CBI for the second consecutive day in the Sushant Singh Rajput death case, the late actor's family lawyer Vikas Singh on Wednesday alleged that certain television channels were trying to tarnish the image of Sushant's family to benefit the "accused" Rhea and that the actor's mental problems started only after Rhea's entry into his life.



basis of this FIR that the Supreme Court ordered the transfer of the Sushant Singh Rajput death case to the CBI on August 19.

Rhea, her parents, her brother and others have been booked as part of this FIR under sections 341 (wrongful restraint), 342 (wrongful confinement), 380 (theft), 406 (breach of trust), 420 (cheating), 306 (abetting suicide) and 120-B (conspiracy) of the IPC.

Realising that the wind is blowing against his client, Sushant's family lawyer Vikas Singh slammed television channels for "spreading canards" against the actor's family, in an apparent effort to counter a narrative that has

emerged in the public domain that Sushant's family members, particularly his sisters Meethu and Priyanka, were very much in the know of the fact that the actor was suffering from depression and schizophrenia in the run-up to Sushant's death.

Addressing a news conference, Vikas Singh said, "Three sisters of Sushant met me today... they told me that they were upset because a malicious campaign is being carried out in the media to tarnish the image of the family to provide benefit to the accused Rhea".

The late actor's family lawyer said, "Sushant Singh Rajput's three sisters and his father are pained by a negative, false campaign against the family. The campaign relates to his mental health. A campaign is being carried out in the media that Sushant's family knew about his depression, his bipolar disorder and still the same was concealed. The FIR filed (in the case) very clearly says that Sushant, after Rhea came into his life, started having mental problems. The FIR very clearly says that Rhea was responsible for his problems".

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PM CARES fund got ₹3,076 crore in 5 days till March 31

Cong seeks donors' names

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The PM CARES fund, set up in March 27 this year by the Modi Government for coronavirus pandemic, received ₹3,076 crore till March 31, says an audit report published on the PM CARES website. The Congress has asked the Government to make public the names of donors "like any NGO or trust is obliged to do".

The audit report said that declaration had been made on the total donations received from India and abroad till March 31. However, the donations received after March is not known yet.

According to the audit report made public on the PM CARES site, ₹30,76,62,58,096 was the final balance of the bank account linked to the PM's Citizens Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situation

(PM CARES) fund. Of the total amount, ₹3,075.85 crore is known to have come from domestic contribution while ₹39.67 lakh from foreign contribution. The details of the donors have not been made public by the Government yet. The audit statement also says PM CARES has also received an interest of around ₹35 lakh.

The fund was set up with an initial corpus of ₹2,25,000 with the announcement of the Prime Minister on March 27 and was soon flooded with donations from common men, celebrities, politicians, Members of Parliament, Government officials and private donors across the country and abroad.

The PM CARES fund is headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Other ex-officio members of the trust are Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

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In graded start, Metro won't stop at overcrowded station

In Delhi, only Yellow line service on first two days, by Sept 12 all lines to function

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI



PTI photo

After being shut for over five months, all Metro services will restart from September 7 across the country in a gradual manner, except in Maharashtra. As per the new guidelines, Metro having more than one line will open different lines starting from September 7 onwards in a graded manner so that all corridors become operational by September 12. Daily hours of operations will be staggered for the first few days until it is fully operational by September 12. The frequency of trains will be regulated to avoid passenger crowding at stations and in trains.

Announcing the guidelines, Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said Metros having more than one

line should open different lines starting from September 7 onwards in a graded manner so that all corridors become operational by September 12. As per the guidelines, only asymptomatic persons will be allowed after thermal screening, while symptomatic patients will be sent to the nearest hospital/Covid Care Centre. There are 17 Metro corporations in the country. According to the Ministry, Metro trains will not stop at stations where passengers are found not maintaining social distancing.

For the Delhi Metro, which is the largest and most successful Metro in the country, for the first two days only the Yellow Line from Samaypur Badli to Huda city centre will function from September 7.

Initially, the Metro will be open from 7 am to 11 am and 4 pm to 8 pm till September 10. From September 11, the Metro will be functional from 7 am to 1 pm, 4 pm to 10 pm. Delhi Metro will run from 6 am to 11 pm from September 12.

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Domestic airlines allowed to operate with 60% capacity

New Delhi: In further easing of restrictions, the Centre on Wednesday permitted Indian airlines to increase the number of domestic passenger flights to 60 per cent of their pre-COVID services.

Detailed report on P4

Bill to add Dogri, Kashmiri, Hindi in J&K's official languages list

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved the Jammu and Kashmir Languages Bill 2020 which will make five languages — Urdu, Hindi, Kashmiri, Dogri, and English — the official language of the region. "This has been done based on demand by the people," said Union Ministers Prakash Javadekar.

"I want to thank the PM for the inclusion of Dogri, Hindi, and Kashmiri in the other two existing official languages. It is not only a fulfillment of public demand of the region but also in keeping with the spirit of equality ushered after August 5, 2019," said Union Minister Jitendra Singh.

Mission Karmayogi to make babus proactive, professional

Govt dubs it biggest bureaucratic reform bid to 'reincarnate a Govt servant into an ideal karmayogi'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved "Mission Karmayogi", which was dubbed as the biggest bureaucratic reform initiative aimed at capacity building of Government employees to make them more "creative, proactive, professional and technology-enabled".

gramme will be to support a transition from "rules based to roles based" HR management to prepare the Indian civil servant for the future, said a Government statement.

"This is the biggest human resource development programme in the Government," Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar said during a Press briefing.

To cover around 46 lakh Central employees, a sum of ₹510.86 crore will be spent over five years from 2020-21 to 2024-25 under Mission Karmayogi or the National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building (NPCSCB), according to the statement.

practitioners among others and headed by the Prime Minister, will serve as the apex body for providing strategic direction, while a Capacity Building Commission is also proposed to be set up.

Minister of State for Personnel Jitendra Singh, who was also present at the briefing, said the scheme will help end subjective evaluation, and ensure scientifically-devised, objective and real-time assessment of employees.

Mission Karmayogi is an endeavour "to reincarnate a Government servant into an ideal karmayogi to serve the nation by enabling him to be creative, to be constructive, to be pro-active and technically empowered", said Singh.

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Whopping 83K cases in a day

Covid-19 IN INDIA

TOTAL CASES: 38,48,968
DEATHS: 67,486
RECOVERED: 29,67,396
ACTIVE: 8,13,489

STATES	TOTAL CASES	DEATHS	RECOVERED
Maharashtra	8,25,739	25,195	5,98,496
Andhra Pradesh	4,55,531	4,125	3,48,330
Tamil Nadu	4,39,959	7,516	3,80,063
Karnataka	3,61,341	5,950	2,60,913
Uttar Pradesh	2,41,439	3,616	1,81,364
Delhi	1,79,569	4,481	1,58,586
West Bengal	1,68,697	3,339	1,40,913
Bihar	1,40,234	722	1,23,404
Telangana	1,30,589	846	97,402
Assam	1,15,280	323	88,727
Odisha	1,09,780	567	84,073
Gujarat	99,050	3,046	80,154
Rajasthan	84,674	1,081	70,674

SC refuses to hear Netflix plea against order on web series

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Wednesday refused to hear a Netflix petition against a Bihar lower court order restraining it from using Sahara group chief Subrata Roy's name in its web series "Bad Boy Billionaires".

A bench headed by Chief Justice SA Bobde, however, granted liberty to Netflix to withdraw the plea and approach the Araria court to avail appropriate remedy against the order.

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CAPSULE

SC REJECTS BAIL PLEA OF SCHOOLBOY'S KILLER

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Wednesday junked the bail plea of a boy accused of killing a 7-year-old boy at a private school in Gurgaon. A three judge bench headed by Justice RF Nariman dismissed the plea which had challenged the Punjab and Haryana High Court order.

J&K: 2ND JCO KILLED IN PAK SHELLING IN 4 DAYS

Jammu: A Junior Commissioned Officer (JCO) of the Army was killed on Wednesday in Pakistani firing on forward posts along the Line of Control (LoC) in Rajouri district of Jammu & Kashmir, defence sources said. This was second such incident in the past four days. Earlier on August 30, a JCO was killed in Nowshera sector of the district.

SC rejects accused student's bail plea in 7-yr-old schoolboy' murder

New Delhi: The Supreme Court (SC) on Friday rejected a bail plea of a juvenile, accused of killing a seven-year-old boy in a private school in Gurgaon.

A bench of Justices RF Nariman and Indu Malhotra rejected the plea which sought default bail on the ground that charge sheet was not filed within 60 days. The bench said it is

heinous offence under section 302 of IPC and the time limit for filing the charge sheet was 90 days and not 60 days.

Punjab and Haryana High Court had on 6 June dismissed the bail plea of the 16-year-old student, accused of killing a seven-year-old boy in a private school in Gurgaon in September, 2017.

The high court had also rejected the accused's submission that he deserved the benefit of statutory bail on the ground that the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) had failed to conclude its probe within the prescribed limit of 60 days.

The accused had challenged the order passed on 5

GURUGRAM SCHOOL MURDER CASE

February in the high court, of a Gurgaon sessions court which had rejected his plea saying that the stage was not fit for granting bail. On 21 May, the sessions court had held that the 16-year-old student would be tried as an adult in the murder case.

Upholding the decision of the Juvenile Justice Board (JJB), the court had said the juvenile board took into consideration all the material placed before it to establish "the physical and mental capacity (of the accused) to commit the crime" and there was no need for any

intervention.

The accused had challenged the 20 December order of the JJB, which had held that the teenager would be tried as an adult. The CBI, in its charge sheet, had alleged that the teenager had murdered the student on 8 September, 2017 in a bid to get exams postponed and a scheduled parent-teacher

meeting cancelled. The victim's body, with the throat slit, was found in the washroom of the school at the Bhondsi area of Gurgaon.

Earlier, the court had barred the media from using the name of the victim, the accused and the school and asked it to use fictitious names instead. While the victim was

named "Prince" by the court, the accused was named "Bholu" and the school was referred to as "vidyalaya".

The probe agency had given a clean chit to school bus conductor Ashok Kumar, who was arrested by the Gurgaon Police, saying there was no evidence to prove his involvement in the crime. **PTI**

SC refuses...

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"Dismissed. We are sorry," the bench, also comprising Justices Arun Mishra, A S Bopanna and V Ramasubramanian, said during the hearing conducted through video-conferencing.

In its order, the bench said: "Mukul Rohatgi, senior counsel appearing for the petitioner (Netflix Entertainment Services India LLP), prays for withdrawal of this petition with liberty to avail an appropriate remedy in accordance with law. Prayer is allowed.

"However, we make it clear that when the petitioner avails of such a remedy, the concerned court may deal with the matter on its own merits expeditiously. The special leave petition is dismissed as withdrawn with the liberty aforesaid."

Rohatgi, who was appearing for Netflix, told the bench that several petitions pertaining to the web series are pending in various high courts and the apex court should transfer these matters to itself.

The bench issued notice on the separate petition filed by Netflix seeking transfer of the matters pending before different high courts.

PM CARES...

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Senior Congress leader P Chidambaram took to Twitter to question why the "names of these generous donors not been revealed." "But the names of these generous donors will not be revealed. Why?" he asked.

"Every other NGO or Trust is obliged to reveal the names of donors contributing more than a threshold amount. Why is the PM CARES FUND exempt from this obligation?"

Mission...

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"The endeavour is also to end the culture of working in silos and to overcome the multiplicity of training curriculum, which we have because of the institutions spread all over the country, with the introduction of a common platform for the uniform realisation of the nation's vision and our shared aspiration and our shared future goals," he said.

This way, Singh said, it will provide a mechanism for continuous capacity building, a constant updating of the talent pool and also provide an equal opportunity of professional as well as personal growth and a stream of self-training for value

"The donee is known. The trustees of the donee are known. Why are the trustees afraid to reveal the names of the donors?" Chidambaram sought to know identities of donors in a series of tweets.

Opposition parties have questioned the need to create the reserve when Prime Minister's National Relief Fund already existed.

Recently the Modi-Government got shot in its arm when the Supreme Court said the funds from the PM-CARES

Fund need not be transferred to the National Disaster Relief Fund (NDRF) and individuals can voluntarily contribute to the NDRF. The apex court had dismissed a petition seeking transfer of all funds from PM CARES Fund to NDRF.

The Congress said the Supreme Court's judgement on the PM-CARES Fund was a "body blow to transparency and accountability" of the Government to the people and wondered why the ruling party was against openness.

No Question...

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"I said four months ago that strongmen leaders would use the excuse of the pandemic to stifle democracy and dissent. The notification for the delayed Parliament session blandly announces there will be no Question Hour. How can this be justified," Tharoor said.

"Questioning the Govt is the oxygen of democracy. This Government seeks to reduce parliament to a notice-board and uses its crushing majority as a rubber-stamp for whatever it wants to pass. The one mechanism to promote accountability has now been done away with," added the Congress MP from Kerala. Brien further mentioned that about 50 per cent of Parliament's time is reserved for the Government and the other 50 per cent for the Opposition.

"The BJP wants to turn Parliament of the people into M&S Private Limited (figure out the abbreviation!). Under the best traditions of the Westminster Model, the Parliament belongs to Opposition," Brien said.

Kanimozhi tweeted, "The BJP Govt's decision to suspend the Question Hour conveys just one message - 'Even elected representatives have no right to question the Government.'"

In graded start...

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The other routes of Delhi Metro — Blue Line, Pink Line & Gurgaon Line — will start operating from September 9. Red Line, Violet Line and Green Line will start from September 10. Magenta and Grey Lines will start from September 11. Airport Express Line will resume from September 12. There will be no token available at the stations.

Those with smart-card are permitted to travel. To avoid physical contact between commuters and Metro employees, smart-cards need to be recharged online.

The guidelines said wear-

ing face masks will be mandatory for all passengers and staff. Metro Rail Corporations may make arrangements for supply of masks on payment basis to the persons arriving without a mask. Use of Aarogya Setu app will be encouraged. The guidelines said that the use of smart cards and cashless/online transactions will be encouraged but tokens can be used with proper sanitisation.

Passengers will be advised to travel with minimum luggage and avoid carrying metallic items for easy scanning. Stations/entry-exit gates in containment zones will be closed. In order to ensure social distancing, suitable markings at

stations and inside trains will be done. The SOPs have been finalised following discussions with the managing directors of 15 Metro rail corporations on Tuesday and with the approval of the Union Home Ministry.

Provision of sanitisers will be made at all entry points in Metro stations. Sanitisation of all areas having human interface such as equipment, train, working area, lift, escalators, handrail, AFC gate, toilets etc. will be done at regular intervals. The train frequency will be longer to ensure sanitisation after each trip.

Puri said that the frequency of trains to be regulated to avoid passenger crowding at stations and in trains.

Some TV...

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"The FIR clearly says that because of the mental problems, he used to be anxious. FIR also clearly says whatever treatment he was getting through various doctors was never disclosed, the files were never given to the family. Some of the prescriptions being shared with the family just mentioned the tablets being taken and not the disease," Vikas Singh said.

"It is in these circumstances that Rhea left Sushant was having anxiety problem. His sister who was also taking medicine for anxiety problems sent him a prescription," Singh said.

Contesting that the speculation in the media that the suicide theory had deliberately been changed by the family to get the benefit of a purported life insurance policy taken by late Sushant, Vikas Singh said that the speculation did not hold water because the late actor had not taken any such life insurance policy.

"There are suggestions being made by some channels that Sushant had a life insurance policy under which the family would not get money if he was declared to have died by way of suicide. It is for this motive, it is being alleged, the suicide theory was later on changed to abetment to suicide or order. I must inform you that Sushant had no life insurance policy and the canard that is being spread against is highly defamatory."

"And if this continues, the family would be forced to take action against those channels which continue to spread this kind of canard," he said.

Singh said that Sushant's family was making an earnest appeal not to increase the suffering of a bereaved family. "Please do not add to the suffering by spreading canard and making false accusations," he said.

It may be recalled that amid the ongoing electronic media trial, some more WhatsApp messages emerged early on the mental condition of Sushant's

death in the run-up to the actor's death and the fact that the actor's family was very much in the know of the depression and Schizophrenia.

A day after some WhatsApp messages exchanged between Sushant's sister Meethu and his ex-manager Shruti Modi on November 26, 2019, revealed that Shruti had sent to the actor's sister medicines prescribed by the doctor's prescription for her brother, Messenger messages emerged in which the actor's another sister Priyanka was advising Sushant on the medicines he should take in the event of anxiety attacks.

Before Rhea left Sushant's flat on June 8, Sushant was communicating with his sister Priyanka, in which it emerged the latter offered to get prescriptions from a Delhi-based doctor for getting anti-depressant tablets for treatment of his condition. Among other things, Priyanka told him to have Librium capsules for a week and then Nexito 10 mg once every day after breakfast.

PUBG among...

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PUBG is estimated to have millions of users in India. In addition, APUS apps used for system protection and cleaning as well as chatting apps like Baidu, Woo Ve, WeChat were also in the list of banned 118 apps.

The Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre, Ministry of Home Affairs has also sent an exhaustive recommendation for block-

ing these malicious apps. "There has been a growing demand in the public space to take strict action against apps that harm India's sovereignty as well as the privacy of our citizens, said the Ministry in a statement.

The Ministry said on the basis of these and on receiving of recent credible inputs that information posted, permissions sought, functionality embedded as well as data harvesting practices of the above

stated apps raise serious concerns that these apps collect and share data in surreptitious manner and compromise personal data and information of users that can have a severe threat to the security of the State. "The Government of India has decided to block the use of certain apps, used in both mobile and non-mobile Internet-enabled devices," said the Ministry.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Twenty Eighth (28th) Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the members of Pioneer Agro Extracts Limited will be held on Wednesday, 30th September, 2020 at 02:00 PM through video conferencing (VC) / other audio visual means ("OAVM") to transact the business as set forth in the AGM Notice dated August 28, 2020 without the physical presence of the members at a common venue, in compliance with the applicable provisions of Companies Act, 2013 and rules made thereunder and SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("Listing Regulations") as amended from time to time read with General Circular Nos. 14/2020, 17/2020, and 20/2020 dated 8th April, 2020, 13th April, 2020 and 5th May, 2020 respectively issued by Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA Circulars") and Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIRP/2020/79 dated 12th May, 2020 issued by Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI Circular")

Pursuant to abovementioned MCA & SEBI circular(s), Notice of 28th AGM, inter-alia, explaining the procedure and instructions for participating into the AGM through VC/OAVM and also the procedure and instructions for electronic voting (e-voting) containing the business items to be transacted and explanatory statement along with the Annual Report 2019-20 will be sent only through electronic mode to those members whose e-mail address are registered with the Company / Depositories. The requirement of sending physical copies of the Notice of the AGM and Annual Report to the members have been dispensed with vide MCA and SEBI Circular(s) for the year 2020. The electronic mailing of the aforesaid document is expected to be completed on or before September 5, 2020.

Pursuant to Section 108 of Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 20 of Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 as amended from time to time and Regulation 44 of (Listing Regulations), the Company is pleased to provide remote e-voting facility during the AGM by NSDL to its members enabling them to cast their vote electronically for all the resolutions as set out in the Notice of AGM.

Members who are holding shares in physical / electronic form and their e-mail addresses are not registered with the Company / their respective Depository, are requested to register their e-mail addresses at the earliest by sending scanned copy of a duly signed letter by the member(s) mentioning their name, complete address, folio number, number of shares held with the Company along with self-attested scanned copy of PAN card and self-attested copy of any one of the following documents viz. Aadhar Card, Driving Licence, Election Card, Passport, Utility Bill, or any other Govt. document in support of the address proof of the member as registered with the Company, for receiving Annual Report 2020 along with AGM Notice by e-mail to complianceofficer@pioneeragro.co.in or (e-mail ID of NSDL). Members holding shares in demat form can update their e-mail address with their depository participants.

Please note that updating / registering of email address on the basis of above scanned documents will be only for the purpose of sending the notice of the 28th AGM and Annual Report for 2019-20 and thereafter shall be disabled from the records of the RTA immediately after 28th AGM. You will therefore be required to send the e-mail ID update request along with hard copies of the aforesaid documents to RTA for actual registration in the records to receive all the future communications including Annual Reports, Notices, Circulars etc. from the Company electronically. All members are informed that:

- the remote e-voting shall commence on 27-09-2020 at 09:00 AM
- the remote e-voting shall end on 29-09-2020 at 05:00 PM
- the cut-off date for determining eligibility to vote through remote e-voting during the AGM is 23-09-2020.
- Any person, who acquires shares of the Company and becomes member of the Company after e-mailing of notice by the Company and holding shares physical / demat shares as on cut-off date, may obtain login ID and password by sending a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in or pallavi@nsdl.co.in or SoniS@nsdl.co.in or call on +91 22 24994545, +91 22 24994559. The same procedure may be followed by members holding shares in demat / physical mode who have not registered / updated their e-mail IDs with verification details such as folio number, DP ID / client ID, PAN (scanned copy), demat account statement
- the remote e-voting shall end on 29-09-2020 at 05:00 PM and thereafter shall be disabled by NSDL. Once the vote on a resolution is cast by the member, the member shall not be allowed to change it subsequently.
- The e-voting facility will be available during the AGM also for the members who have not cast their vote through remote e-voting prior to the AGM may also participate in the AGM through VC / OAVM facility but shall not be entitled to cast their vote.
- Only a person whose name is recorded in the Register of Members or in the register of Beneficial Owners maintained by the depository as on the cut-off date shall be entitled to avail the facility of e-voting during the AGM.
- Mr. Baldev Singh Kashtwal (FCS No.3616 and C.P. No 3169) Baldev Singh Kashtwal, Practicing Company Secretary has been appointed as the Scrutinizer for providing facility to the members of the Company to scrutinize the voting at the AGM and remote e-voting process in a fair and transparent manner
- If a person already registered with NSDL for e-voting then existing user ID and password / PIN for casting vote is to be used. If a member forgets password, the same is to be reset by using "Forgot User Details / Password" option available on evoting@nsdl.co.in or ria@abhpra.com

The AGM Notice and Annual Report will be available on the websites of (i) the Company at www.pioneeragro.co.in (ii) NSDL at evoting@nsdl.co.in (iii) Stock Exchange at www.bseindia.com

In case of any queries, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Shareholders and e-voting user manual for Shareholders available at the download section of www.evoting.nsdl.com or call on toll free no.: 1800-222-990 or send a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in or contact Ms. Pallavi Mhatre, Manager or Ms. Soni Singh, Asst. Manager, National Securities Depository Limited, Trade World, 'A' Wing, 4th Floor, Kamala Mills Compound, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai 400 013, at the designated email id evoting@nsdl.co.in or pallavi@nsdl.co.in or SoniS@nsdl.co.in or at telephone nos.: +91 22 24994545, +91 22 24994559, who will also address the grievances connected with the voting by electronic means.

For Pioneer Agro Extracts Limited
 Sd/-
 Dikshant Singh Panwar
 Company Secretary cum compliance Officer
 Place : Pathankot
 Date : 03.09.2020

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, BHOPAL
Swachh Bharat Mission (Civil)
 Notice Inviting e-Tenders

Ref no./SBM/2020/19 Date: 02.09.2020

Bhopal Municipal Corporation (BMC) invites online bids through www.mptenders.gov.in for following works from the bidders fulfilling eligibility criteria's.

System nit no.	Name of Work	Cost of Tender form in Rs.	Earnest Money Deposit in	Project execution period	Operation & Maintenance Period
2020_UAD_102161_1	"Design, build, finance, operate and transfer of Bio-CNG (CNG) Plant for Treatment of 200 TPD biodegradable Municipal Solid Waste at Adampur Chhawani, Bhopal on PPP Model"	Rs. 50,000/-	Rs. 15,00,000/-	15 Months	20 Years

E/M/D shall be online only. Amendment to NIT, if any would be published on website www.mptenders.gov.in only.

City Engineer (SBM)
 Municipal Corporation Bhopal
 T.N.609/020/021

SPECIAL BRANCH
POLICE HEADQUARTER, M.P., BHOPAL

NO.SB/Store/2020-25(347), Bhopal, Dated 17-08-2020

"ONLINE E-TENDER NOTICE"
 (First Tender)

e-tender is invited by Assistant Inspector General of Police, Special Branch (G) M.P., Bhopal on behalf of DGP MP Bhopal for the following item on website <https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app>:

S.No.	Name of Item(s)	Qty.	Tender Fees (Rs.)	E/M/D (Rs.)
1.	Personal Digital Assistance (P.D.A.)	70 Nos.	1,000/-	25,000/-

- Cost of tender document (Tender Fee) is non refundable and cannot be exempted in any condition & must submit online through website <https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app>.
- Tender document can be download from the website of MP Police (www.mppolice.gov.in)
- Bids shall be submitted online only at MP Tenders website: <https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app>
- Tender Schedule

No.	Tender Activity	Date & Time
i	Submission of written queries - through e-mail: sec24-sb@mppolice.gov.in	31/08/2020 up to 17:00 hrs.
ii	Pre Bid Meeting along with written queries	02/09/2020 at 12.00 hrs.
iii	Bid Submission Start Date	08/09/2020 at 10:00 hrs.
iv	Last date of online e-Tender submission	21/09/2020 up to 17:00 hrs.
v	Bid will be opened on	22/09/2020 up to 17:00 hrs.
vi	Demonstration from	29-30/09/2020 at 12:00 hrs.

A.I.G. of Police
 Special Branch (G) M.P. Bhopal
 Tel. No. 0755-2443654

CENTRAL ORGANISATION FOR RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION
 1, NAWAB YUSUF ROAD, CIVIL LINE, PRAVAGRAJ-211001 FAX NO.: 0532-2408826

Tender No. ELCORE-OHE-EPC-09A E-Tender Notice Closing Date/Time: 17.11.2020, 15:00

CAO/RE acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No. ELCORE-OHE-EPC-09A Closing Date/Time 17.11.2020 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand Draft, Banker cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

1. NIT HEADER

Name of work:- EPC TENDER: Request for proposal For Electrification of Railway Lines in Birur (Excl.), Talguppa(Incl), Chikbanavar (Excl)- Hassan (Excl), Chikmagalur (Incl)-Kaddur (Incl) and Hospet (Excl) Swamihalli (Incl) Sections of South Western Railway On Engineering, Procurement & Construction (EPC) Mode, [Bid/Package No. EPC-09A]

Bidding Type	EPC [Single Stage]	Bidding System	Two Packet System
Tender Type	Open	Date Time of Uploading Tender	01.09.2020, 17:30
Tender Closing Date Time	17.11.2020 15:00	Pre-Bid Query Date Time	28.09.2020 11:00
Pre-Bid Required	Yes	Advertisement Value (₹)	2945874169.68
Advertisement Value (₹)	2945874169.68	Bidding Unit	Rs.
Bidding Style	Single Rate for Tender	Validity of Offer (Days)	180
Earnest Money (₹)	14729400.00	Period of Completion	720 Days
Tender Doc. Cost (₹)	0.00	Contract Category	Expenditure
Contract Type	Works	Are Joint Venture (JV)	Yes
Bidding Start Date	03.11.2020	firms allowed to bid	Expenditure Type
Ranking Order For Bids	Lowest to Highest	Capital (Works)	
Docs. Receipt Confirmation	Required		

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 कृषि वकसाप, तालकटोरा रोड, लखनऊ, website: www.upagro.in

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ई-प्रस्ताव/निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

यू० पी० स्टेट एगो इन्डस्ट्रियल कारपोरेशन लि० द्वारा ई-रिक्सा एवं ई-कार्ट के प्रतिष्ठित मूल निमाताओं से एक वर्ष हेतु दर अनुबन्ध व निगम की ब्राण्डेड सामग्री की सूची में सम्मिलित करने हेतु प्रस्ताव दिनांक 03.09.2020 से 14.09.2020 समय 04:00 बजे तक आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं।

निविदा से सम्बन्धित समस्त सूचनाओं एवं शर्तों सहित निविदा प्रपत्र उ०ग० सरकार की ई-निविदा वेबसाइट <http://etender.up.nic.in> पर उपलब्ध हैं।

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E-NIT NO: 36 OF 2020
DATED: 29.08.2020

For and on behalf of the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir State, e-tenders are invited from Original Equipment Manufacturers/Authorized dealers for **Supply, Installation, commissioning and maintenance of IP based video Surveillance system at multiple locations across that of UT of J&K as per specifications detailed out in Annexure "A"**. The e-NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, Bill of quantities, (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the J&K State e-Procurement Portal www.jktenders.gov.in from **29.08.2020 at (1400 hours) to 17.09.2020 up to 1800 hours**. Bidders submitting their bids on-line shall only be accepted and no document other than those mentioned in the e-NIT shall be accepted manually. The tenders (Technical bids only) will be opened online on **19.09.2020 at 1200 hours at Police Headquarter J&K Srinagar**. In case of unforeseen circumstances, the date of opening will be next working day or as notified separately.

The intending bidders shall mail their queries within 10 days of floating this e-NIT beyond which no query shall be entertained. Detailed tender documents (SBD) with terms and conditions are available on J&K state e-procurement Portal www.jktenders.gov.in.

Sd/- Rayees Mohammad Bhat (IPS),
 AIG (Provision & Transport),
 For Director General of Police, J&K, Srinagar

No:DIPK-4921/20
 Dated: 02.09.2020

TACKLING CORONAVIRUS

BJP is incapable of running civic bodies properly: Chadha

CHANDAN PRAKASH ■ NEW DELHI

Terming the BJP ruled Municipal Corporation a den of corruption, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national spokesperson Raghav Chadha said that if the BJP is incapable to run it properly, they should hand over the keys to AAP for its better functioning.

In an interview with *The Pioneer*, he said the three corporations have miserably failed to provide even the basic amenities such as health, primary education and ensuring cleanliness in the city.

"MCD today stands for 'most corrupt department'.

Irrespective of how much money you put into it but all goes down the drain as nothing happens on ground. The municipal corporations could pay salaries and clear dues to its staff easily they would have spent even 20 per cent of its budget for the development of the city," he said.

Talking about ways to make corporations self-reliant, carrying out new developmental projects and managing expenses within the same budget, he said there are plenty of ways to generate revenue from municipal corporations such as property tax, parking, health trade license and grants from the centre and Delhi Govern-



ment. "There is no paucity of funds but the intention to serve people and provide them basic amenities and ensure sanitation is just not there. BJP ruled municipal corporations are clueless & totally devoid of ideas and plans and have messed it up completely. The Delhi Government is running with a surplus budget because

our goal is clear to serve the people.

On the issue of taking credit of reducing coronavirus cases in Delhi, he said "If BJP thinks that this is the result of individual efforts, then Home Minister Amit Shah should immediately visit Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, Maharashtra and Rajasthan where cases are up. If one person can control corona after taking a few meetings in Delhi he should take meetings in all the states to control cases," he added.

"Imitation is the best form of flattery. BJP is adopting our foot imprint not only in Delhi but also following the education and health model intro-

duced by the AAP government and it is a welcome step because we came in politics to change it," he said.

Commenting over role of Facebook in fueling riots that had erupted in northeast Delhi earlier this year, Chadha said that till now, according to complaints received on mails, evidences collected, statements of witnesses, the Peace and Harmony Committee has "prima facie" found that Facebook was "complicit" in the North East Delhi riots of February 2020 and thus decided to summon its officials.

BJP leaders' names have surfaced in the proceedings of Delhi Assembly's Peace and

Harmony Committee that how they fueled the riots in north east Delhi earlier this year, he said, adding that the Delhi Assembly has become the first assembly in India to telecast live proceedings to maintain transparency and to make people aware about the functions of Vidhan Sabha.

On the issue of labourers and those who lost jobs during the Corona crisis, Chadha said that the Delhi Government transferred Rs 5,000 assistance amount into the bank accounts of thousands of registered daily wage labourers associated with construction work in the city to assist them during the lockdown.

"The Government also started a job portal and provided lakhs of jobs. The government will further extend all the help required," he said.

He also said that providing 24*7 clean drinking water to everyone is a dream of the Kejriwal government and lots of initiatives have been taken to meet the demand.

"Delhi Jal Board is producing 930 MGD water now from all water treatment plants. We are talking to neighbouring states, working on recharging ground water, rainwater harvesting to increase the production up to 1150 MGD to meet the requirement of all the residents of Delhi," he said.

CM gives ₹1 cr to fallen Covid warrior's family

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Wednesday handed over a cheque of Rs 1 crore to the family of Rajesh Kumar Bhardwaj who was posted as a pharmacist with the Delhi Government and had lost his life while on corona duty.

Expressing condolences on Rajesh's demise, Kejriwal said he is proud of all the corona warriors who laid down their lives while serving the people of Delhi.

Following his visit, Kejriwal also tweeted, "Our Corona Warrior Rajesh Bhardwaj who was posted as a pharmacist in Delhi Government had recently passed away due to Coronavirus. I met his family today and offered them an assistance of Rs 1 crore. I hope that the family will get some help with this amount."

Kejriwal assured the family of full support in future.

Rajesh Kumar had succumbed to Corona in the BL Kapoor hospital in Delhi, where he was admitted after testing positive on June 29. He succumbed to Corona on July 20.



5 men hijack cab to visit Murthal for prathas, held

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police has arrested three men while two juveniles were apprehended in national Capital for allegedly robbing a cab driver of his belongings including his vehicle to visit Murthal to have the famous parathas for dinner.

The accused have been identified as Pankaj (19), Sagar (20) and Abhijeet (19), all residents of Nangloi in outer Delhi. Police said that their trip to Murthal was unfortunately cut short after a quarrel broke out between the group over the place of visit.

"After beating up the cab driver and robbing his vehicle, an argument broke out between them. While some of them wanted to go for a trip to Shimla others wanted to stick to their earlier plan of visiting Murthal but finally, they all ended up visiting an eatery in Paschim Vihar and collected eatables and spent the time in car," said A Kaon, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Outer district.

"On August 30, the accused had booked the cab via an app through a stolen phone and when the vehicle reached its

pick up destination in Krishna Mandir, Najafgarh road, Nangloi, the accused confirmed the OTP to the cab driver and boarded the vehicle. But when they reached near Rajdhani Park, the five accused who were riding in his vehicle started beating the cab driver and finally after overpowering him, they robbed his two mobile phones, purse and car and later threw him out of the vehicle," said the DCP.

"A case of robbery was registered at Nangloi police station and an investigation was taken up. During investigation on the basis of intelligence, accused Sagar and Pankaj were arrested. Both accused confessed the crime and disclosed the names of three associates," said the Deputy Commissioner of Police.

"Subsequently, their co-accused Abhijeet was also arrested while two juveniles involved with them in the offence were also apprehended. Police have also recovered the robbed car from a secluded spot in Nihal Vihar area where they had parked the car after the robbery," the Deputy Commissioner of Police added.

Property registration resumes in urban areas of Gurugram

PARVESH SHARMA ■ GURUGRAM

The Haryana Government on Wednesday resumed registration of property in urban areas of Gurugram and advocated for e-appointments at Tehsil and Sub-Tehsil offices in order to bring transparency in the registration of deeds.

With this, anyone can book his appointment from anywhere across the country directly by visiting <https://jamabandi.nic.in> in web portal of the Revenue department.

According to a notification issued by the state government on Monday the links "Appointment for Deed Registration" and "Check Deed Appointment Availability" are available at "Property Registration" link on jamabandi.nic.in web portal.

However the revenue officials are reviewing the process for registration in urban areas and expecting that the e-appointments process will take a week's time for smooth functioning at Tehsil offices.

The revenue officials also informed that registration of property has been resumed but the Transfer Deed yet to be resumed.



Deputy Commissioner Gurugram, Amit Khatri informed that they have received guidelines from the state government in connection with registration of property in urban areas.

"To bring transparency in property registration we are in process to digitise all the land records of urban and rural areas across the district and with this new initiative by the State Government anyone can book an e-appointment through the web portal of the Revenue department.

Earlier for an appointment anyone used to visit the tehsil office twice but with this portal in a single visit the visitor can register their property in one go as they already have an appointment at tehsil offices," said Amit Khatri deputy commissioner Gurugram.

Talking more about technical points about e-appointment system district revenue officer, Basti Ram informed that after having an appoint-

ment through portal one will get date, time and an E-mail from the concerned tehsil office for the property registration.

"If someone's property fall under section-7A of the Haryana development and regulation areas act 1975 the owner of the property will have to obtain no-objection certificate (NOC) from urban local bodies and the town and country planning department (DTCP) and the same will be updated in system automatically and if anyone did not obtain NOC form the departments the registration of property will not be executed," Basti Ram said.

The officer further informed that the same process will be followed on government land and forest land.

Amidst allegations of scam in property registration without obtaining a no-objection certificate from urban local bodies and the town and country planning department, the Haryana Government had halted registration of all properties across the state on July 23.

Seven revenue officials from Gurugram have been placed under suspension in connection with the scam.

Full Metro services from Sept 12

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Metro announced to resume the services in three stages from September 7 to 12 for the general public.

According to DMRC the services in stage one will be resumed on September 7 on yellow line including Rapid Metro of Gurugram. While the services on blue and pink line will be restored on September 9 and services on red line and violet line will be resumed on September 10.

The passengers will be allowed to board the train between 7 am to 11 am in the morning and 4pm to 8 pm in the evening on yellow, blue, pink, red and violet lines.

In stage two, the services on magenta line, grey line will be restored on September 11 and passengers will be allowed to board trains between 7 am to 1 pm in the morning and 4 pm to 10 pm in the evening, it said.

Airport Express Line Services on all lines will be available throughout the day between 6 am to 11 pm from September 12, the DMRC said in a statement.

Train services will commence with adequate frequency as they were before 22nd March 2020 which may be increased or decreased as per requirement. However, due to

STAGE	Date of resumption of Metro services	Line(s) on which Metro services resuming	Passenger Service Timings
STAGE-1	7th September 2020 onwards	Line-2 (Yellow Line) from Samaypur Badli to HUDA City Centre including Rapid Metro, Gurugram	
	9th September 2020 onwards	Line-3/4 (Blue Line) from Dwarka Sec-21 to Noida Electronic City/Vaishali and Line-7 (Pink Line) from Majlis Park to Shiv Vihar	MORNING (4 Hours only) (7 AM to 11 AM)
	10th September 2020 onwards	Line-1 (Red Line) from Rithala to Shaheed Sthal New Bus Adda. Line-5 (Green Line) from Kirti Nagar/Inderlok to Brig. Hoshiar Singh (Bahadurgarh) and Line-6 (Violet Line) from Kashmere Gate to Raja Nahar Singh (Ballabgarh)	EVENING (4Hours only) (4 PM to 8 PM)
STAGE-2	11th September 2020 onwards	Line-8 (Magenta Line) from Janakpuri West to Botanical Garden and Line-9 (Grey Line) from Dwarka to Najafgarh will be also made operational	MORNING (6 Hours only) (7 AM to 01 PM) EVENING (6 Hours only) (4 PM to 10 PM)
STAGE-3	12th September 2020 onwards	In addition to stage-1 & 2 Lines, Airport Express Line from New Delhi to Dwarka Sec-21 will be also operational	Services on all lines will be available throughout the day (6 AM to 11 PM)



an increase in dwell time of trains at stations, there will be a minor increase in time required for performing a trip, it said.

The DMRC further said that trains will not stop at stations falling in the containment zone and such stations will remain closed to the public.

Similarly, some of the stations may be skipped if social distancing is not adhered by the passengers, it said.



A medic collects swab samples for COVID-19 test from a mobile van in new Delhi on Wednesday. Ranjan Dimri | Pioneer

'Auto-renew nursing homes' licences till 31st March '21'

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In a significant development, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Wednesday directed the health department to immediately pass an order by which the licences of all nursing homes will automatically be renewed till March 31, 2021.

The nursing home owners of Delhi along with senior members of Delhi Medical Council (DMC) and Delhi Medical Association (DMA) on Wednesday met the Chief Minister and flagged the renewal of licences as a very significant issue.

In that meeting, the owners of the nursing homes flagged the issue that every year there is a need to renew the licence to run these nursing homes. This year due to the COVID pandemic some of the nursing homes could not renew their licence after the month of



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March which is creating issues in the operations of these nursing homes. President of Delhi Medical Council, Dr Arun Gupta thanked the Chief Minister for understanding the problems of the nursing home owners

THE MEETING WITH THE NURSING HOME OWNERS WAS SUCCESSFUL. WE ARE VERY HAPPY WITH THE DECISION OF CM

and immediately directed the health department to take the necessary steps. He said, "This will provide immediate relief to the nursing home owners."

Dr RK Gupta, ex-president of Delhi Medical Association said, "The Delhi Government has taken commendable measures during the time of Corona, and have honored the private and government hospital and health care workers. The meeting with the nursing home owners was successful. We are very happy with the decision of the CM," he said.

Health Minister Satyendar Jain was also present in the meeting.

33 Bhondsi jailmates, 18 NSG commandos Covid +ve

STAFF REPORTER ■ GURUGRAM

Out of 180 inmates of Bhondsi jail who had undergone Covid-19 checkups on Sunday and Monday, the test results of 33 have been found positive for the virus. The test results of 15 prisoners were to be detected positive on Tuesday while 18 results were received on Wednesday.

Apart from Bhondsi jail cases, 18 commandos of the National Security Guards (NSG) have also tested positive for coronavirus at the NSG campus in Manesar.

The health department tested 44 suspects, of which 18 commandos were found to be corona positive.

Chief Medical Officer Gurugram Dr Virender Yadav, while confirming the cases at the jail and NSG campus said, a team of health department is collecting more samples at both the places. Contact tracing of those found infected is being done.

With the detection of these cases at

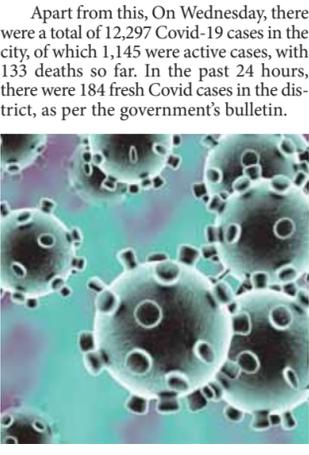
both the locations, "A team of health department camped inside at both the locations for the contact tracing of the infected persons to check the possibility of further spread of the virus," said Yadav.

The jail authorities claimed that as per the protocol followed at the district jail, they said, all new prisoners are being kept in the other cordon to avoid their contact with other inmates. With this strategy the possibility of spread of infection at large is less.

Despite several corona prevention measures already in jail, it is not yet clear how these prisoners got infected.

Earlier in April a jail warder of Bhondsi jail was tested positive for the disease.

To prevent contamination, the jail premises and all the barracks are regularly being sanitised by the Municipal Corporation of Gurugram (MCG) and the medical teams," Yadav said.



Mamata, 5 other CMs write to PM on GST row

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Upping the ante further, Chief Ministers of six non-BJP-ruled dispensations have written to the Centre to remind it of its "constitutional", "moral" and "legal" responsibilities in the stand-off over the ₹2.35 lakh-crore shortfall in GST compensation and financial relief due to the States. The States reminded the Centre it had a legal duty to reimburse States' loss of revenue in the first five years of the GST regime.

The letter comes after Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman last week dubbed the pandemic an "act of God" and said it had hurt GST collection. She said the total shortfall for fiscal 2021 was ₹97,000 crore and, including compensation because of the pandemic, states were owed ₹2.35 lakh crores.

The Centre asserted that these dues would be cleared but not before saying that it wanted to stay clear of avoidable borrowing when it could be done at the States' level from the markets. However, the States said this would affect tax receipts after 2022, as they would have to repay

loans from future collections.

The letters written by West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan, Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal, Tamil Nadu Edappadi K Palaniswami, Telangana CM K Chandrasekhar Rao and Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel called on the Centre to reconsider its stance of asking states to meet the shortfall by borrowing from the markets. Other CMs who are in process of writing to the Centre are Punjab CM Amarinder Singh his Rajasthan counterpart Ashok Gehlot, according to sources.

In her letter, Banerjee said the "GST imbroglio" amounted to a "betrayal" of

trust and reminded Prime Minister Narendra Modi that in December 2013 the sole reason why BJP was opposing GST was because it did not trust then government of India in honouring GST compensation to states. "Today (those) words are ringing true in our ears as we are losing our trust in the BJP Government at the centre," the Bengal Chief Minister wrote.

Banerjee pointed out the Centre's repayment options required States to borrow money at a time when many are unable to pay salaries to employees. The centre, she said, was better placed to borrow since it would incur a lower rate of interest than



India is suffering from 'Modi-made disasters': Rahul

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday slammed Prime Minister Narendra Modi and listed issues such as GDP reduction, job losses, highest daily COVID-19 cases and external aggression at the border as "Modi-made disasters".

The party, for its part, attacked the Centre over the suicides of farmers and labourers, citing data issued recently by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB).

Rahul has listed six issues the country is facing and termed them as "Modi-made disasters". "India is reeling under



Modi-made disasters: Historic GDP reduction - 23.9%, Highest Unemployment in 45 years, 12 crore job loss, Centre not paying States their GST dues, Globally highest COVID-19 daily cases and deaths and External aggression at our borders," Rahul Gandhi tweeted.

Congress spokesperson Randeep Singh Surjewala in a series of tweets targeted the government, alleging that the economic misery was caused



due to the "mismanagement of the BJP Government". "In just one year, 2019, as many as 42,480 farmers and labourers died by suicide in the country. The figures of

NCRB show that youth, farmers and daily wage labourers are the most affected by the economic misery due to the mismanagement of BJP government. Farmers were

forced to die by suicide and Modiji remained seated with pursed lips," Surjewala said in a tweet in Hindi.

In another tweet, Surjewala gave a breakup of the daily suicides based on the NCRB data.

"A total of 116 farmers are forced to die by suicide every day. Not only this, in 2019, as many as 14,019 unemployed people were forced to die by suicide which means 38 unemployed people were forced to end their lives in a day. Most worrying is that these figures are for the period before the coronavirus pandemic. Modiji, how do you sleep at night?" he asked.

Govt allows airlines to fly 60% of their pre-Covid domestic passenger flights

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

In further easing of restrictions, the Government on Wednesday permitted Indian airlines to increase the number of

domestic passenger flights to 60 per cent of their pre-COVID services, according to an official order.

On June 26, the Ministry of Civil Aviation had allowed the airlines to operate a maximum of

45 per cent of their pre-COVID domestic flights.

The ministry had restarted domestic passenger services from May 25, after a gap of two months due to the coronavirus-triggered lockdown.

Covid austerity: Govt won't print diaries, calendars

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As part of austerity measures in view of the falling economy due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Centre has prohibited the printing of calendars, diaries, schedulers, coffee table books and other printed materials by all its ministries and departments and directed them to publish them in digital format. The Government has also stopped hospitality reimbursement until further orders.

Issuing the directives, the Finance Ministry cited global best practices and the adoption of digital technologies to increase productivity to back the move.

"Given the prevailing circumstances in which the world is increasingly moving towards adopting digital force-multipliers for productivity, the Government of India has decided to follow this best practice," it said in a statement.

It also said all public sector units and state-run banks also have been directed to go digital in terms of these regularly printed materials.

"There is to be no activity towards printing wall calendars, desktop calendars, diaries and other such material for use in the coming year by any Ministries/Departments/PSUs/PSBs and all other organs of the government," added the ministry statement.

It noted that there is to be a concerted effort towards incorporating innovative methods in such matters. Using technological innovations for planning, scheduling and forecasting is well known to be economical, efficient and effective, added the statement.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Governance model have always seen technology as an enabler. Integrating technology into our work is in line with his vision," it said.

Further, post the directive, coffee table books too won't be published by the ministries and government departments and enterprises.

The ministry directed that innovative digital and online solutions, which will achieve the "same result" as physical calendars or diaries, are to be prioritised and to be put into practice.

Avg 381 suicides daily in India in 2019: NCRB

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India reported an average 381 suicidal deaths per day in 2019 with the total number of such fatalities standing at 1,39,123 during the year, according to the latest data released by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB).

The figures for 2019 suggest a 3.4 per cent jump in suicides (1,39,123) in contrast to 2018 (1,34,516) and 2017 (1,29,887), according to the data.

The rate of suicide (incidents per 1 lakh population) marginally rose by 0.2 per cent in 2019 over 2018.

The suicide rate in cities (13.9 per cent) was higher as compared to all-India suicide rate (10.4 per cent) in 2019, revealed the NCRB statistics.

Suicide by "hanging" (53.6 per cent), "consuming poison" (25.8 per cent), "drowning" (5.2 per cent) and "self-immolation" (3.8 per cent) were the prominent means of committing suicides during the year, the data for 2019 highlighted.

Family problems (other than marriage-related issues) were behind 32.4 per cent of suicides, marriage-related problems (5.5 per cent) and illness (17.1 per cent) together accounted for 55 per cent of the total suicides in the country in

2019. For every 100 suicidal deaths, 70.2 were male and 29.8 females, as per the NCRB data collated from the recorded police cases.

About 68.4 per cent of the male victims were married, whereas the ratio was 62.5 per cent for female victims.

Maharashtra topped the list in number of suicides with 18,916 cases followed by 13,493 in Tamil Nadu, 12,665 in West Bengal, 12,457 in Madhya Pradesh and 11,288 in Karnataka, accounting for 13.6 per cent, 9.7 per cent, 9.1 per cent, 9 per cent and 8.1 per cent of total such casualties respectively.

These five states together accounted for 49.5 per cent of the total suicides reported in the country and the rest 50.5 per cent suicides were reported in the remaining 24 States and seven Union Territories, the data suggested.

Uttar Pradesh, the most populous state, reported comparatively lower percentage share of suicidal deaths, accounting for only 3.9 per cent of the total suicides in the country.

Maximum cases of mass/family suicide were reported from Tamil Nadu (16) followed by Andhra Pradesh

36 paramilitary personnel committed suicide in 2019

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The NCRB data revealed that 36 personnel of the Central paramilitary forces like BSF, CRPF, CISF, ITBP, SSB, NSG, Assam Rifles committed suicide in 2019, taking the toll such casualties to 433 in the last six years. Out of the 433 suicide deaths in the Forces during the six-year period, the least (28) number of cases was reported in 2018 and the maximum (175) in 2014. The number was 60 in 2017, 74 in 2016 and 60 in 2015. As on January 1, 2019, the strength of the CAPFs was 9,23,800 personnel.

(14), Kerala (11), Punjab (9) and Rajasthan (7), reveals the NCRB data.

As much as 12.6 per cent suicide victims were illiterate, 16.3 per cent up to primary level, 19.6 per cent up to middle level and 23.3 per cent up to matric level. Just 3.7 per cent of total suicide victims were graduates and above in educational qualification.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, TRANSMISSION LINE MAINTENANCE DIVISION - VI, Bemina, Srinagar - J&K. Tele Fax: 0194-2492429 Email: tlcldistpdd@gmail.com, psdfjkpddtcl1@gmail.com

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

E-NIT No: TLMD-VI/10of 2020-Dated: 31/ 08 / 2020

Executive Engineer-TLMD-VI (Transmission Kashmir) JKPTCL Bemina Srinagar For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, invites online bids in two covers valid for 180 days from Contractors and executors fulfilling the eligibility criteria as laid down in Standard Bidding Document for below mentioned work. The complete bidding process is online. However, the hard copies consisting of cost of Tender document in the shape of Demand Draft and Bid security/Earnest Money Deposit (original instrument) in cover I and Techno commercial bid (as per SBD) in cover II should reach the office of the Executive Engineer-TLMD-VI (Transmission Kashmir) JKPTCL Bemina Srinagar two days before date of opening of online bids but after closing of online bidding process.

Scope of Work :- Replacement of missing/defective members and Nuts & Bolts of 220kV Zainakote-Amargarh Transmission Line including fabrication, transportation, cutting, welding, bending, labour charge, survey at site Transportation etc. complete in all respects

Qty. :- As per BOQ

Estimated Cost :- Rs.23.80 lacs

Cost of Tender document :- Rs. 1000/- (Rupees One Thousand Only)

EMD :- Rs. 47600/-

Time of Completion :- 01 Month

The information regarding schedule of downloading of the tender document and submission dates thereof is as per the table below:

CRITICAL DATES:

1. Issue of NIT :- 01-09-2020 (10:00AM)
2. Downloading of bidding documents (Start) :- 02-09-2020 (10:00 AM)
3. Downloading of bidding documents (End) :- 16-09-2020 (4:00 PM)
4. e-Bid submission (start) date & time (Submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF formats) :- 02-09-2020 (2:00 PM)
5. e-Bid submission (end) date & time (Submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF formats) :- 16-09-2020 (4:00 PM)
6. Start date of clarifications :- 07-09-2020 (10:00 AM)
7. End date of clarifications :- 11-09-2020 (4:00 PM)
8. Pre Bid meeting :- 12-09-2020 (2:00 PM)
9. Online Techno-Commercial e-Bid opening date :- 18-09-2020 (2:00 PM)
10. Venue of opening of Techno-Commercial-Bids :- Office of the Executive Engineer, TLMD-VI, Bemina, Srinagar
11. Cost of e-Bid document (to be submitted in the form of Demand Draft Pledged to Executive Engineer TLMD-VI JKPTCL, :- Rs 1,000/-
12. Online financial e-Tender opening date & time (Only of the technically qualified Tenderers) :- Will be communicated to the Technically Qualified Tenderers
13. Amount of earnest Money Deposit (2% of Advt cost) :- Rs47600/- Only the bidders possessing the qualifying criteria as mentioned in the SBD should participate in the bidding process.

Clarifications can also be sought from the office of the under signed on above given Email ID (tclidistpdd@gmail.com) or Phone no (0194-2492429) Before participating in the bids, the bidder shall acquaint himself with the site of work and local conditions.

The department reserves the right to reject any or all bids without assigning any reason thereof.

No. DIPK-NB-2122/20
Dated: 01.09.2020

Sd/- Executive Engineer
TLMD-VI, Bemina, Srinagar

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

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

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Gurmeet Singh Anand/ Jagjit Kaur/ LBDEL00001803177	Plot No. 166, Second Floor, Block-3, Sunder Vihar, Paschim Vihar, Delhi/ August 28, 2020	January 30, 2020 Rs.37,00,781/-	Delhi/ Ncr

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

Date : 03-09-2020
Place : Delhi/Ncr

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

Health Ministry releases SOPs for holding exams to contain Covid spread

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Union Ministry of Health on Wednesday released Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) on preventive steps such as maintaining physical distancing, mandatory use of face covers/masks, frequent hand-washing with soap at the examination centres during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Arrangements for personal protection gears like face covers/masks, and other logistic like hand sanitisers, soap, sodium hypochlorite solution etc. have to be made by the examination centres.

Only asymptomatic staff and students can be allowed inside the examination hall.

Also, only those examination centers which are outside the containment zone shall be allowed to hold examinations while universities/ educational institutions/ examination conducting authorities/ examination centres may plan out the examination schedule in a staggered manner so as to avoid overcrowding at any examination centre on any day, as per the guidelines.

Examination centres are frequented by a large number of students (as well as their parents) and staff till the entire duration of the exam and therefore, it's vital to plan and conduct these examinations, while following specific preventive measures, the Ministry said about the need for the guidelines.

As per the SOP, the physical distancing of at least six feet is to be followed at exam centres as far as feasible. The use of face covers/masks should be made mandatory. Frequent hand-washing with soap for at least 40-60 seconds even when hands are not visibly dirty should be practised. The use of

Govt drafts FAQs to further build ICU/clinical management of Covid

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As the number of Covid-19 cases rises and patients seek treatment, the Union Health Ministry has developed frequently asked questions (FAQs) to further build the ICU/clinical management capacities of doctors for treatment of the critical patients infected by the virus.

For instance, the Ministry has clarified that drugs like Remdesivir and tocilizumab and plasma therapy are experimental therapies and should not be used as empirical therapy for suspected cases. It has also cautioned the

doctors handling the Covid-19 cases to counsel and be empathetic with such patients as they tend to be in depression because of a number of reasons including staying in isolation, anxiety related to disease and social stigma, among others.

"Remdesivir and Tocilizumab should be used only in proven Covid-19 patients, where clinically indicated," the ministry said, underlining that there is no evidence to support the use of these two drugs in asymptomatic patients with comorbidities.

As far as the role

of plasma therapy is concerned, the FAQs said that convalescent plasma collected from ABO matched donors with high neutralizing titers can be given to patients at risk of developing severe Covid in early stages of the disease. However, it should also be considered an experimental therapy and should be used with caution, it stated.

In one of the answers, the ministry said, Tocilizumab is an experimental therapy, has a limited role, and should be used only in patients with cytokine syndrome after ruling out active infections.

alcohol-based hand sanitisers (for at least 20 seconds) can be made wherever feasible. The installation and use of Arogya Setu App have also been advised to all, as far as feasible.

The examination centre should have a designated isolation room for isolating any person who is found symptomatic at the time of screening or during examination, till such time medical advice may be sought, says the guidelines. Entrances of exam centres

Routine OPD admissions in general, private wards suspended at AIIMS for two weeks

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With an increasing number of non-Covid patients being admitted in the emergency department of the AIIMS here, hospital authorities have suspended routine OPD admissions in general and private wards for two weeks. However, routine OPD services to enable patients seek medical advice and counselling, which were recently resumed will continue. (Archana)

To accommodate the increasing number of serious non-COVID patients in the emergency department of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) here, hospital authorities have suspended routine OPD admissions in general and private wards for next two weeks.

However, routine OPD services to enable patients seek medical advice and counselling, which were recently resumed will continue, AIIMS Medical Superintendent, Dr D K Sharma, said.

"In view of the need to optimise usage of available inpatient beds for hospitalisation of seriously ill emergency/semi-emergency patients, it has been decided to temporarily stop routine OPD admissions to general wards as well as private wards in AIIMS hospital and all centres with immediate effect for a period of two weeks which will be reviewed after that," a circular issued by Sharma said.

should have mandatory hand hygiene and thermal screening provisions. If any examination functional/examinee fails to meet the

criteria, they shall not be allowed entry. All staff and students to be allowed entry only if using face cover/masks.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE REGARDING LOST SHARE CERTIFICATE(S) OF M/S AEGIS LOGISTICS LIMITED, Regd. Office, 502, Skylon GIDC, 5th Floor, Char Rasta, Valsad, Vapi, GUJARAT-396195.

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DATE : 02/09/2020
PLACE: NEW DELHI

Sd/-
Mahinder Pal Singh

TMC writes to Zuckerberg, says FB bias towards BJP

PNS ■ KOLKATA

After the Congress it is the turn of the Trinamool Congress to express concerns about the Facebook's alleged prejudicial ways. In a letter to FB CEO chief Mark Zuckerberg, TMC leader in Rajya Sabha Derek O'Brien has said that his party has enough evidence to substantiate the charges that the virtual platform was biased towards the BJP which has in fact come up as a strong contender for capturing power in Bengal in the next year's Assembly elections.

Referring to the company's alleged role during the 2014 and 2019 general elections, O'Brien said as India's second-largest

opposition party, the Trinamool Congress has had "serious concerns about Facebook's role during the 2014 and 2019 general elections in India."

Expressing his apprehensions about the FB's alleged political bias in controlling the collective political mind of the electorate he questioned the company's act of blocking some of Facebook pages which was anything but impartial.

"With the elections in the Indian state of West Bengal just months away, your company's recent blocking of Facebook pages and accounts in Bengal also points to the link between Facebook and the BJP. There is enough material now in the public domain, including internal memos of

senior FB management, to substantiate the bias," O'Brien said.

Informing that the TMC raised the matter in Parliament in June last year, he said "We were optimistic that the issues and concerns we raised on the floor of Parliament 14 months ago would empower other political parties and the media to also address this substantive issue." Earlier the Left leadership had also expressed concern at the increased meddling of the IT platforms in the Indian political affairs "controlling election process." Senior Left leader Samik Lahiri said "if this is not allowing India to be re-colonised by the foreign capitalist interests then what is."

JCO martyred in Rajouri after Pakistan violates ceasefire

Jammu: A Junior Commissioned Officer (JCO) of the Indian Army was martyred in a ceasefire violation by Pakistan on the line of control in Rajouri district on Wednesday.



The JCO received critical injuries during 'unprovoked' ceasefire violation by the Pakistani Army. According to official sources, "the JCO identified as Subedar Rajwinder Singh was deployed at a forward post in the Tarkundi sector when the Pakistani Army started targeting several forward posts in the area." In response, Indian army too retaliated strongly and effectively to silence the Pakistani guns.

This is the second incident where a JCO of the Indian army made a supreme sacrifice in the last

four days. Earlier, another JCO identified as Naib Subedar Rajwinder Singh, hailing from Amritsar, had attained martyrdom in the Nowshera sector of Rajouri on August 30.

Meanwhile, fresh ceasefire violations were reported from Kirni and Qasba sectors of Poonch late Wednesday evening.

According to a Jammu based Ministry of Defence Spokesman Lt-Col Devender Anand, "a JCO was martyred in the forward area of Rajouri while fresh ceasefire violation was reported along the line of control in Qasba and Kirni sectors of Poonch on Wednesday". He said, the Indian Army retaliated befittingly. PNS

Handgrip can detect people at high diabetes risk: Study

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Measurement of handgrip strength Mon dynamometer could be a simple way to help identify patients at risk of developing type 2 diabetes, researchers have said after measuring the muscular handgrip strength of 776 men and women without a history of diabetes over a 20-year period.

The study is published in the journal Annals of Medicine.

In the 779 study subjects, the risk of type 2 diabetes was reduced by around 50 per cent for every unit increase in handgrip strength value, said scientists at the universities of Bristol and Eastern Finland in a paper published in the journal Annals of Medicine. Reduced muscular strength, which can be measured by handgrip strength, has consistently been linked to early death, cardiovascular disease and disability.

Until recently, there was inconsistent evidence on the relationship between handgrip strength and type 2 diabetes.

In a recent literature review of 10 published studies on the topic, the same researchers demonstrated that people with higher values of handgrip strength had a 27 per cent reduced risk of developing diabetes.

However, while findings from this review suggested handgrip strength could potentially be used to predict type 2 diabetes, researchers needed to test this formally using individual patient data.

In the latest study, the researchers from Bristol Medical School and Eastern Finland's Institute of Public Health and Clinical Nutrition followed 776 men and women aged 60-72 years without a history of diabetes over a 20-year period and measured the power of their handgrip strength using a handgrip dynamometer.

Patients were asked to squeeze the handles of the dynamometer with their dominant hand with maximum isometric effort and maintain this for five seconds.

Chennai medical researchers come up with affordable, quality health care for all

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

Dr C V Krishnaswami and his team of medical researchers based out of Chennai have come out with a Grand Health Insurance Plan, a revolutionary, completely transparent and inclusive health insurance model to provide health for all at unbelievably low premiums.

Dr Krishnaswami, 82-year-old medical scientist and a widely respected diabetologist, studied all health insurance schemes operational in many developed countries like Britain, USA (National Health Service) and understood their shortcomings before developing a scheme in which the rich pay for their health insurance with which the poor too would get quality medical care.

Speaking to *The Pioneer*, Dr Krishnaswami said the exorbitant costs charged by corporate and private hospitals were the direct result of the lobbying by pharma companies that saw big opportunities in converting Healthcare into Medical care.

"The focus shifted from health oriented to economy ori-

ented. Mortality rates due to Adverse Drug Reaction and unnecessary interventions shot up many fold," he explained.

The attraction of this scheme is that those who earn ₹30,000 per month and their families need not pay anything for the health insurance and they will get quality medical care which the rich gets in corporate hospitals.

Dr Krishnaswami describes the NHS as a politically controlled State monopoly that is inefficient, outdated and unsustainable.

"It sentences thousands of critically ill people to death by putting them on waiting lists a year or more long or by denying them life-saving drugs made in Britain and exported elsewhere. Britain has the most nationalised health service in the developed world and suffers the consequence of having the worst health service in the developed world in never-ending crisis causing unnecessary misery and premature death," said Dr Krishnaswami quoting from a report by The King's Fund, an organisation that gives insight on health and care policies.

Yamuna Expressway to be investigated for vehicle accidents

PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH

Serious towards road accidents, the Uttar Pradesh Government has decided to conduct a crash investigation on the lines of aircraft accidents. Uttar Pradesh is the first State in the country to conduct such an investigation.

Agra to Noida via Aligarh Yamuna Expressway has been selected for crash investigation. The government has started survey work in association with Save Life Foundation of Delhi.

Under this, suggestions will be made after studying various aspects of accidents. Separate nodal officers have been appointed in each district from the transport department and traffic police

to investigate the accidents on this expressway passing through five districts. Agra-Lucknow Expressway is proposed to be selected in the next phase.

Crash investigation happens in the country so far due to an aircraft accident. This investigation goes to the bottom of the accident, so that future types of accidents can be prevented. On the report of the International Road Federation, a crash investigation of vehicle accidents was started in Europe and Britain.

A technical examination of the accident-prone vehicle is done to find out the cause of the accident. Research is done on the length, width, height of the road and the materials used to make it.

Aligarh: 2 deaths, 136 new Covid cases

PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH

Two people including a 70-years-old corona positive woman died. 136 people, including a senior municipal corporation official, have been found infected took the cumulative number of covid-19 cases in the district to 4603. Today 117 patients recovered and returned to their homes. Current active cases in the district are 1410. In the last five months, 97599 people have been tested.

Today, a 65-year-old man, resident of Rafatganj, infected with the corona virus, died at around 7 a.m. He was also a diabetic patient and was admitted to Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Joint Hospital since 29 August. According to CMS Dr. AB Singh, death is expected to be due to cardiac arrest. The second death was recorded in SJD hospital

where a 70-years-old woman, resident of Gyan Sarovar, was admitted.

Today, 136 people were recorded positive in JN Medical College, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Joint Hospital, Private Lab and Antigen Test. A total of 2717 samples were screened. Among the infected people, 69 are young and 49 are women and a senior municipal official is also included. However, being a resident of Prayagraj, his name is not included in the list. 7 people were found infected in Brijja Nagla, 6 in Sarai Man Singh, 5 in Karpoornagar Naurangabad and 2 recorded in JNMC.

District Magistrate Chandra Bhushan Singh said that infected people are either admitted to covid-19 hospitals or recommended home isolation based on their symptoms. Samples have been taken for family members and they are kept in-home quarantine. PNS

J&K: 641 fresh virus cases, 15 die

Srinagar: Jammu & Kashmir recorded 641 fresh cases of the novel coronavirus, raising the tally to 38,864 while the death toll from the disease rose to 732 with 15 fatalities in the past 24 hours, officials said on Wednesday.

Among the new COVID-19 cases, 274 were from the Jammu region, while 367 from the Kashmir Valley.

Jammu district reported a maximum of 167 new cases, followed by 131 in Srinagar district, the officials said.

There are 8,053 active COVID-19 cases in the Union Territory, while 30,079 patients have recovered from the infection so far, they said. PNS

NSA slapped on Dr Kafeel caused a political stir

PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH

When a voice rises from Aligarh, a city of lock and education, it goes very far and when an issue is raised from the student's platform then it will surely make a headline. Something similar happened on 12th December 2019, after Dr. Kafeel Khan's speech at Baab-e-Syed gate of AMU.

His provocative speech shook the administration and the government. Special Task Force was assigned to arrest Dr. Kafeel and on 29th January 2020, STF arrested him from Mumbai airport. NSA has been slapped on him which caused a political stir.

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra also wrote a letter to the Chief Minister in the favor of Dr. Kafeel Khan. Now after the High Court order, the entire opposition is putting the government in the dock.

Covid: AWWs work diversion may increase underweight kids by millions

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Abrupt diversion of Aanganwadi Workers (AWWs) towards Covid-19-related tasks has disrupted their usual activities of providing food supplementation under ICDS which is likely to increase the number of underweight kids by millions, researchers have said.

They have called for modified parameters that focus on borderline children for better identification of at-risk groups and calibrate policy implementation accordingly. Researchers from Indian Institute of Health Management Research (IIHMR) University noted that a 0.5 per cent weight loss in these children, belonging to the poorest 20 per cent of households in Rajasthan will add about 20,849 and 144,460 cases of underweight and severely underweight children, respectively, to the country's existing burden.

Led by Dr Sunil Rajpal, Asst Professor, Health Economics, IIHMR University, the study titled 'Living on the Edge', has been published in the Journal of 'Global Health Science'.

"Precision targeting is one of the fundamental requirements

of any development policy or programme. However, the success of such interventions depends on how precisely the policy can identify the target, i.e. at-risk population. States like Uttar Pradesh and Bihar are at risk of experiencing a relatively much larger increase due to a higher population base along with mass migration. Therefore, it is imperative to escalate the efforts for restoring the ground-level nutrition interventions," said Dr Rajpal.

"People belonging to the poorest section of society are mostly employed in the unorganised sector. They have been pushed to the brink due to a lack of access to the right food and widespread job loss. This makes ensuring food supply to these people an imperative. Failing to provide them, especially children, the requisite nutrition will have long-term health and economic consequences for India," said Dr P.R. Sodani, Pro President, IIHMR University.

According to Government data, as many as 115 million children between the ages of 6 and 14 are dependent on school lunches for their daily dietary requirements, which aimed to address India's chronic malnutrition problem.

Maha sees major spike with 17,433 new infection cases

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In a major spike in infections, Maharashtra on Wednesday logged an all-time high of 17,433 new infected cases, while 292 more people succumbed to the pandemic in various parts of the state.

In a development that put the state health machinery in a spot of bother, Maharashtra notched a record of sorts by recording 17,433 cases, surpassing the highest-ever daily infection tally of 16,867 recorded on August 29.

With fresh infections, the total number of infections jumped from Tuesday's figure of 8,08,306 to 8,25,739.

With fresh deaths, the total number of deaths in the state crossed 25,000 mark to touch 25,195.

Of the 292 deaths reported on Wednesday, Pune topped the list with 39 deaths, while there were 38 in Nagpur, 34 in Mumbai, 21 in Thane, 20 each in Nashik and Kolhapur, 15 each in Jalgaon, Sangli and Palghar, 13 in Solapur and 11 in Raigad.

Similarly, on the lower side, there were 7 deaths in Latur, 6 each in Satara and Osmanabad, 5 in Ahmednagar, 4 in Gondia, 3 each in Nandurbar, Amravati and Yavatmal, 2 each in Dhule, Ratnagiri and Jalna and one death each in Aurangabad, Hingoli, Parbhani, Beed, Nanded, Buldhana

and Bhandara. In addition, one person from another state died in Maharashtra. The districts like Nagpur, Nashik, Kolhapur, Jalgaon, Sangli and Palghar witnessed big spikes, while as many as six districts witnessed zero deaths.

With 34 fresh deaths, Mumbai's Covid-19 toll rose from 7,693 to 7,727, while the infections increased by an alarming 1,622 to touch 148,569.

Pune district with 1,82,212 infected cases continued to be the worst-affected city-district in Maharashtra. The number of deaths in Pune increased from 4121 to 4160.

Thane district remained on the third spot - after Pune and Mumbai - with 1,35,604 total cases, while the pandemic toll rose from 3840 to 3861.

In a related development, as many as 13,959 patients were discharged from hospitals in the state after full recovery, taking the total number of patients discharged from various hospitals after full recovery since the second week of March this year inched closer to 6 lakh figure to touch 5,98,496. The recovery rate stood at 72.48 per cent. The mortality rate in the state is 3.05 per cent. The state health authorities pegged the number of 'active cases' in the state at 2,01,703.

Out of 42,84,000 samples sent to laboratories, 8,25,739 have tested positive (19.27 per cent) for COVID-19 until Wednesday.

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1	Name of Work with its location OHE, supply, erection, testing & commissioning of 25 KV AC OHE modification work in connection with construction of RFO of DFCC crossing Railway Track in between OHE location No. 56/19-21, 56/20-22 near Mohiuddinpur station on GZB-MTC section.
2	Approx. Cost of work Rs. 6,38,524.54/-
3	Earnest Money Deposit Rs. 12,800/-
4	E-Tender Bid Online Submission Period 10.09.2020 (00.00 Hrs.) to 24.09.2020 (15.00 Hrs.)
5	E-Tender Bid Submission End Date & E-Tender Open Date & Time 24.09.2020 (15.00 hrs.)
6	Fund Allocation 00844521
7	Website particulars where complete details of tender document can be seen www.ireps.gov.in
E-Tender No.: 12-TRD-NDLS-2020-21 Dated : 01.09.2020 1905/2020	
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Web: www.rungtairrigation.in Email ID: cs@rungtairrigation.in	
In view of the continuing COVID-19 Pandemic, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA") has vide its circular dated May 5, 2020 read with circular dated April 8, 2020 & circular dated April 13, 2020 permitted the holding of Annual General Meeting ("AGM") through Video Conferencing and Other Audio-Visual Means ("OAVM"). In compliance with these circulars and relevant provisions of Companies Act, 2013 and SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements), 2015, the upcoming 36 th AGM is to be held on September 29, 2020 at 11:00 A.M through VC/OAVM.	
As per aforesaid circulars, the Notice of AGM along with the Annual Report for FY 2019-2020 shall be sent only by electronic mode to all the members whose Email addresses are already registered with the Company/Depositories. Please take note that the requirement of sending the physical copy of Notice of 36 th AGM and Annual Report to the Members have been dispensed with vide MCA Circular and SEBI Circular. The Notice and the Annual Report shall also be available on the website of the Company www.rungtairrigation.in and on the website of the stock exchange i.e. BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com respectively, where the Company's shares are listed.	
The facility of casting votes by the members through E-voting and remote E-voting will be provided by Central Depository Securities Limited (CDSL) and the detailed procedure for the same shall be stated in the Notice of the AGM. The remote E-voting period will commence on September 26, 2020 (10:00 A.M.) and will end on September 28, 2020 (5:00 P.M.). During this period, members holding shares either in physical form or dematerialized form, as on cut-off date of September 22, 2020 may cast their vote by remote E-voting or E-voting at the time of AGM.	
Members, holding shares in physical/ dematerialized form, whose email addresses are not registered with the Company/ their depository participants are requested to register their email addresses at the earliest for receiving AGM Notice and Annual Report 2019-20. Please follow instructions given below to register your Email-Id for obtaining AGM Notice and Annual Report 2019-20.	
Physical Holding	Send a duly signed request letter to Registrar and Transfer Agent of the Company, M/S Beette Financial & Computer Services Private Limited at beetalrfta@gmail.com providing following details/documents for registering Email-Id and Bank details: 1. Folio Number 2. Name of the shareholder & Mobile No. 3. Scanned copy of Aadhar Card and PAN Card Bank details- Copy of Cancelled cheque bearing the name of the shareholder, Bank Account No., Name and Branch of the Bank, MICR & IFSC code and Bank account type.
Demat Holding	Please contact your Depository Participant (DP) and register your Email-Id as per the process advised by the DP.
The Notice of the AGM shall contain the instructions regarding the manner of casting vote by remote E-voting and E-voting at the time of AGM. The members attending the meeting through VC/OAVM shall be counted for the purpose of the quorum as per Section 103 of the Companies Act, 2013.	
The Notice of the AGM and Annual Report 2019-20 will be sent to the members on their registered Email-Id in due course	
For RUNGTA IRRIGATION LIMITED Prateek Sharma Compliance Officer and Company Secretary	
Date: 02 nd September, 2020 Place : New Delhi	

WESTERN RAILWAY	
SETTING UP QUICK WATERING ARRANGEMENT	
Senior Coaching Depot Officer, Bandra Terminus invites E-Tender as per details given as follows: Tender Notice No: M137/1(BDTS - QW) dated: 02.09.2020 Name of the work : Bandra Terminus — Setting Up of Quick Watering Arrangement at all Platforms (1 to 7). Approx. Cost of Work (₹): 2,16,37,175.59/- (Inclusive GST) EMD (₹): 2,58,200/- Tender Cost (in ₹) 10,000/- Date & Time of Submission: 01.10.2020 at 15:00 Hrs. Date & Time of Opening: 01.10.2020 at 15:30 Hrs. Regarding detailed nature of work, containing cost of tender document (non refundable), EMD, eligibility criteria, similar nature of work, detailed tender conditions, please visit www.ireps.gov.in Manual offers will not be considered.	
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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Kiran Agrawal W/o Late Shri. Suresh Kumar R/o Flat No.101, Murali Nagar Residency, House No. 9-74/2, Street No. 9, Maruti Nagar, Santosh Nagar, Hyderabad, Telangana-500059.

I, Kiran Agrawal & My Son Sourabh Agrawal Both Joint Owner of Flat No. CS9-1702, Project Capetown (Supertech Ltd.) Situated At Sector-74, Noida.

My Son Sourabh Agrawal Has Unfortunately Passed Away On 09/04/2019 in Chicago, (U.S.).

I, Requested To Supertech Ltd. To Transfer the Flat No. CS9-1702, in Tower CS9, in SUPERTECH CAPETOWN, Project Situated At GH-01/A, Sector-74, Noida, Dist. Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P.-201301 In The Name of Kiran Agrawal W/o Late Shri Suresh Kumar, of Above Said Property.

If Anybody Has Any Objection He/She Contact Mr. Vaibhav Mittal of Supertech Ltd. E-Square, C-2, Sector-96, Noida Within 15 Days of this notice being published.

Advocate, S.K.Soni
En. No. D/3226/2017
Ch. No. 371, Lawyer's Chamber Block, District Court Complex, Saket, New Delhi-110017

"KAVYAM"- AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT				
Advertisement is invited to inform general public at large regarding cancellation of units of already allotted customers through the 1st draw of lots dated 24.06.2019 due to non-payment despite several reminders, in the Residential Apartments in the Affordable Group Housing Project Kavyam is being developed by Agrante Realty Ltd Sector-108, Gurugram, Haryana, as per terms and conditions of the policy prescribed by the Town & Country Planning Department, Government of Haryana vide notification no PF-27/48921 dated 19.08.2013 & amendment thereof (details available at the Department website, i.e. tpharyana.gov.in).				
S. No.	Allotted Unit No	Application No.	Name	Co- Applicant
1	TA1-601	2801	Anoop Chauhan	NA
2	TA1-804	2295	Rajan Bhardwaj	NA
3	TA1-1004	3037	Poonam	NA
4	TA2-801	3024	Meena Nandal	NA
5	TA3-903	2800	Satish Kumar Dhankar	NA
6	TA3-1102	2046	Sat prakash Tyagi	NA
7	TA4-402	2816	Sachin Tyagi	NA
8	TA5-602	2049	Chaman Lal	NA
9	TD-407	4214	Ritwik Chawla	NA
10	TD-1111	4221	Babita	NA
11	TD-1412	3763	Bimla Goyal	Pawan Goyal
12	TA1-401	2659	Puneet Gupta	NA
13	TB-902	2001	Shweta Gupta	NA
14	TC-405	2314	Birendra Kumar Singh Chauhan	NA
15	TA4-103	2461	Rani Sharma	NA
16	TA2-1201	3564	Sombir	NA
17	TA4-403	2034	Jagjeet Singh	NA
18	TA4-801	2098	Deepak Chopra	Geeta Chopra
It is to inform to all above allottees that it is last & final opportunity to restore the cancellation after making the all dues till date within seven working days otherwise it shall be considered as cancelled and the same shall be allotted to the waiting applicants or shall be published the advertisement to invite new bookings to general public, under the applicable provisions of policy prescribed by the Town & Country Planning Department, Government of Haryana vide notification no PF-27/48921 dated 19.08.2013 & amendment thereof.				
Regd Office: Agrante Realty Ltd 704 7th floor DLF Tower-B, Jasola, New Delhi., CIN:U70101DL2013PLC248731				
Contact at : website: www.kavyamhomes.com; 011-41924100-199, 8800499674				

GURU GOBIND SINGH INDRAPRASTHA UNIVERSITY	
(Established by the Govt. of NCT of Delhi) Sector-16 C, Dwarka, New Delhi – 110 078	
Website: www.ipu.ac.in	
TENDER NO. 01 /PUR/GGSIU/2020-21	Dated: 01.09.2020
E-TENDER (NIT)	
Registrar, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University invites item rate e-tenders from reputed and eligible contractors/firms in two bid system (Technical & Financial) for the Rate Contract for supply of various consumable items like stationery, white cloth bags and other miscellaneous items for one year and extendable for another one year with mutual consent. Tender document can also be downloaded from Delhi Govt. e-procurement website i.e. www.govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in. The tender document can also be viewed on University website i.e. www.ipu.ac.in.	
1.	Name of work Rate Contract for supply of various consumable items like stationery, white cloth bags and other miscellaneous items for one year and extendable for another one year with mutual consent at Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, Sector 16 C, Dwarka, New Delhi – 110078
2.	The EMD along with covering letter must be submitted as per the last date, time and venue for submission (No other documents need to be submitted in hard copy). The last date and time of uploading technical and financial bid on e-procurement website.
3.	Date, time and venue for opening of Technical bid 25.09.2020 at 02.30 p.m. in the office of Dy. Registrar (Purchase), Ground Floor, Library Block, GGSIU University, Sector 16 C, Dwarka, New Delhi – 110078
4.	EMD Rs. 72,000/- (Seventy Two Thousand only) in favour of Registrar, GGSIU University payable at New Delhi in form of FDR only.
5.	Cost of Works Rs. 36 Lacs (approximately)
6.	The bids shall be submitted in two stages viz. (i) Technical bid (ii) Financial bid. Detailed specification of the item(s) to be supplied is placed at Section-III Annexure-G. The Technical & Financial bid should be uploaded on e-procurement website i.e. www.govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in (No documents need to be submitted in hard copy other than EMD along with covering letter).
7.	Financial bid shall be opened after evaluation of technical bid/time notified thereafter on e-tender website www.govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in.
REGISTRAR	

No questions please

The Question Hour allows the Opposition to keep a check on the executive. Suspending it emaciates democratic spirit



At one level, we are being told to "live with the virus," working our ways around it with safety protocols as postponing life-altering decisions is no longer an option. Governments are working, elections are happening, policies are being made and global deliberations and summits are on course. Yet at another level, regimes across the world are using the pandemic as an excuse to dictate national life by curbing choices and pushing their agenda. And India is no better where the democratic core of the parliamentary system is being

diluted under the garb of protecting our lawmakers. What else can explain the Government's suspension of Question Hour in the forthcoming monsoon session of Parliament as a precautionary measure against "crowding" and contraction of the Zero Hour? If crowd management is not an issue while conducting polls in Bihar or even conducting the JEE-NEET exams countrywide, why should managing MPs, who anyway are going to be on a rotational drill, be a challenge with safety protocols? That too, during Question Hour, where the Opposition gets the only chance to question the Government and hold it to account? Besides, it has a structured format, with MPs required to submit a questionnaire 15 days in advance. So there could be even a staggered roster of Ministers and their officials to answer them. But scrapping it altogether means that the Government is not ready to face uncomfortable questions on pandemic management, the economic slide and the Indo-China stand-off at Ladakh and get on with pointed legislative business without much debate and discussion. Its Ministers are clearly not willing to inform the House about the rationale of decisions taken, if not defend them. In other words, this monolithic assertiveness is corroding the deliberative and inclusive character of the legislature. Even the Zero Hour, that allows for impromptu discussion on public policy, has been curtailed to 30 minutes. Expectedly, the Opposition is going hammer and tongs over the decision, spearheaded largely by the Trinamool Congress (TMC). Its MP Derek O' Brien has asked why the Question Hour had been dropped considering the Parliament's overall working hours remain the same and no private members' Bill will be moved. He even asked why the monsoon session was being called a "regular" session and not "extraordinary" to justify the curtailment of the Question Hour. The TMC even cited how the Question Hour was dropped during the 33rd (1961), 93rd (1975), 98th (1976) 99th (1977) sessions over specific reasons like Odisha, proclamation of Emergency, the 44th Amendment and President's Rule in Tamil Nadu and Nagaland. Sensing the outcry, the Government on its part deployed seasoned senior Minister Rajnath Singh, who is known to share a good relationship with the Opposition, to converse with its leaders and ensure a smooth flow of proceedings. This individual bridge-building has worsened matters as an all-party virtual meeting could have sorted matters better. But the Opposition, which anyway doesn't have the big enough numbers to stop Government policy, is not ready to let its voice go unheard. Or the ethics of parliamentary democracy be compromised.

The Question Hour is the only time that allows the Opposition equal standing and allows it to keep a check and balance on the executive. Even Treasury Bench MPs can ask questions of a Minister for better clarity on policies. Dropping it means reducing the relevance of the MP. A legislator asks questions on behalf of the constituents who elect him and any democratically-elected Government is, therefore, duty-bound to respond. Every citizen has the right to know the details of the functioning of a State and the Government is morally bound to place them on record. Even if the pandemic is a looming threat, the Government could have at least taken the questions and worked out a system of virtual responses in real time. Anyway, the Question Hour hardly sees a flurry as Ministers answer by rotation and questions are selected through a ballot and starred for discussion. The House of Commons even has a dedicated slot for "Prime Minister's Questions", where the Prime Minister personally answers or explains his Government's functioning. That hasn't happened here in recent memory and certainly looks most unlikely in the handout era of information dissemination. Besides, even the nature and tenor of questions are regulated by several rules before they are cleared and scheduled. So the Government should not have scrapped the Question Hour fearing recklessness and pandemonium. Perhaps, its suspension this time will also awaken the Opposition to hold up its end of the bargain going forward. For in the past, Question Hour has been routinely disrupted, stalling productive discussions and debate, particularly in the Upper House. But without it, there will be no accountability. And once a precedent is set, it will always be cited to justify another regulatory move.

Telecom price wars

Is it a case of strangling the golden goose? Have corporate raiders profiting from public goods been stopped?



There is little doubt that the Indian telecommunications industry has transformed the lives of Indians and has done so at a price, to the final consumer, of pennies. Once upon a time, an outgoing call cost over 32 rupees a minute and data cost a hundred rupees for a megabyte. Today, mobile services are so affordable that many consumers don't think twice about placing calls or downloading videos. In fact, data is so cheap that some consumers prefer mobile data or fibre-optic cables coming into their homes.

But were the cheap prices all based on a ruse of cheating the Government out of revenue? That is what the Government claimed and won a victory in the Supreme Court in the now famous "Adjusted Gross Revenue" (AGR) case. The telecom companies fought hard to ensure that payments are made over an extended period of time rather than in one go, which was also fair on the face of it. Now that the issue has been settled, what next for Indian telecom companies? They will need to raise billions of dollars to pay these fines and it is unlikely that they will manage to drastically raise access prices, although that might be the only solution. For far too long, India has operated on the basis of the "long tail" where low-income consumers make up a huge volume thanks to low prices. This has enabled low-cost invention but has stifled innovation to a large degree. India really needs to raise its median income higher and a constant focus on low-cost *jugaad* will not help, so higher prices might be the only way forward.

And those will be needed if India needs the next generation of telecom technology, 5G, which will dramatically increase access speeds and could be the backbone of Narendra Modi's much-ballyhooed "Digital India." India doesn't want a monopoly in the telecom space and it needs the latest technology as well. Higher prices might be frowned upon by some in the government but they have gotten to the cake. They can't keep on admiring it anymore.

Pak pays for double games

Imran Khan has been boxed into a tight corner as the Saudi-UAE duo has called the bluff on Pakistan trying to be too clever by half with Turkey



BHOPINDER SINGH

Last year, visiting Arab princes from Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates (UAE) were given Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan's privileged treatment of personally chauffeuring them in a bit to dial up charm offensives. Pakistan's situation was precarious as its coffers were dangerously depleted and in dire need of Arab largesse. Also embarrassingly for Pakistan, both monarchies had just expressed displeasure at the Pulwama terror attack. While the princes did loosen their purse strings and provide generous financial support, something was amiss. Soon the UAE announced its highest civilian award, i.e. Order of Zayed, for the Indian Prime Minister for boosting "comprehensive strategic ties." A few years earlier, the Saudis had conferred their highest award, King Abdulaziz Sash, on the Indian Prime Minister.

Whispers of Pakistani unreliability and undercutting were gaining credence in Riyadh and Abu Dhabi – the Arab monarchies were picking signs of trapeze artist Imran Khan's growing dalliances with their nemesis of Turkey, Malaysia, Qatar and Iran. In the imploding world of Organisation of Islamic Countries (OIC), fissures have developed, and new power centres are emerging to the discomfiture of Saudi-UAE led Gulf Sheikdoms. Within that churn, Pakistan is no longer perceived as a dependable ally.

This sudden dissonance was contrary to Pakistan's traditional status as Saudi Arabia's "closest Muslim ally." From supporting Pakistan in the 1971 Indo-Pak war, opposing the creation of Bangladesh, supporting Pakistani machinations in Afghanistan and Kashmir, to even supposedly funding the "Islamic Bomb," the Saudis were once the most generous Pakistani supporters. Pakistanis had reciprocated by providing security to Saudi Arabia in terms of military, training and weaponry, as also affording the singular honour of taking Riyadh into confidence before conducting its atomic tests. The Saudis also entrusted the former Pakistani Military Chief, General Raheel Sharif, to lead the Riyadh-based 41 nation, Islamic Military Counter-Terrorism Coalition (IMCTC). UAE was part of this triumvirate and had conjointly recognised the Pak-backed Taliban government in Afghanistan and was the only country along with Saudi Arabia to hail the Pakistani atomic tests as a "bold decision." Also, energy, commerce and expat repatriation made both these Sheikdoms life-sustaining for governments in Islamabad. Above all, the co-religiosity and the Shariaisation project of Pakistani dictator, General Zia-ul-Haq, in the 80s was principally funded and abetted by these two nations. UAE's founding father, Sheikh Zayed, used to consider Pakistan his second home and when Dubai's airline Emirates was launched, it was Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) that the Emirates



turned to. The cash-rich Arab royalty was feted and they treated beholden Pakistan as their backyard, with private houbara grouse hunting trips arranged for their princelings.

But the times soon changed and new considerations and urgencies kicked in with the "war on terror," Arab Spring, deepening of sectarian faultlines and the independent assertion of countries like Turkey. But Pakistan refused to change its ways and was embarrassingly caught harbouring global terrorist Osama Bin Laden till he was "taken out" and continued playing havoc in Kashmir and Afghanistan. Pakistan also refused to participate in the Saudi-UAE's war in Yemen, fearing sectarian repercussions on its own soil, to the chagrin of Riyadh and Abu Dhabi. But Pakistan's unpardonable undoing with the Saudi-UAE duo was its growing proximity with Turkey and assuming over-enthusiastically that it could now flex its muscle within the *ummah* with the support of Turkey. While countries like Turkey, Malaysia, Qatar and Iran have historically claimed "fraternal" relations with Pakistan – they are nothing compared to the financial, energy, diplomatic and strategic support that had been given by the Arab duo. Imran Khan had ungratefully partaken the

opportunity to cock a snook at his biggest benefactors.

Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood cuttingly accused the Saudi-led OIC of "dilly-dallying" on Kashmir and in an unprecedented manner alluded to breaking ranks by saying, "I'll be compelled to ask Prime Minister Imran Khan to call a meeting of the Islamic countries that are ready to stand with us on the issue of Kashmir." The Arab duo noted the implied import of the loaded statement that intended to shame them and repercussions soon followed.

They decided to halt their crucial three-year aid plan to Pakistan after just a year. They repeatedly snubbed Pakistan on Kashmir. UAE faced the wrath of "Boycott UAE" trending on Pakistani social media, as it was postured that only Turkey "stood by" Islamabad. To make matters worse for an increasingly isolated Pakistan, UAE has now recognised Israel and that has weakened Pakistan's ability to rake up issues like Palestine and more specifically, Kashmir, as the practicalities of the looming economic crisis, fight against Covid pandemic, fight against extremism and quest for regional peace override all manufactured passions of Islamabad. Pakistan's duplicity of terror is globally established and its ability to run with the hare and hunt

with the hound on terrorism in Kashmir is becoming indefensible for one-time allies like Saudi Arabia and UAE, who seek progressive equations with the West, India and even Israel. Meanwhile, Pakistan is harping and walking the opposite direction of revisionism and religious extremism.

It has tried to mend fences by dispatching the Chief of the Army Staff to Riyadh but Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman refused to meet General Qamar Bajwa. Imran Khan is boxed into a tight corner as the Saudi-UAE duo has called the bluff on Pakistan trying to be too clever by half with Turkey and has made normalcy conditional to Islamabad reneging on Ankara. Abandoning Turkey at this stage will lead to a loss of face for Pakistan as it will count as yet another act of Pakistan's patented untrustworthiness and unreliability. Clearly Imran Khan has bitten more than he can chew – he remains saddled with a flailing economy, disrupted aid lifelines, isolation among his traditional allies and a selfish agenda of Kashmir, in which not too many are interested. The proverbial chickens are coming home to roost as Pakistan mulls over yet another botched act of biting the hand that fed it.

(The author is former Lt Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Puducherry)

“ IN THE IMPLoding WORLD OF ORGANISATION OF ISLAMIC COUNTRIES (OIC), FISSURES HAVE DEVELOPED AND NEW POWER CENTRES ARE EMERGING TO THE DISCOMFITURE OF SAUDI-UAE LED SHEIKHDOMS. WITHIN THAT CHURN, PAKISTAN IS NO LONGER PERCEIVED AS A DEPENDABLE ALLY ”

SOUNDBITE

I get along with him (Anthony Fauci) but every once in a while, he'll come up with one that I say, 'Where did that come from?'"
US President
 —Donald Trump



I don't know if anyone takes the Chief Economic Adviser seriously. He saw green shoots when the Finance Minister said so. Where are the green shoots of recovery?"
Former Finance Minister
 —P Chidambaram



It is so unfortunate that the tragic and untimely death of a beloved young star Sushant Singh Rajput has become a media circus."
Actor
 —Vidya Balan



In sports, like cricket, you don't need much facilities but in tennis, you need to be a member of a club, which is challenging, and that's why numbers don't work in India."
Former tennis ace
 —Mahesh Bhupathi



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Unnecessary deaths

Sir — This refers to the report, 'Road deaths up despite tougher MVA,' in *The Pioneer* on September 2. It is a matter of grave concern that the national Capital tops in fatalities caused by road accidents. Although it is the drivers who are held accountable for the fatalities in most of the mishaps, one cannot overlook the poor infrastructure of the roads as a serious cause.

During an inspection by the officials of the Public Works Department last year, more than 2,000 major potholes were found on the roads of Delhi. This is terribly alarming as potholes are one of the biggest causes of fatal accidents, especially where two-wheelers are concerned. Besides this, broken footpaths, dislocated kerb stones, pillars in the middle of the road in many places and uncontrolled growth of trees affecting traffic flow are some of the other anomalies which account for the increasing number of road accidents in the country. It is distressing to note that India ranks first in the world in

The PLA has provoked India yet again

In a typical case of the pot calling the kettle black, the Chinese Government has accused Indian troops of illegally trespassing onto Chinese territory. These comments could set the stage for a second tense border stand-off between the two nuclear powers in just three months. In a provocative statement, a spokesperson for the Chinese Embassy in India said that Indian forces had "conducted flagrant provocations over the weekend, which again stirred tension in the border areas." This accusation comes on the back of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) provoking the Indian Army again on the night of August 29. This led to a fresh clash between the Indian and Chinese soldiers on the southern bank of Pangong Tso in eastern Ladakh. This clash broke the uneasy calm that had persisted following the fierce clash in Galwan Valley on June 15. By attempting to carry out provocative military movements to change the status quo near Pangong Lake, Chinese troops acted in contravention of the confidence-building measures that both sides have worked out during the recent military talks. Chinese troops acted deliberately and provocatively and thus they have undone whatever progress was made during bilateral talks at the military and diplomatic levels. Indian troops, however, forestalled this PLA activity, undertook measures to strengthen their positions and thwarted Chinese intentions. This development brings into sharp focus the hollow-ness of Chinese assertions about maintaining peace and tranquility in the border areas. Indian troops deserve a pat on the



back for scuttling the misadventures of the Chinese. India stood firm in the diplomatic arena, too, by withdrawing from a multilateral war exercise to be held in Russia.

The rationale behind this decision is the presence of Chinese and Pakistani troops in the exercise. The provocative military movements by the PLA and the subsequent clashes have given opportunities to India to expose China's hollow-ness and duplicity at the upcoming meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation in Russia. India must insist on complete disengagement of troops and China must be made to realise that mutual cooperation is impossible after the attacks and attempts to destabilise India's territorial integrity.

Venu GS
 Kollam

terms of road accidents with 1.46 lakh fatalities annually as per the latest report of the International Road Federation, Geneva. The Government must

review this report and take urgent action to improve the situation and put an end to these meaningless deaths that can be avoided with a little bit of plan-

ning and competence by the authorities. Of course, we need to change our behaviour, too.
 Tushar Anand
 Patna, Bihar

Economic disaster

Sir — Just around four years ago, the IMF chief had extolled the Indian economy as the "bright spot in the dim and dusty global economic scenario." It would be easy to say an evil eye caused our economy to get eclipsed soon after. But there were too many bad decisions. First, it suffered the rash of demonetisation. Then it got trapped in lakhs of crores of NPAs, the decimation of MSMEs and joblessness. Demonetisation produced no black money either, the *raison d'être* of an exercise with historical consequences and precedence.

Tughlaq had done much the same in shifting the capital from Delhi to Daulatabad and back. But the return trip of a bouncing economy, never easy in the best of times, has now been savaged by the Coronavirus. The FM has already classified this pandemic as an "act of God." The disastrous demonetisation, too, could be bracketed in this classification. God help us!

R Narayanan
 Navi Mumbai

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Unconventional teachers

Apart from conventional teachers we have some unorthodox ones amid us now who must get recognition and appreciation



RAM KRISHNA SINHA

We have different categories of teachers, depending upon the stages in our lives and the vocations we pursue. So, we have school teachers, lecturers, professors, research guides, trainers, instructors, tutors, coaches, mentors and so on. However, we have another set of teachers who don't qualify in the strict sense, yet impart valuable lessons. The most important among them are parents. The foundations of intellectual, emotional and ethical grooming in a child are laid at home by the parents. In a joint family even grandparents play a positive role as guides.

Again, at workplaces, bosses, seniors, corporate leaders are another set of educators. Equipped with knowledge, skills, expertise and experience, they often act as advisors, counsellors or mentors and help their juniors and colleagues progress in their careers.

Then, we have religious and spiritual gurus who preach from the scriptures and holy texts and offer guidance to their disciples and others on how to lead life well. However, apart from these obvious ones, we have some unorthodox and unconventional teachers amid us now who must get recognition and appreciation.

Children: In the digital age, it is important to be familiar with new age systems, processes and apps. Be it the smartphone, internet, video-conferencing/chatting, video games and other modern gadgets, we need to learn their operations to use them. These learnings help in vital activities like money transfer, booking tickets, ordering food or non-food items, or viewing streaming channels, all of which are now increasingly done online. In adaptation to new learnings, age being a factor, children have a distinct edge. They quickly adapt and learn. Their aptitude, familiarity and knowledge of the digital and online platforms are now much in demand at home, all the more during the lockdown. As digital tutors, they offer lessons to their grandparents, parents and senior citizens to make them digital savvy. Indeed, without their hand-holding, many of the older generation find themselves handicapped in adjusting to the virtual space.

Social media: We have been used to learning the dos and don'ts from the traditional set of teachers, professional or otherwise. Now WhatsApp, Facebook and so on are potent learning platforms where we get free advice on topics ranging from money, health, nutrition, fitness, to culinary arts, home décor, farming to even immunity boosting during the pandemic. The medium being popular, all these tips and learnings are widely read, shared and followed. The social media platform, as a teacher, is helping us to learn and share information. The only caveat is the tips or instructions need to be followed by us with fact-checks, particularly in the matter of health.

Siri and Alexa: Digital Voice Assistants like Siri and Alexa are the new teachers in the digital sphere. Like a friend, kids can unhesitatingly ask anything they want to know from Siri and Alexa. Not surprising, devices with Digital Voice Assistants are being installed even in remote tribal areas to infuse fun and excitement in learning and improve school enrolments. In smart classrooms, the Digital Voice Assistants act as the teacher. In the future, such devices and AI-assisted humanoid robots, as smart, interesting and trendy teachers, are likely to gain more popularity among children and schools.

Nature: Mother Nature has always been part of our existence. But we have forgotten to look at nature as a "healer" and "teacher" up until recently. Now, with the adverse effects of climate change ravaging us, coupled with the COVID-19 pandemic, we are realising the hard way the critical importance of nature as our sustainer, healer and teacher. In the collective confinement, we found to our great relief how nature is our constant friend and can lift our hearts and give us so much joy. It would indeed have been much tougher to deal with the pandemic, hadn't nature been around us.

Nature teaches us the rhythms and cycles of life, selfless giving, continuous growth and generation, and the essence of sustainability, harmony and oneness. It also teaches us to consume wisely and responsibly. Now in close communion with nature, thankfully, we have discovered a friend, philosopher and guide.

Pandemic: Life itself is a teacher and we always knew that. But now, a catastrophe unleashed by the Coronavirus is teaching us novel lessons in life. Starting from coping with crippled businesses, loss of livelihood to handling enforced loneliness, an emotional see-saw, topsy-turvy routines, we are learning unique lessons and reinventing ourselves. The crisis has taught us to appreciate nature, create new networks, leverage the virtual world, look for new engagements, explore new hobbies, pursue passions, experiment with new ways and ideas, act collectively for the common good, and, last but not the least, to have a better world view and perspective. Welcome to all these unconventional teachers.

(The writer is former General Manager, Bank of India, Learning and Development and an author)

POINTCOUNTERPOINT

BY INTRODUCING THESE CHANGES (NO QUESTION HOUR, ZERO HOUR), THE GOVERNMENT HAS ENSURED THAT ITS ACCOUNTABILITY TO PARLIAMENT IS DONE AWAY WITH.

—CPI LEADER
BINOY VISWAM



THE GOVERNMENT WILL TRY TO ACCOMMODATE THE OPPOSITION'S DEMAND FOR ZERO HOUR TO CONTINUE SO THAT MEMBERS CAN RAISE URGENT MATTERS.

—DEFENCE MINISTER
RAJNATH SINGH

Corona policy vs reality

Although the Govt has taken a positive step to introduce a standard policy for battling Coronavirus, hospitalisation and other medical costs, it should also make it easier for the claims to be settled



HIMA BINDU KOTA

The outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus in the city of Wuhan in China towards the end of last year became a major health emergency and a global pandemic. Over the last 10 months or so, different parts of the world have been the epicentres of this contagion. Governments around the world have reacted to this unprecedented situation by taking extreme measures like closing international borders and air space, imposing restrictions on domestic travel, prohibiting huge gatherings like sporting or religious events, shutting down entertainment hubs and educational institutes. The toll of the virus on both personal and economic aspects has been tremendous with the huge loss of human lives and slowdown of economies around the world impacting several industries and the financial markets. Governments have responded by providing a slew of measures to aid the ailing industry by providing liquidity and slashing interest rates, among others.

The insurance industry is one such industry that had to react quickly to this situation to develop new products in the face of the growing spread of the Coronavirus and the socio-economic uncertainties it brought in its wake. Lack of education and awareness have been the main reasons for India being largely under-insured, particularly in the area of health insurance, with only 18 per cent of the urban and 14 per cent of the rural population availing protective schemes. The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA) recently made the availability of the standard health policy, Corona Kavach, mandatory. Though it can't replace the normal mediclaim policy, and all standard indemnity policies are covering Coronavirus in India, if people don't have a health insurance, or if they are not adequately covered by their health insurance, it would make a lot of sense to buy this special policy. Especially given the fact that India now has nearly 37,69,523 confirmed cases of COVID-19, the third-highest in the world after the US and Brazil. There are no drugs as yet to fully cure patients and work on the vaccines for the virus is still in the trial stages.

While most people with mild symptoms recover with the medicines prescribed by doctors, in extreme cases, infected people require hospitalisation and ventilator support. That is where the bills go up exponentially and this is where a person who does not have health insurance or whose cover is not adequate will be most vulnerable as the out of pocket expense will be huge. The features of Corona Kavach are very standard and cover both individuals and families, and it is available in one basic mandatory cover offered on indemnity basis and one optional cover available on benefit basis. Corona Kavach is a single premium plan where the sum insured is in the multiples of ₹50,000 where the maximum sum insured is ₹5 lakh, minimum being ₹50,000. Not only is the Corona Kavach a standardised policy, which is uniform across all the insurers, it is also very comprehensive, covering home care and Ayurvedic, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathic treatment, PPE and treatment of comorbidities when hospitalised, including any ventilator and ICU charges, ambulance cost up to ₹2,000, pre and post-hospitalisation care up to a certain number of days and daily cash allowance of 0.5 per cent of the sum insured for a certain number of days. Some insurers do not have a cap on the room rent as long as the room availed is a single private one.

ALTHOUGH THE GOVERNMENT HAS PROVIDED AN INSURANCE SCHEME FOR FRONTLINE WORKERS LIKE SANITATION WORKERS, ASHA WORKERS, WARD BOYS, PARAMEDICS, DOCTORS, NURSES AND SPECIALISTS, IT FAILS TO COVER THEIR TREATMENT AND IS LIMITED TO THEIR DEATH. EVEN AFTER MONTHS INTO THIS PANDEMIC, SEVERAL CLAIMS ARE REJECTED DUE TO THE CONFUSION ABOUT THE ELIGIBILITY AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS BURIED WITHIN THE FINE PRINT OF POLICY GUIDELINES



Then there is the Corona Rakshak which is an optional benefit-based cover that can be issued by life insurance companies also in addition to health and general insurance firms. The maximum sum insured is ₹2.5 lakh, which is offered as lumpsum and can be used at will, especially during home quarantine, on treatment, medicines and for nursing charges. The tenure of the policy and waiting period remains the same as that of Corona Kavach. The requirement for claim in the Corona Kavach policy is a positive diagnosis of Coronavirus from a Government-authorized centre and hospitalisation for 24 hours. For Corona Rakshak, other things being same, the hospitalisation requirement is for 72 hours. One is also unsure of the amount of additional cover required if a health insurance policy is a part of the portfolio. An individual should have a health insurance cover of ₹8-10 lakh, so depending on this, an additional coverage of Corona Kavach can be taken, to top up your existing health policy. But remember to choose a top-up Corona Kavach policy from the same company as your basic health policy to claim cashless benefits for both. In most of the cases, co-morbidities will also be covered during the claims. The premium may vary from as low as ₹127 per month to as high as ₹14,927, based on the sum insured, availing family cover, age of the insured and so on. The IRDA has given a go-ahead to 29 general and health insurance companies, both State-owned and private, to market the Corona Kavach policy. Some of the prominent State-owned insurers marketing this policy are SBI General Insurance, National Insurance, New India Assurance, Oriental Insurance and United India Insurance. Other renowned private players include Acko General Insurance, ICICI Lombard General Insurance, HDFC ERGO General

Insurance and Star Health and Allied Insurance among others. So how do you choose the insurance company? There are some factors, among others, that can help you make a wise decision.

Affordability: Choose an insurance company that can provide these policies at an affordable premium.

Choose family coverage: It is also important to cover your entire family and, therefore, choose an insurance company that offers coverage to family.

Network: A health emergency can strike you, anytime and anywhere. Therefore, choose an insurance company that has a wide network of hospitals around the world.

Healthy claim settlement ratio: Choose an insurer who has a high claim settlement ratio, which means it settles more claims than others when compared to the total claims received.

Although the Corona Kavach is very comprehensive, there are still circumstances which are not covered. First, if the diagnosis is negative or not from a Government-approved centre. Second, if hospitalisation is not required and the patient undergoes only day care procedures. Third, if medicines are bought without proper prescription; fourth, if the treatment is availed outside India and fifth any vaccination, inoculation expenses used for prevention of the condition are not covered in the policy. So we have to be careful about different situations under which our claims may not be processed. One of the reasons a claim may not be approved is the choice of the line of treatment. It is a grey area as only treatments, which are approved by the Indian Government, are recognised by the health insurers. For example, the recently-tried plasma therapy is not officially recognised by the Government. The insurance companies are claiming that they have eased their

norms to make it easier for their customers to settle claims, like accepting email submissions and in some cases, on meeting certain conditions, without policy documents. The LIC settled more than 561 COVID-19 death claims amounting to nearly ₹27 crore till the last week of July. Although this data looks impressive, there are a number of cases where the kin of Corona warriors like doctors and nurses, who died of Coronavirus, are battling to claim the insurance money. Red tapism is making their lives hell and the families of the deceased health workers are struggling to prove that they contracted the deadly infection in the line of duty to claim the ₹50 lakh insurance provided by the Government.

In some cases, insurance claims were not approved of doctors and nurses who laid down their lives in taking care of patients as they were not Central Government employees. Although the Government has provided an insurance scheme for frontline workers like sanitation workers, ASHA workers, ward boys, paramedics, doctors, nurses and specialists, it fails to cover their treatment and is limited to their death. Even after months into this pandemic, several claims are rejected due to the confusion about the eligibility and other requirements buried within the fine print of policy guidelines of the insurance companies.

Although, the Government has taken a positive step to introduce a standard policy for battling Coronavirus, hospitalisation and other medical costs associated with it, it should also make it easier for the claims to be settled. Though the insurance money can never replace our loved ones, the bereaved family members can at least hope to pick up the remaining threads of their lives with it.

(The writer is Associate Professor, Amity University, Noida)

Value the elderly for a stronger nation

Just by managing their care based on financial help, you cannot assume hundred per cent execution of, and exemption from, your duties



NARESH KUMAR

susceptibility is not just limited to the Coronavirus as their immunity gets compromised as they age.

I would specifically like to draw attention to the elderly in Himachal Pradesh as I belong to that beautiful State. The number of elderly people in Himachal is growing very fast. According to a United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) report, Himachal has seven lakh people aged 60 years or more, which is 10.2 per cent of the total population of the State, higher than the national average of 8.6 per cent. The elderly population in Himachal is projected to grow at a rate of 3.1 per cent annually and is expected to reach 1.1 million by 2026, which will be about 15 per cent of its total population by that year. A whopping 90 per cent of the population lives in rural areas, so it can be said that an increasing elderly population is a major phenomenon in the rural areas of Himachal.

The significant thing here is that this elderly population is equally distributed in these districts. As per Census 2011, Hamirpur has 13.8 per cent of the total population of the elderly, followed by Bilaspur (11.9 per

cent), Kangra (11.7 per cent) and Auna (11.5 per cent). Solan and Sirmour (8 per cent) have the lowest proportion of the elderly. About three-quarters of the elderly (71 per cent) live with their family members and they play an important role in family decisions such as arranging social and religious events, buying household items and property.

If we look at the lockdown that was imposed for more than 100 days to deal with the Corona epidemic in a positive light, then it has given us an unprecedented opportunity to communicate and commune with the elders.

Things like sitting with them, listening to their experiences, eating together may seem to be insignificant or too small but through these, we are seeing the social institution called family strengthened in society. Recently, in an online discussion held by the Dadi Dada Foundation, a not-for-profit social organisation working for the rights of the elderly in India, I put forth some points that can help create a good environment in society for the elderly.

Give them your time: First, increase communication with the

elderly and spend time with them. Often we leave the elders to live in their own world. Even if they want to say something, we tend to ignore it. This leads to a communication gap, which further gives rise to many psychological complexes in them and that creates social disorder.

Discharge your duties towards them: Fulfil your duties towards the elderly and give them care and service. The obligation is to fulfil the moral and social needs of the elderly. Do not forget that to make you reach this point in life, they have discharged small responsibilities by depriving themselves of many worldly satisfactions.

Learn the rites, rituals and values from the elders and adopt them for life. Our children spend so much time on their mobile phones, gadgets and so on but taking out time for grandparents is not one of their priorities. Motivate children to receive values from their grandparents. But first of all, apply these morals to your lives as you can teach children more from your actions than words.

Make them your role model: Share the achievements of the elderly when you talk to the young ones

in your family. Today, our society lacks role models. We continue to seek role models in movies and books. Whereas in every household youngsters can be inspired by the achievements of their elders, from their real life experiences and hard work.

Take them along through the changes in life: Often the elderly are left out because of the rapid changes occurring in our lifestyles. To deal with that, we must include the elders in our lifestyle changes. Often we assume that they would not be interested in technology, fashion and social media and so on. However, it is not like that. At one time, our elders were the drivers of change in their generation. So we need to introduce them to changes in technology, lifestyle, innovation, social media and fashion in our generation.

Take advantage of their experience: Take suggestions from them at every turn of life. Later, it depends upon you whether you fully accept their advice or not. But certainly, their experience will enrich your decision-making process. Experience-based on age cannot be acquired from a book, so take their opinion whenever there

is confusion or a new turn in your life. You will see that some positive solution will always come out of the conversation to the challenge you are facing.

Don't leave them alone: Today, the biggest challenge for the elderly is increasing loneliness and mental depression. In the metropolitan cities in their pursuit of material things, children are lagging in the discharge of their duties towards the parents and grandparents.

Just by managing their care based on financial help, you cannot assume hundred per cent execution of, and exemption from, your duties. After the birth of a child, until he/she begins to speak and walk, the presence of the mother is indispensable for the kid. In the same way, elders expect the same affection and intimacy from their children after a time.

Financial support is a must: As age progresses, the needs and preferences of the elderly change. They will have to be provided with financial security for every requirement including medicines, treatment, food and clothes. Support them financially if they are not independent and get

banking services and facilities for those who have pension and other social security assistance from the Government or other organisations.

Do keep in mind that the elderly are the pillars of our society. The stronger we make them, the stronger the all-round development of our society and nation will be. For the welfare and care of the elderly, we must protect the already existing social support systems and traditional social institutions such as the family and kinship, neighbourhood bonding, community bonding and community participation.

Recently we celebrated Senior Citizen's Day and Ganesh Chaturthi. Remember the mythological story of Ganesh? To prove his superiority, Ganesh's brother Karthik went off on a journey of the three worlds while Ganesh simply circumambulated his parents. When asked why he did so, he answered that his parents Shiva and Parvati constituted the three worlds and thus he was given the fruit of knowledge. Do give your parents and grandparents that status in life.

(The writer is General Manager, Corporate Communications, with Power Grid Corporation of India)

EXPANSION OF MILITARY LOGISTIC FACILITIES

Pentagon: China eyeing India's neighbourhood

Washington: China is seeking to set up more robust logistics facilities in about a dozen countries, including three in India's neighbourhood, to allow the PLA to project and sustain military power at greater distances, according to a Pentagon report.

In addition to the three neighbours of India -- Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Myanmar -- the other countries where China is considering to base its military logistics and infrastructure facilities are Thailand, Singapore, Indonesia, United Arab Emirates, Kenya, Seychelles, Tanzania, Angola and Tajikistan, the report said on Tuesday.

In its annual report "Military and Security Developments Involving the People's Republic of China (PRC) 2020" that was submitted to the US Congress, the Pentagon said these potential Chinese military logistics facilities are in addition to the Chinese military base in Djibouti, which is aimed at supporting naval, air and ground forces projection.

"A global PLA (People's Liberation Army) military logistics network could both interfere with US military operations and support offensive operations against the United States as the PRC's global military objectives evolve," the

Pentagon said in the report.

China has probably already made overtures to Namibia, Vanuatu, and the Solomon Islands, it said, adding the known focus areas of PLA planning are along the Seal Lines of Communication from China to the Strait of Hormuz, Africa, and the Pacific Islands.

Similarly, the Pentagon said, Beijing uses the One Belt One Road (OBOR) initiative to support its strategy of national rejuvenation by seeking to expand global transportation and trade linkages to support its development and deepen its economic integration with nations along its

periphery and beyond.

"OBOR projects associated with pipelines and port construction in Pakistan intend to decrease China's reliance on transporting energy resources through strategic chokepoints, such as the Strait of Malacca," it said.

China leverages the OBOR to invest in projects along China's western and southern periphery to improve stability and diminish threats along its borders, the report said.

First announced in 2013, China's OBOR initiative is a signature foreign and economic policy advanced by President Xi Jinping. **PTI**

US report on nuclear warheads, defence policy utterly wrong: China

AFP ■ BEIJING

China on Wednesday condemned a Pentagon report for claiming Beijing wants to double its stockpile of nuclear warheads within a decade as it seeks to deter the United States from any intervention linked to Taiwan.

The Pentagon's annual study on China's military power issued Tuesday said it has already matched or outstripped the US military in several areas of defence.

It added that the People's Liberation Army aims to be ready to win any conflict with the US over self-ruled Taiwan, which Beijing considers part of its territory.

China's defence ministry called the report "utterly wrong" and a misinterpretation of Beijing's "defence policy and military strategy".

The report "defamed China's military modernisation, defence expenditure, nuclear policy and other issues," the ministry said in a statement.

After blasting Trump on violence, Biden now turns to schools

AP ■ WASHINGTON

Joe Biden plans to hammer President Donald Trump on Wednesday for not helping the nation's schools reopen safely during the coronavirus pandemic, as the Democratic challenger tries to keep the spotlight on the Republican incumbent's handling of the outbreak and the nation's overall security.

Biden and his wife, Jill, a longtime college professor and former high school teacher, will meet with public health experts to talk about school reopening options.

Then the candidate will deliver remarks -- his second speech in three days -- outlining his ideas and accusing the president of making the country less safe.

The event in Wilmington, Delaware, is the latest in a series of dueling efforts by Trump and Biden to cast the other as a threat to Americans' day-to-day security.

It will highlight their vast-

ly different arguments, with Trump steering debate toward "law and order" and Biden pushing a broad referendum on Trump's competence.

"President Trump has no plan," said Biden adviser Symone Sanders, previewing the former vice president's remarks on schools and the pandemic. "Instead," she continued, "he thinks that a fear-mongering campaign stoking violence is going to help him."

Biden, she said, "is demonstrating what a safe America could look like" by talking to experts about school options in a pandemic, while Trump tries to capitalize on the fact that some racial justice protests have led to property damage or turned into violent clashes with counter-protesters.

Trump put his approach on display again Tuesday on a trip to Kenosha, Wisconsin, a city still reeling from protests and violence after another Black man, Jacob Blake, was shot by police.

Biden campaign launches initiative to woo Hindus in US

Washington: The Biden campaign has announced the launch of 'Hindu Americans for Biden', as part of its efforts to attract the over two million members of the community in the US and address their issues, including hate crimes.

Indian-American Congressman from Illinois, Raja Krishnamoorthi, is scheduled to address the first meeting of 'Hindu for Biden' on Thursday, the organisers said on Tuesday.

The move from the Biden campaign comes over a fortnight after the Trump campaign on August 14 announced the formation of the 'Hindu Voices for Trump'. In the November 3 presidential election, Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden and his Indian-American running mate Kamala Harris will challenge incumbent Republican President Trump and Vice President Mike Pence.

This is, perhaps, for the first time in the history of the US presidential elections that the two major political parties have made an outreach coalition for the Hindus in the country. **PTI**

Saudi allows overflights by UAE to all countries

Riyadh: Saudi Arabia has agreed to allow UAE flights to "all countries" to overfly the kingdom, state media reported Wednesday, days after allowing an Israeli aircraft to pass over en route to Abu Dhabi.

Saudi Arabia has accepted an Emirati request to allow "crossing the kingdom's airspace for flights heading to the UAE and departing from it to all countries", the official Saudi Press Agency said, citing a source from the civil aviation authority.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu while announcing that Monday's historic flight of an Israeli aircraft direct to the United Arab Emirates across Saudi Arabia would not be the last.

"Israeli planes and those from all countries will be able to fly directly from Israel to Abu Dhabi and Dubai, and back," Netanyahu said, without giving any timeline.

The announcements come after a US-Israeli delegation visited Abu Dhabi on Monday, on the first direct commercial flight from Tel Aviv to mark the

normalisation of ties between the Jewish state and the UAE. Saudi Arabia has said it will not follow the United Arab Emirates in establishing diplomatic ties with Israel until the Jewish state has signed an internationally recognised peace accord with the Palestinians.

But the kingdom has cultivated clandestine relations with Israel in recent years, in a shift spearheaded by de facto leader Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

In a sign of its cooperation with Israel, Saudi Arabia allowed Monday's historic flight to cross its airspace, halving what would otherwise have been a long detour around the Arabian peninsula.

However, Saudi Arabia, the Arab world's biggest economy and home to Islam's holiest sites, faces more sensitive political calculations than the UAE.

Not only would a formal recognition of Israel be seen by Palestinians and their supporters as a betrayal of their cause, it would also hurt the kingdom's image as the leader of the Islamic world. **AFP**

Putin's critic poisoned with chemical nerve agent: Germany

Berlin: Tests carried out on Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny showed that he was poisoned by a Novichok chemical nerve agent, the German government said Wednesday, demanding explanations from Moscow.

"It is a shocking event that Alexei Navalny has become the victim of an attack with a chemical nerve agent in Russia," said government spokesman Steffen Seibert in a

statement.

"The government condemns this attack in the strongest terms. The Russian government is urgently requested to provide clarifications over the incident."

Tests carried out by the German army in consultation with the Charite hospital in Berlin, where Navalny is being treated, had found "unequivocal evidence of a chemical nerve agent from

the Novichok family," Seibert said.

Navalny, 44, fell ill after boarding a plane in Siberia last month. He was initially treated in a local hospital before being flown to Berlin for treatment.

The Charite hospital has reported "some improvement" in Navalny's condition but he nevertheless remains in a medically induced coma and on a ventilator. **AFP**

Students in Inner Mongolia protest Chinese language policy

Taipei: Ethnic Mongolians, including students and parents, in China's Inner Mongolia region are demonstrating their anger in rare public protests against a new bilingual education policy that they say is endangering the Mongolian language.

A high school student in the city of Hulunbuir said students rushed out of their school on Tuesday and destroyed a fence before paramilitary police swarmed in and tried to return them to class.

"We senior students were talking and we thought we had to do something," said the student, Narsu, who like most Mongolians has only one name.

"Although this doesn't directly affect us now, this will have a huge impact on us in the future."

The policy, announced on Monday ahead of the start of the new school year, requires schools to use new national textbooks in Chinese, replacing Mongolian-language textbooks. Protesters say they were aware of demonstrations and classroom walk-outs in Hohhot, the provincial capital, as well as in the cities of Chifeng and Tonghiao and Xilin Gol prefecture.

Nuomin, the mother of a kindergarten student in Hulunbuir, said she saw police in places she normally wouldn't and a metal barrier in front of one school. She has kept her child home since Monday. **AP**

Around the Globe

Phnom Penh: The Khmer Rouge's chief jailer, who admitted overseeing the torture and killings of as many as 16,000 Cambodians while running the regime's most notorious prison, has died. Kaing Guek Eav, known as Duch, was 77 and had been serving a life prison term for war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Islamabad: Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) has sacked 74 more employees for having fake degrees, engaging in drug smuggling and for poor performance, according to a media report.

Beirut: Lebanon's prime minister-designate began consultations on Wednesday to form a new, crisis Cabinet, a day after French President Emmanuel Macron said Lebanese politicians had committed to a road map that begins with the formation of a government within two weeks to enact reforms.

Portland: Black Lives Matter protesters in Portland, Oregon, shifted their focus to the city's mayor, and police declared a riot as people broke windows, vandalised a business and set a small fire inside the upscale apartment building where Mayor Ted Wheeler lives.

Tokyo: An offshore typhoon brought torrents of rain to southern Japan on Wednesday as it headed to the Korean Peninsula, while another storm in the Pacific grew stronger. Typhoon Maysak was west of Japan, maintaining sustained winds of 162 kilometers per hour with higher gusts, the Japan Meteorological Agency said.

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INFORMATION REGARDING 41st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It is hereby informed that 41st Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Members of Cosco (India) Limited ("the Company") will be held on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 02:30 p.m. through Video Conferencing ("VC") / Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") to transact the business(es), as set out in the Notice of the AGM only through e-voting facility.

The AGM will be held only through VC / OAVM in compliance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and circulars dated May 5, 2020, April 13, 2020 and April 8, 2020 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and SEBI Circular dated May 12, 2020. The instructions for joining the AGM electronically are provided in the Notice of the AGM.

Notice of the AGM along with the Annual Report 2019-20 is being sent only through electronic mode to those Members whose e-mail addresses are registered with the Company or CDSL/ NSDL ("Depositories") and will also be available on the Company's website www.cosco.in and website of the Stock Exchange viz BSE Ltd. at www.bseindia.com.

Members who have not registered their email addresses and in consequence the Annual Report including Notice of AGM and e-voting instructions could not be serviced, may get their email address and mobile number registered with the Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent, Skyline Financial Services Private Limited, by sending a mail to info@skylinerta.com or to admin@skylinerta.com along with scanned copy of the signed request letter providing the email address, mobile number, self-attested PAN copy and Client Master copy, in case of electronic folio and copy of share certificate in case of physical folio, AADHAR (self attested scanned copy of Aadhar Card) for obtaining the Annual Report, Notice of AGM and the e-voting instructions.

The Company has engaged the services of Skyline Financial Services Private Limited as the authorized agency for conducting of the AGM electronically. The facility of casting votes by a member using remote e-voting system as well as e-voting on the date of the AGM will be provided by NSDL. The remote e-voting period will commence from Saturday, September 26, 2020 (9:00 a.m. IST) and ends on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 (5:00 p.m. IST). During this period the eligible members of the Company, holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, may cast their vote electronically. The e-voting module will be disabled by NSDL for voting thereafter i.e. voting shall not be allowed beyond 5:00 p.m. on September 29, 2020. Facility for e-voting shall also be made available during the AGM to those Members who attend the AGM and who have not already cast their vote. The Members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may also attend/ participate in the AGM through VC / OAVM but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again.

The cut-off date for determining the eligibility of members for voting through remote e-voting and e-voting at the AGM is Wednesday, September 23, 2020. Any person, who becomes a member of the Company after the dispatch of Notice and holding shares as on cut-off date, may obtain the login ID and password by sending a request at admin@skylinerta.com or NSDL evoting@nsdl.co.in to cast his/her vote. The detailed procedure for obtaining the login ID and password and exercising e-voting is provided in the Notice of AGM.

Members holding shares in electronic form are requested to intimate any change in their bank mandates to their Depository Participants with whom they are maintaining their demat accounts. The Company or its RTA cannot act on any request received directly from the Members holding shares in electronic form for any change of bank particulars or bank mandates. Such changes are to be advised only to the Depository Participant of the Members. The Members holding shares in physical form are requested to advise any change in their bank mandate immediately to M/s. Skyline Financial Services Private Limited, at its address D-153 A | 1st Floor | Okhla Industrial Area, Phase - I | New Delhi-110 020.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Sd/-
Devinder Kumar Jain
Managing Director and CEO
(DIN No. 00191539)

Place: New Delhi
Date: September 02, 2020

Thailand hits 100 days with no local virus transmissions

Bangkok: Thailand's Prime Minister on Wednesday congratulated his countrymen on the nation having achieved 100 days without a confirmed locally transmitted case of the coronavirus, even as security along the border with Myanmar is being stepped up as a measure against the disease.

Health officials did not highlight the milestone, but Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha described it as a "good accomplishment". **AP**

Charlie Hebdo terror attack suspects go on trial in Paris

Paris: Thirteen men and a woman went on trial Wednesday over the 2015 attacks against the Charlie Hebdo satirical newspaper and a kosher supermarket in Paris that marked the beginning of a wave of violence by the Islamic State group in Europe.

Seventeen people and all three gunmen died during the three days of attacks in January 2015. Later that year, a separate network of French and Belgian fighters for Islamic State struck

Paris again, this time killing 130 people in attacks at the Bataclan concert hall, the national stadium, and in bars and restaurants.

Those on trial in France's terrorism court are accused of buying weapons, cars, and helping with logistics. Most say they thought they were helping plan an ordinary crime. Three, including the only woman accused, are being tried in absentia after leaving to join Islamic State. **AP**

Pak directs American blogger to leave country within 15 days

Islamabad: Pakistan on Wednesday rejected controversial American blogger Cynthia Ritchie's application for visa extension and directed her to leave the country within 15 days. Ritchie had, in June, alleged that she was raped by Pakistan's former interior minister Rehman Malik and accused ex-prime minister Yousaf Raza

Gillani and another former minister of physically manhandling her in 2011.

The Ministry of Interior took the decision after the Islamabad High Court (IHC) asked authorities to make a final decision about the status of her stay in the country.

The IHC Chief Justice Athar Minallah in June had sought an



explanation from the ministry about the status and terms and conditions of the visa issued to Ritchie on a petition filed by an activist of the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), asking it to explain if she was entitled to making political statements, the Dawn newspaper reported. **PTI**

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EXTRACT OF STANDALONE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR QUARTER ENDED 30th JUNE, 2020

Script Code -531406(BSE)		(Rs.in Lakhs)		
Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended 30.06.2020 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended 30.06.2019 (Unaudited)	Year Ended 31.03.2020 (Audited)
I	Total Income from operations	0.51	6.75	13.9
II	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before tax and Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	-16.88	-21.18	-71.71
III	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	-16.88	-21.18	-71.71
IV	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	-16.88	-21.18	-71.71
V	Total Comprehensive income for the period (comprising profit/(loss) for the period (after tax) & other comprehensive income(after tax)	-16.88	-21.18	-71.71
VI	Reserves (Excluding revaluation reserve as shown in the Balance Sheet of previous year)	233.11	300.52	249.99
VII	Paid-up equity share capital (Face Value Rs.10 per share)	925.56	925.56	925.56
VIII	Earnings per equity share of Rs.10 /each for continuing operations and discontinuing operations			
(a)	Basic	-0.18	-0.23	0.78
(b)	Diluted			

NOTES:

- The above result is an extract of detailed format of quarter ended 30th June, 2020 filed with Stock Exchange (BSE) as per as per Reg 33 of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015 and full format is available on the website of the company and BSE
- The financial results quarter ended 30th June, 2020 were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by Board of Directors in its meeting held on 01/09/2020.
- Figures for the previous year / period have been re-arranged wherever necessary.
- The above results are available on company's website: www.ansfoods.com and on website of BSE.

For ANS industries Limited
Sd/-
(Mehinder Sharma)
Managing Director
DIN-0036146

Date: 01/09/2020
Place: New Delhi

FORM G INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Under Regulation 36A (1) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016

RELEVANT PARTICULARS	
1 Name of the corporate debtor	Kopargaoon Ahmednagar Tollways (Phase I) Private Limited
2 Date of incorporation of corporate debtor	15th October, 2012
3 Authority under which corporate debtor is incorporated/registered	Registrar of Companies, Delhi
4 Corporate Identity number of corporate debtor	U45203HR2012PTC047422
5 Address of the registered office and principal office (if any) of corporate debtor	Reg. Office: S10, 5th Floor, ABW Tower, IFFCO Chock MG Road, Gurgaon 122002 Toll plaza: Kopargaoon Ahmednagar Tollways Phase -1 A/p Nirmal Pimpri, Tal Rahata, Dist. Ahmednagar-423107.
6 Insolvency commencement date of the corporate debtor	Date of Order: 7th October, 2019
7 Date of invitation of expression of interest	3rd September, 2020
8 Eligibility for resolution applicants under section 25(2)(h) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 ("Code")	The eligibility criteria is mentioned in detailed Invitation for Expression of Interest to submit Resolution Plans.
9 Norms of ineligibility applicable under section 29A are available at:	The norms of ineligibility under Section 29A of the IBC are mentioned in the detailed Invitation for Expression of Interest to submit Resolution Plan.
10 Last date for receipt of expression of interest	18th September, 2020
11 Date of issue of provisional list of prospective resolution applicants	28th September, 2020
12 Last date for submission of objections to provisional list	3rd October, 2020
13 Date of issue of final list of prospective resolution applicants	13th October, 2020
14 Date of issue of information memorandum, evaluation matrix and request for resolution plans to prospective resolution applicants	3rd October, 2020
15 Manner of obtaining request for resolution plan, evaluation matrix, information memorandum and further information	The Resolution Professional will share the documents through Electronic Mail or Virtual Data Room in accordance with the provisions of the Code and Regulations made thereunder.
16 Last date for submission of resolution plans	2nd November, 2020
17 Manner of submitting resolution plans to resolution professional	Manner shall be specified in the request for resolution plans.
18 Estimated date for submission of resolution plan to the Adjudicating Authority for approval	7th November, 2020
19 Name and registration number of the resolution professional	Mr. Udayraj Patwardhan IP Registration No. IBS/PPA-001/IP-P00024/2016-17/10057
20 Name, Address and e-mail of the resolution professional, as registered with the Board	Name: Mr. Udayraj Patwardhan Address: Sumeetha Management Solutions Private Limited C 703, Marathon Innova, Lower Parel West, Mumbai-400 013 Email ID: udayraj_patwardhan@sumedhamanagement.com
21 Address and e-mail to be used for correspondence with the resolution professional	Address: Sumeetha Management Solutions Private Limited, 802-810, 8th Floor, B Wing, Trade World, Kamala Mills Compound, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai 400013. Email ID: katpl@sumedhamanagement.com
22 Further Details are available at or with	Same as S.No. 21 above.
23 Date of publication of Form G	3rd September, 2020

Notes: 1. The RP / COC shall have discretion to change the criteria for the EOI at any point of time. 2. RP / COC reserves the right to cancel or modify the process / application without assigning any reason and without any liability whatsoever. 3. Detailed invitation for expression of interest specifying criteria, ineligibility norms under section 29A of Code etc. can be requested through email on katpl@sumedhamanagement.com

Sd/-
Mr. Udayraj Patwardhan
Managing Director
IP Registration No.: IBS/PPA-001/IP-P00024/2016-17/10057

Markets extend winning run as Reliance sparkles

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Equity benchmarks notched up gains for the second straight session on Wednesday, propelled by market heavy-weight Reliance Industries amid upbeat global cues.

However, border tensions with China and a weakening rupee capped the upside, traders said. After starting on a choppy note, the BSE Sensex gained momentum in late-afternoon trade, before finally closing at 39,086.03, up 185.23 points or 0.48%. On similar lines, the broader NSE Nifty climbed 64.75 points or 0.56 per cent to close at 11,535. Mahindra and Mahindra (M&M) was the top gainer in the Sensex pack, rallying 5.77 per cent, followed by PowerGrid, Tata Steel, IndusInd Bank, Reliance Industries, HCL Tech, ONGC and Infosys. Reliance Industries jumped 1.97%, accounting for over half of the index's gains.

On the other hand, Bajaj Auto, Asian Paints, Sun Pharma, HDFC, Nestle India and HUL were among the laggards, shedding up to 2.62%. "After initially trading with uncertainty, the markets gained strength, in sync with positive global cues. European and Asian markets gained from encouraging economic data which could be assumed as an indicator towards an economic recovery in most of the major economies. "Encouraging US, Chinese and European manufacturing data and also the expectation that US would bring in additional stimulus kept up the buoyancy in the markets. "Domestically, investors chose to ignore the border tensions with China, which led to the volatility in the opening trades. With markets reacting to stock specific news and with heightened volatility, investors are advised to remain alert, trade cautiously and keep booking profits," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

₹ tumbles 16 paise to 73.03 against US \$

Mumbai: The rupee depreciated 16 paise to close at 73.03 against the US dollar on Wednesday amid a strengthening greenback overseas. At the interbank forex market, the rupee opened on a weak note at 73.10, and touched an intra-day high of 72.90 and a low of 73.13 against the American currency. It finally finished at 73.03, down 16 paise over its previous close. On Tuesday, the rupee had rallied 73 paise to breach the 73-mark against the US dollar, closing at 72.87. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose 0.26 per cent to 92.58. **PNS**

Sebi orders to attach bank, demat accounts of 2 dozen defaulters to recovers dues

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Markets regulator Sebi has ordered attachment of bank and demat accounts of two dozen defaulters in the matters of three companies - Mass Infra Realty, Skymarg Agro Industries India and Life Care Real Developers -- to recover dues totalling nearly ₹ 40 crore. The defaulters are 11 directors of Mass Infra Realty, five directors of Skymarg Agro, Life Care and its seven directors, the regulator said in three separate notices.

The decision has been taken after Mass Infra Realty and Skymarg Agro failed to comply with Sebi's direction to refund money to investors to

the tune of ₹37.9 crore and ₹30.67 lakh respectively.

Sebi had directed Mass Infra Realty and Skymarg Agro in April 2016 and November 2017, respectively, to refund money to investors.

The two companies had raised funds through issuance of securities without complying with public issue norms.

In case of Life Care, the regulator initiated proceedings to recover over ₹73 lakh from the company and its seven directors after they failed to pay the fine imposed on them in January, 2019. The pending dues include the initial fine amount of ₹65 lakh, interest of ₹8.1 lakh and a recovery cost of ₹1,000.

IL&FS gets NCLT approval for sale of education assets

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has approved the sale of education assets of debt-ridden IL&FS to Lexington Equity Holdings Ltd (LEHL). A two-member Mumbai bench of the NCLT approved the sale of IL&FS's 73.69 per cent stake in Schoolnet India, formerly known as IL&FS Education & Technology Services, to Falafal Technology Pvt Ltd. Falafal Technology is a step-down subsidiary of LEHL, which already owns 26.13 per cent stake in Schoolnet.

Schoolnet has two subsidiaries - IL&FS Cluster Development Initiative (ICDI) and Skill Training Assessment Management Partners (STAMP) - and also owns 80 per cent stake in IL&FS Skill

Development Corporation (ISDC). "We are of the view that the sale of education assets has been done within the resolution framework and the same is approved and recorded," NCLT said in an order dated August 31.

The tribunal has also allowed other reliefs regarding the deal sought by IL&FS. According to the order, the Committee of Creditors (CoC) has already approved the deal with a voting share of 75.46 per cent by value.

Justice D K Jain, who is supervising the resolution process of IL&FS, had approved the Schoolnet deal on June 4, 2020. The resolution process of IL&FS is being done on the lines of corporate insolvency resolution process under the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code (IBC).

CBIC gives authorities time till Nov 30 for anti-profiteering related compliance

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government has given time till November 30 for authorities, like DGAP, to complete anti-profiteering related compliance, which falls due between March 20 and November 29.

In a notification, the CBIC said "where any time limit for completion or compliance of any action, by any authority...

Under section 171 of the said Act, which falls during the period from the March 20 to November 29, 2020, and where completion or compliance of such action has not been made within such time, then, the time-limit for completion or compliance... Shall be extended up to November 30, 2020".

Section 171 of GST Act deals with anti-profiteering measures.

Courses on digital skills, remote working top picks for Indian professionals: LinkedIn

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Online learning and upskilling has witnessed an uptick in demand following the Covid-19 pandemic and courses on digital skills and remote working have emerged as the top picks for Indian professionals, according to global professional network LinkedIn.

As per LinkedIn Learning Data, in India, there has been an increase of 245 per cent in the number of hours spent on

virtual learning from July 2019 to June 2020, compared to a year earlier. LinkedIn on Wednesday came out with the annual Most Popular Courses list, a round-up of top courses taken most by LinkedIn members in the past year (from July 2019 to June 2020) and offers insight into topics that professionals globally are keen to learn in the current scenario. The list is based on the number of unique learners based in India and across the globe.

PPE kits given to underprivileged children, families

New Delhi: With an aim to providing help to the underprivileged during Covid-19 times, Pyramid IT Consulting Pvt Ltd, along with its social welfare initiative Pyramid Cares, has partnered with CRY (Child Rights and You) and donated over 500 personal protective equipment kits to such children and their families in Ghazipur, East Delhi. "We must continue to give support through financial donations and providing needed resources," said Anil Lanba, India operations head.

Flipkart Wholesale launches operations in 3 cities, to expand to 20 more cities by year-end

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Flipkart Wholesale, digital B2B (business-to-business) marketplace unit of Walmart-owned Flipkart Group, on Wednesday said it has started operations in three Indian cities and will connect local manufacturers with retailers.

The move will allow the company to compete more aggressively against rivals like Udaan and Amazon, which operate wholesale business in the country.

"We are starting with fashion (including apparel, footwear and accessories) in Gurugram, Delhi and Bengaluru, and we will expand to 20 more cities by year-end and in categories such as home and kitchen, and grocery," Flipkart Wholesale Senior Vice President and Head Adarsh Menon told PTI.

He added that Flipkart Wholesale is a one-stop solution for the retail ecosystem that will offer Indian businesses a wide selection of products at significant value, powered by technology.

The aim is to help kiranas grow their business using technology, Menon said.

In July, the Flipkart Group had announced launch of Flipkart Wholesale and acquisition of 100 per cent interest in Walmart India that operated the 'Best Price cash-and-carry' business.

Menon said the 'Best Price cash-and-carry' outlets, which support more than 1.5 million members, including kiranas and other MSMEs, continue to operate separately.

Ministries, CPSEs pay ₹6,800 cr in dues owed to MSMEs in last 3 months: Government

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Central ministries and PSUs have cleared payments to the tune of over 6,800 crore owed to micro, small and medium enterprises in the last three months, the government said on Wednesday.

It said almost three-fourths of the monthly dues have been paid during the same month by most of the ministries and CPSEs. The pending amounts are expected to be released in the normal course of business and within 45 days. The MSME ministry, in a statement, said that "more than ₹6,800 crore have been paid by the Ministries and CPSEs in the last three months alone".

In May, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had said that MSMEs' receivables from the government and Central Public Sector Enterprises

(CPSEs) will be released within 45 days. The Ministry of MSME said it followed up on this announcement vigorously and took up the matter with the central ministries, CPSEs and state governments.

Particularly, very active follow up has been done with the heads of CPSEs, it added.

To make the reporting easy, regular and seamless, a dedicated online format has been made for reporting the monthly payments and pendency, the ministry said. The MSME Development Act of 2006 provides that such dues should be paid within 45 days. "However, it is seen that MSME suppliers of goods and services do not receive their due payments within stipulated time. Public and private entities do cross this time limit and hence they cause hardship to the MSMEs," the statement said.

Govt extends tenure of LC Goyal as ITPO CMD

The Govt has given one year extension up to September 1, 2021 to LC Goyal as Chairman and Managing Director, India Trade Promotion Organisation. He has been serving as the Chairman & Managing Director of India Trade Promotion Organization since September, 2015. Goyal is a 1979 batch retired IAS officer of Kerala cadre served as the Union Home Secretary in 2015 apart from holding several key positions at the Centre and in the State of Kerala.

CS Vishwakarma takes charge as DGOF and Chairman of Ordnance Factory Board

CS Vishwakarma, IOFS, has taken over charge as the Director General of Ordnance Factories (DGOF) and Chairman of the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) w.e.f. 1st September 2020 from Shri Hari Mohan, IOFS, who superannuated from service.

Vishwakarma, an IOFS officer of the 1984 batch, holds a Masters Degree in Technology and a Bachelor Degree in Mechanical Engineering with Honours. Before taking over as the DGOF & Chairman, he was the Additional DGOF and Member of the Armoured Vehicles Group.

In a career spanning 36 years, he has contributed significantly in various capacities across the country. Some of his



assignments were at the Gun Carriage Factory Jabalpur, the Ordnance Factory Trichy, the Ordnance Factory Dehradun, the Ordnance Factory Kanpur, the Ammunition Factory Khadki (Pune), the Machine Tool Prototype Factory Ambernath (Mumbai) and at the headquarters of the Ordnance Equipment Factories.

INTAS develops Covid-19 Hyperimmune Globulin-A New Treatment

Intas Pharmaceuticals Ltd is a leading pharmaceutical company from India. As per IQVIA (IMS), Intas is the 9th largest company in India having a strong presence in chronic therapeutic segments. Intas also has expertise in blood plasma products through its wide range of Albumin, Immunoglobulins and Coagulation Factors used in the treatment of various lifesaving conditions. It has been the first to launch 4 plasma products in the country.

The R&D team at Intas has developed COVID-19 specific Hyperimmune Globulin as treatment for patients suffering from moderate to severe COVID-19 infection. Hyperimmune Globulin also has potential for use as prophylaxis for all high-risk population in contact with

COVID-19 patients. This could be an important therapeutic option that can potentially help combat the disease until a vaccine is available. Intas is among the world's first to adopt this approach for treating COVID-19 patients. This will be a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative from Intas in collaboration with all Indian Blood Banks, that will help to procure convalescent plasma (plasma extracted from patients recovered from COVID-19 infection).

Intas has received permission from the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI), to conduct clinical trial by using the newly developed COVID-19 specific Hyperimmune Globulin. After establishing its usefulness in the clinical trial, this product will be available for use in treating COVID-19.

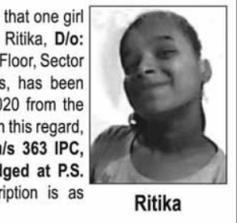
RITES gets shareholders' nod for ₹6 per share dividends

Gurugram: RITES Ltd. (NSE: RITES, BSE: 541556), the leading Transport Infrastructure Consultancy and Engineering firm, conducted its 46th Annual General Meeting on 28th August 2020 through video conferencing due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

During the AGM, the shareholders approved all the resolutions including the adoption of Audited Financial Statements of the company for the FY 2019-20 and approval of final dividend of ₹6 per share. This is in addition to the earlier two interim dividends which take the dividend payout of the company to 67% on the standalone PAT of FY 19-20. The cut-off date for final dividend payout was 20th August 2020 (end of the day).

SEARCH OF MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo) **Namely:** Ritika, **D/o:** Gyan Chand, **R/o:** G-26/248, First Floor, Sector 3, Rohini, Delhi. **Aged:** 15 years, has been missing/ kidnapped since 23.05.2020 from the area of P.S. South Rohini, Delhi. In this regard, a **Case Vides FIR No. 257/20 u/s 363 IPC, Dated 14.07.2020** has been lodged at P.S. South Rohini, Delhi. Her description is as under:



Height: 5'3" feet, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Yellow Colour Suit, White Colour Palazzo and Slipper in feet. If anyone has any information about the missing/kidnaped girl, then please inform P.S. South Rohini, Delhi at email: cicbcbi@cbi.nic.in or website: <http://cbi.nic.in> Fax: No.011-23011133, Ph.: 011-23014046 (Direct), 23015229, 23015218 Extn. 210.

S.H.O P.S. South Rohini, Delhi Ph.: 011-27512189, 27510515

DP/342/RD/2020.

SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPED



General public is hereby informed that a girl (depicted in the photo), **Namely:** Lata **D/o** Jai Shankar **R/o** H. No. C-2/444, Nand Nagri, Delhi has been kidnapped since 07.08.2020 from her house. In this regard a case vide FIR No. 513/20 u/s 363 IPC dated 10.08.2020 has been registered at Police Station Nand Nagri, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

Age : About 17 Years, **Height:** 5', **Complexion :** Shallow, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Strong, **Wearing :** White colour suit-salwar and lady chappal in feet.

Any person having any information/Clue about this kidnapped girl, may inform SHO, Nand Nagri, Delhi. at E-mail id - cic@cbi.gov.in or Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>

Phone: 011-24368638, 24368641 **SHO** P.S. Nand Nagri, Delhi North-East Distt., Delhi DP/250/NE/2020 Ph. No. 011-22583307, 22585985

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Anjali Kumari, D/o: Dhanesh Saha, R/o: H. No. D-86A, Rajeev Nagar, Begumpur, Delhi** has been reported missing since 23.08.2020 at about 09:00 AM from her house. In this regard FIR No. 265/20, dated 27.08.2020 has been registered at P.S. Begumpur, Delhi. The description of missing girl is as under:

Name: Anjali Kumari, **Age:** 17 Years, **Height:** 5', **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Oval, **Hair:** Black Long, **Wearing:** Blue colour jeans, blue colour T-shirt and ladies Sandal in feet.

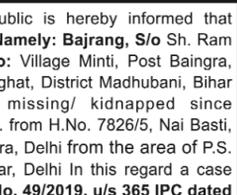
If anyone has any information about this missing girl please inform P.S. Begumpur, Delhi.

Web: <http://cbi.nic.in>, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639 **SHO** Police Station, Begumpur, Delhi Ph: 011-27579029, 8750870323 DP/357/RD/2020

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General Public is hereby informed that one male **Namely:** Bajrang, **S/o** Sh. Ram Kumar, **R/o:** Village Minti, Post Baingra, P.S. Saharghat, District Madhubani, Bihar has been missing/ kidnapped since 18.01.2016. from H.No. 7826/5, Nai Basti, Ahata Kidara, Delhi from the area of P.S. Sadar Bazar, Delhi In this regard a case vide **FIR No. 49/2019, u/s 365 IPC dated 09.02.2019** has been registered at P.S. Sadar Bazar, Delhi. The description of the missing/ kidnapped male is as under: **Age:** 28 years, **Height:** Approx 5'6", **Face:** Round, **Complexion:** Dark, **Hair:** Black, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Shirt and pant. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the male but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this male kindly inform to the following.

Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> E-mail Id - cic@cbi.gov.in Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 **SHO** P.S. Sadar Bazar, Delhi Fax No. 011-24368639 Ph.: 011- 23512411, 8750870124 DP/493/N/2020



Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Radhika D/o** Satyanarayan **R/o** House of Satte, Post Office Wali Gali, Village Ladpur, Delhi. **Age:** 15 years, **Height:** 5', **Built:** Thin, **Complexion:** Sallow, **Face:** Round, **Hair:** Black, **Wearing:** White Shirt and Blue Jeans pant and Hawal Chappal in feet is missing/ kidnapped since 25.08.2020 at about 9.00 AM from the area of P.S. Kanjhawala, Delhi. In this regard a vide case **FIR No. 314/20 dated 27.08.2020 u/s 363 IPC** has been registered at P.S. Kanjhawala, Delhi.

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

E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.nic.in Ph.: 011-24368638,24368641 **SHO** P.S. Kanjhawala, Delhi. Fax : 011-24368639 Ph.: 011-25951486, 25951634, DP/353/RD/2020 8750870324

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one person namely **Vishnu S/o Lakhpat Singh R/o** H.No.B-3/145, B Block, Agar Nagar Prem Nagar III, Delhi has been missing/kidnaped from the area of P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi since 24.08.2020. In this regard, a case vide **DD No. 85-A, dated 25.08.2020** has been registered at P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi. The description of the missing person is as under.

Age: 18 Years, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Height:** 4', **Face:** Round, **Hair:** Black Normal, **ID:** His name engraved on his left hand. **Wearing:** Pink colour T-Shirt, Black colour Jeans and chappal in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out him but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing person then please inform P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi following Tel No. / e-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in and Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 **Sd/- S.H.O.** P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi Ph: 8750870322 DP/348/RD/2020



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Reg. Off.: DTJ-719, 7th Floor, DLF Tower B, Plot No. 11, Jasola District, New Delhi-110025
CIN: L74140DL1989PLC131289 **Phone:** 011-40541077/41041149, **Telefax:** 011-40541077 **Email:** info@atlasjewelleryindia.com, **Web:** www.atlasjewelleryindia.com
NOTICE OF 30th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, E-VOTING INFORMATION AND BOOK CLOSURE
NOTICE is hereby given that:

- The 30th Annual General Meeting of the Company ("30th AGM") will be convened on Friday, 25th September 2020 at 02:00 p.m. IST through Video Conferencing ("VC")/Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") Facility to transact the Ordinary and Special Business, as set out in the Notice of the 30th AGM, in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rules framed thereunder and the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 read with General Circular Nos. 14/2020, 17/2020 and 20/2020 dated 8th April 2020, 13th April 2020 and 5th May 2020, respectively, issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA Circulars") and Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/79 dated 11th May 2020 issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI Circular"), without the physical presence of the Members at a common venue.
- In terms of MCA Circulars and SEBI Circular, the Notice of the 30th AGM and the Annual Report for the year 2020 including the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March, 2020 ("Annual Report") has been sent email to those Members whose email addresses are registered with the Company/Depository Participants(s). The requirements of sending physical copy of the Notice of the 30th AGM and Annual Report to the Members have been dispensed with vide MCA Circulars and SEBI Circular.
- Members holding shares either in physical form or dematerialized form, as on the Cut-Off Date Friday, September 18, 2020, may cast their votes electronically on the Ordinary and Special Business, as set out in the Notice of the 30th AGM through electronic voting system ("remote e-Voting") of Central Depository Services (India) Limited ("CDSL"). All the members are informed that:
 - the Ordinary and Special Business, as set out in the Notice of the 30th AGM, will be transacted through voting by electronic means;
 - the remote e-voting shall commence on Monday, September 21, 2019 (10:00 a.m. IST);
 - the remote e-voting shall end on Thursday, September 24, 2019 (05:00 p.m. IST);
 - the cut-off date, for determining the eligibility to vote through remote e-Voting or through the e-Voting system during the 30th AGM, is Friday, September 18, 2020;
 - any person, who becomes Member of the Company after sending the Notice of the 30th AGM by email and holding shares as on the cut-off date i.e. Friday, September 18, 2020, may obtain the login ID and password by sending a request at helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com. However, if a person is already registered with CDSL for e-voting then existing user ID and password can be used for casting vote;
 - The members may note -
 - the remote e-Voting module shall be disabled by CDSL after the aforesaid date and time for voting and once the vote on a resolution is cast by the Member, the Member shall not be allowed to change it subsequently;
 - The Members who have cast their vote by remote e-Voting prior to the 30th AGM may participate in the 30th AGM through VC/OAVM Facility but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again through the e-Voting system during the 30th AGM;
 - The Members participating in the 30th AGM and who had not cast their vote by remote e-Voting, shall be entitled to cast their vote through e-Voting system during the 30th AGM; and
 - a person whose name is recorded in the Register of Members or in the Register of Beneficial Owners maintained by the depositories as on the cut-off date only shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-Voting, participating in the 30th AGM through VC/OAVM Facility and e-Voting during the 30th AGM;
- The Notice of AGM is available on the Company's website www.atlasjewelleryindia.com and also on the CDSL website www.evotingindia.com;
- Members are requested to address their queries/grievances connected with the regarding attending AGM & e-Voting from the e-Voting System, if any, write an email to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com or contact Mr. Nitin Kunder (022-23058738) or Mr. Mehboob Lakhani (022-23058543) or Mr. Rakesh Dalvi (022-23058542). They can also refer the Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs") and e-voting manual available at www.evotingindia.com, under help section.
- those Members holding shares in physical form, whose email addresses are not registered with the Company, may register their email address by sending, scanned copy of a signed request letter mentioning name, folio number and complete address, self attested scanned copy of the PAN Card; and self attested scanned copy of any document (such as AADHAR Card, Driving License, Election Identity Card, Passport) in support of the address of the Member as registered with the Company, by email to investor@atlasjewelleryindia.com. Members holding shares in demat form can update their email address with their Depository Participant.
- Pursuant to Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 Read with Rule 10 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 and Regulation 42 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Register of Members and Share Transfer Book of the Company will remain closed from Saturday, 19th September, 2020 to Friday, 25th September, 2020 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of AGM.

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For ATLAS Jewellery India Limited
Sd/-
Place: New Delhi (Chandan Mahapatra)
Date : September 02, 2020 Company Secretary & CFO

Trend Blazer

Not ready to enter politics: Sonu

Actor **SONU SOOD** says he is not interested in entering politics at the moment as he still has miles to go as an actor.

"I have been getting offers to join politics from the past 10 years. Many people have told me, 'you'll be a great leader'. But I feel I have miles to go as an actor. I still have to do a lot of things that I want to do. One can enter politics anytime and I am not the kind who will try to sail in two boats," said Sonu.

"If I get into politics, I'll give my 100 per cent. And I think that at the moment, I am not answerable to anyone and that is why I can do things in a more open way. I don't have to ask anyone or any party 'what should I do'. I decide and do it on my own will," added he.



'I wish I had learned more about growing and farming in school. We have no understanding of how to nurture and grow plants, grains and crops. It should be taught at school so that for the future generations can actually practice it, as opposed to feeling it's something very complex and tough, and only meant for farmers.'

Alleging that there are rumours about actors Ranveer Singh, Ranbir Kapoor, director Ayan Mukerji and a person named Vicky Kaushik, being cocaine addicts, actor **KANGANA RANAUT** has suggested that these Bollywood personalities should send their blood samples for drug test.

"I request Ranveer Singh, Ranbir Kapoor, Ayan Mukerji, Vicky Kaushik to give their blood samples for drug test. There are rumours that they are cocaine addicts. I want them to bust these rumours. These young men can inspire millions if they present clean samples @PMOIndia," tweeted she.



Nature a part of our life: Mirren

Actor **HELEN MIRREN** feels nature plays an important role in the existence of humankind, and the ongoing pandemic is a lesson in that direction.

Mirren, who recently participated in a special virtual press event for her forthcoming film, *The One And Only Ivan*, found the technical experience, necessitated by post-COVID-19 norms, to be a fascinating one.

"It was a fascinating technical experience, and that's the amazing thing about our job. We are always exposed to completely new experiences," Mirren said. *The One And Only Ivan* talks of animal rights, and opens up a conversation about animal care and treatment.



BUY LESS, CHOOSE WELL

Consumers are becoming increasingly picky about sustainable clothing and home textiles, narrowing down to raw materials used. TEAM VIVA interprets a survey of post-pandemic choices

To understand consumer interest in sustainable materials and their current knowledge, Lenzing Group (Lenzing), a global leader in sustainably produced wood-based specialty fibers, announced findings from its global consumer perception survey. It assessed the perception and behaviour of the conscious consumer towards sustainable clothing, home textiles and raw materials.

A total of 9,000 respondents across nine countries aged between 18 and 64 were surveyed using online questionnaires. The report provided a glimpse into consumer habits towards pursuing a sustainable lifestyle, their knowledge of the raw materials and home textiles, their perception towards the brands and preferred product descriptions. The survey also reflected the need for closer collaboration within the clothing and home textile industries to provide consumers with more transparent information about the products that they purchase. Here are the key findings of the survey:

Conscious consumers actively engage in pursuing a sustainable lifestyle and are constantly educating themselves about raw materials.

Almost all (86 per cent) respondents believed in purchasing clothes made from sustainable raw materials. It was a key component of living a more sustainable lifestyle. They frequently purchased products from the brands that are committed to using sustainable raw materials (80 per cent) or recycled products (77 per cent). The survey revealed that the majority of respondents actively learned about sustainability through researching the production process of the products (76 per cent in clothing and 74 per cent in bedding and home textiles). They also tend to read label hang tags (88 per cent in clothing and 86 per cent in bedding and home textiles). Most of the respondents were willing to pay an average of 40 per cent more for clothing or home textile products with descriptions that reflect sustainability.

When shopping for clothes and home textile products, around 44 per cent of the respondents considered the



material type to be their most important choice, which was above price, design, brand reputation and function.

Products described as eco-friendly or natural with a biodegradable or recyclable afterlife appeal to consumers.

When asked about the definition of sustainable clothing, respondents considered products being processed or manufactured using eco-responsible techniques. They preferred products made from natural, organic or botanic materials. Over 80 per cent of the respondents expressed that they were "extremely interested" or "very interested" in slow fashion and purchasing clothes made from sustainable raw materials.

When asked about their preference for clothing and home textiles, half of them said that they would be more likely to purchase a product described as "eco-friendly" or "natural". Whereas over 60 per cent of respondents were more likely to purchase products with a "recyclable" or "biodegradable" afterlife. Given the popularity of such terms, brands should provide greater clarity and detailed information to the customers about the materials that they have used, production process and afterlife of the product.

Brands with greater transparency on raw materials and ingredients can gain consumer trust.

Most of the respondents considered

brands that were transparent with their ingredients (83 per cent) and the origin of their raw materials (82 per cent) as trustworthy. At the same time, they also considered brands that were transparent about their production process (82 per cent), sustainable practices (81 per cent) and where their raw material comes from (82 per cent) as trusted ones. Approximately 87 per cent of the respondents believed that knowing what raw materials were used in their clothing and home textile products was important to build confidence in a brand.

"The findings of this survey prove the value of the group's ongoing efforts in driving the sustainability dialogue across the textile supply chain, from yarn makers to consumer brands. Based on the survey, we gained a more comprehensive understanding of consumer perceptions globally. The rating of material type being the top consideration factor when shopping for clothing and home textile products has also echoed our belief that consumers value and actively look out for sustainable products. This survey provided us, our partners and brands with insights to curate more targeted strategies and programmes to drive sustainability, not only on raw materials, but also product afterlife. In the long run, we hope to bring optimal value for the clothing and home textiles industry supply chain and help brands achieve new heights, drive sustainability and safeguard our planet," said Florian Heubrandner, Vice President of Global Business Management Textiles at Lenzing.

Collaboration in the fashion and tex-

tile industry is essential for driving greater transparency.

Though sustainability has been a hot topic among brands to enhance transparency, there is still room for the supply chain to evolve communications on raw materials, production process and product afterlife. Given consumers are already actively searching for sustainable products, it is important for the industry and brands to revolutionise how technical knowledge is translated into consumer language on websites, product tags and labels.

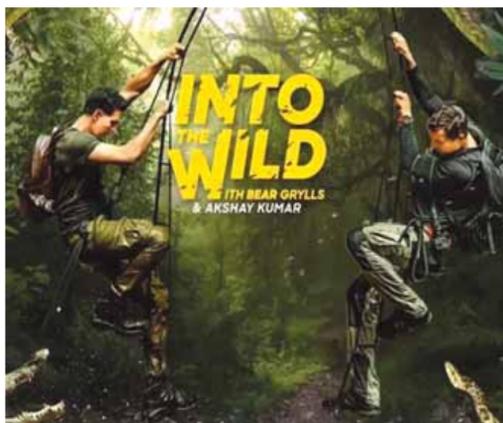
To drive this change, the company has been taking the lead with a three-pillar approach to increase industry collaboration and shift towards sustainability by ensuring a higher degree of transparency and enabling verification of raw material origin from production process to final garment. The three-pillar approach covers special fiber identification technology, a blockchain-based tracking system and proactive supply chain collaboration and planning.

"We are thrilled to see more consumers embrace a sustainable fashion lifestyle by making informed purchases based on research and reading product labels. With rising consumer expectations towards sustainability, over the past few years, we have been transforming and upgrading the Tencel brand experience through proactive engagement programmes on sustainable cellulosic fibers," said Harold Weghorst, Vice President of Global Brand Management at Lenzing.

"Consumer interest in eco-friendly and biodegradable products aligns with our ongoing commitment to bring brands and consumers more sustainable and biodegradable options to the clothing and home textile industries. Derived from sustainably sourced wood, Tencel branded fibers offer breathability, quality and biodegradability to clothing and home textile fabrics that are used in our everyday lives. While we continue to advocate for innovation in sustainable raw materials, we will continue to go beyond fibers and look for new ways to engage brands and consumers, enabling them to embrace sustainability anytime, anywhere," added Weghorst.

On the road of thrills

Actor **AKSHAY KUMAR** and adventurer **BEAR GRYLLS** set out on a classic military-style mission in the forthcoming episode of *Into The Wild*



techniques with me," said Akshay. "What I found interesting about the show is how nicely purpose is incorporated in an entertaining, survival and adventure-led show. With regards to *Bharat Ke Veer*, it is a project which remains close to my heart and I will continue to use all opportunities to help promote it with an aim to

ensure that more and more countrymen become a part of it," added he.

"I did my homework prior to meeting Akshay. I knew he is a superstar but what struck me the most during our time together was his humility, his easy approach. He is, at heart, still that guy next door. Lots of common-

alities between the two of us — including passion towards fitness, dedication to family et al, I really enjoyed being with him. Akshay's eyes lit-up with the mention of a new challenge and believe me, not many celebrities, across the world, have reacted so warmly to some harsh tasks that I can conjure," said Grylls.

Megha Tata, Managing Director - South Asia, Discovery, said, "Bear Grylls' expedition in Indian wilderness with iconic Indians has already emerged as the most wanted, the most watched show in the infotainment genre. Akshay, the *khiladi* himself, fits the bill perfectly as we aim to ensure that this IP garners unprecedented traction."

Beyond Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Grylls has also hosted prominent celebrities in the past such as then sitting American President Barack Obama, Kate Winslet, Roger Federer, Julia Roberts and many more. (While the show streams on September 11 on Discovery Plus at 8 pm, the broadcast premiere of the show is scheduled for 8 pm on September 14 across 12 Discovery channels.)

The journey begins

Actor **AYUSHMANN KHURRANA** starts his physical transformation for his next film, a progressive love story by director **ABHISHEK KAPOOR**

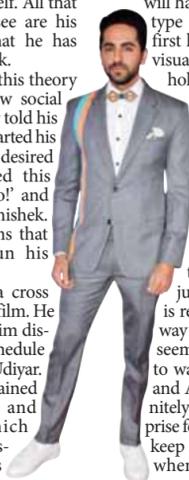
Actor Ayushmann Khurrana is undergoing a massive physical transformation for his next, a progressive love story that is being directed by filmmaker Abhishek Kapoor. It has come to light that he is being severely elusive on his social media and hasn't been posting new images of himself. All that people are getting to see are his endorsement shoots that he has wrapped some time back.

Ayushmann fueled his theory further through his new social media update. The actor told his fans that he has indeed started his training to achieve the desired physique. He captioned this screenshot: 'Here we go!' and tagged his director Abhishek. This practically confirms that Ayushmann has begun his transformation journey.

Ayushmann plays a cross functional athlete in the film. He put up a screenshot of him discussing his training schedule with his trainer Rakesh Udiyar. However, he again refrained from coming online and showing himself which means there could be visible changes due to his transformation.

"It is now certain that Ayushmann is hiding his look. He is purposely being elusive on social media because he doesn't want anyone to get a glimpse of his transformation before he starts shooting. Since he plays a cross functional athlete for the first time, Ayushmann will have to change his body type completely and that first look is definitely a big visual for everyone to catch hold off. He is definitely protecting his look or else why would he not upload his images?" says a trade source.

"Ayushmann can really protect his transformation because he is in Chandigarh and we think he intends to do just that till the first look is released by him. By the way he is being elusive, it seems like it will be a look to watch out for. Abhishek and Ayushmann have definitely planned a big surprise for the audience. So, let's keep an eye on how and when Ayushmann's look comes out," says the source.



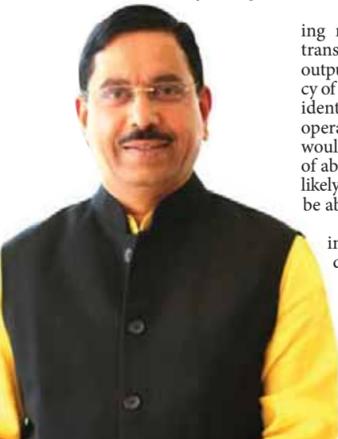
Mining a new future

Union Minister of Coal and Mines PRALHAD JOSHI has announced that Coal India Limited will invest over ₹1.22 lakh crore in 500 projects by FY 23-24

To achieve one billion tonnes (BT) coal production by FY 2023-24 and make the nation "Aatmanirbhar" in coal, Coal India Ltd (CIL) will invest over ₹1.22 lakh crore in about 500 projects related to coal evacuation, infrastructure, project development, exploration and clean coal technologies. Union Minister of Coal and Mines Pralhad Joshi said on Tuesday while addressing a Stakeholders Meet organised by CIL through video conferencing. "Engagement and involvement of all concerned stakeholders in company's affairs will reduce and uncover the project risks. Such two-way interactions help pave way for mutually beneficial newer ideas, improvement areas and project-related expectations," said Joshi.

Out of the proposed spend of over ₹1.22 lakh crore, CIL has planned to invest ₹32,696 crore on coal evacuation, ₹25,117 crore on mine infrastructure, ₹29,461 crore on project development, ₹32,199 on diversification and clean coal technologies, ₹1,495 crore on social infrastructure and ₹1,893 crore on exploration works by FY 2023-24.

Addressing the stakeholders, Joshi said that avenues for business opportunities with CIL are huge. The company would be investing around ₹14,200 crore by FY 23-24 in two phases for its 49 First Mile connectivity projects. First Mile connectivity is the transportation of coal from pitheads to dispatch points. This will make coal transportation and computer-aided load-



ing more efficient. Similarly, in a transformative plan to increase coal output and reduce import dependency of coal in the ensuing years, CIL has identified 15 greenfield projects to operate through MDO mode that would entail a total investment plan of about ₹34,600 crore, out of which likely investment ending in FY 24 will be about ₹17,000 crore.

For evacuation infrastructure, investments in rail logistics like developing major railways (about ₹13,000 crore), railway sidings (about ₹3,100 crore) and procurement of own wagons (₹675 crore) would total up to a likely investment of over ₹16,500 crore by FY 23-24. "Coal India and its subsidiaries are engaged in procurement of various

types of goods, works and services amounting to approximately ₹30,000 crore per year. This is where the role and importance of stakeholder steps in," said the Minister.

"Coal India, in its endeavour to procure goods, works and services in fair, transparent and equitable manner, has made numerous updates, changes in its manuals and guidelines for the benefit of vendors and stakeholders to enhance the 'Ease of Doing Business' and adherence to principles of transparency," Joshi added.

Secretary (Coal) Anil Kumar Jain, CMD CIL Pramod Agarwal and other senior officials from the Ministry of Coal and CIL attended the meet and interacted with the stakeholders.

IN SHORT



Further to the public notices issued by the council, it is informed to the candidates that the second test of NATA shall now be held on September 12. The revised brochure other important revised dates has been uploaded on the website of the

council www.coa.gov.in as well on NATA website www.nata.in. All the candidates who have registered for the second test are advised to opt for their preference for venue of examination i.e. from home or test centre in their respective login accounts. The registration is open till September 4. The mock test shall be conducted by the council on September 7.



Manoj Joshi, General Manager, Metro Railway reviewed the sanitisation work of metro stations and rakes in a meeting held at Metro Rail Bhavan on Tuesday. During the meeting, he instructed the concerned departments to sanitise all stations and rakes of metro regularly to stop the spread of COVID. This is as part of the readiness for commencement of metro services. All senior officers of the department were present in the meeting.

POWERGRID's former CMD nominated for BOG, IIT Bhubaneswar



Dr Rajendra Prasad Singh, former CMD, POWERGRID and independent director, Azure Power Global Ltd, has been nominated as Chairperson of Board of Governors (BOG) of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bhubaneswar for three years with immediate effect.

Dr Singh is known for his singular contribution in bringing economy in project cost as well as operational cost through his non-conventional approach. In spite of interruptions in getting World Bank loan due to sanctions imposed after India tested nuclear device at Pokharan, POWERGRID, under his leadership, built the Talcher-Kolar (Odisha-Karnataka) 2,100 km transmission system in 33 months with an investment of ₹3,300 crore against an estimated time of 42 months and expenditure of ₹4,200 crore. It was nine months ahead of its schedule with a cost saving of ₹900 crore. This feat was recognised by the then Prime Minister, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, who as PM inaugurated the project and held it as an example for others to emulate.

LIC India celebrates 64th anniversary

The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) entered 65th year of its existence on Tuesday. In its 64 years, it has spread its wings to 14 countries and has also ventured into other financial services through its subsidiaries and associates.

Starting with an initial capital of ₹5 crore in 1956, LIC has asset base of ₹31,96,214.81 crore, with life fund to the tune of ₹31,14,496.05 crore. National priorities and obligation of reasonable returns to the policyholders are the main criteria of their investments. The total funds invested for the benefit of the community at large are ₹30,69,942 crore as on March 31.

LIC serves its customers through eight zonal offices, 113 divisional offices, 74 customer zones, 2048 branch offices, 1526 satellite offices, 3,354 life plus offices and 31,556 premium points. It has over one lakh employees, 12 lakh agents and 28.92 crore plus policies in force. It offers a bouquet of 28 plans for sale under Individual Business, each catering to the needs of various segments of the society viz endowment, term assurance, children, pension, micro insur-



ance, health insurance and unit linked products.

During 2019-20, it registered a growth of 25.17 per cent in the new business in terms of the first year premium. The total first year premium amounted to ₹1.78 lakh crore at the end of March 31, capturing 68.74 per cent market share. As on that date, its market share in terms of number of policies was 75.90 per cent garnering 2.19 crore new policies, highest in six years.

Pension & Group Superannuation Business crossed one lakh crore and collected ₹1,26,696 crore as New Business Premium Income registering a growth of 39.46 per cent.

The company's focus has now shifted to improving the online and digital presence in order to remain customer-centric, improve pricing and create operational efficiencies. It has provided digital platform for new business and servicing operations to both, internal and external customers,

including channel platforms like banks and other agencies. Its Customer Portal System is designed to enhance the digital experience and provide online services to the customers. The Customer Mobile App, which is available on both Android and iOS, has more than 34 lakh users. MPIN based access to mobile applications is in place for ease of use to the customers.

It has also leveraged various digital platforms for electronic premium payments to provide a seamless experience to customers. Renewal premium collection transactions through the digital infrastructure have reached 40.23 per cent. It has launched a chatbot, named LIC Mitra, for the convenience of online visitors to the corporate website. It is capable of answering a variety of questions on the plans available for sale, servicing related queries and also premium payment inquiries.

On this anniversary, they re-dedicate themselves to the welfare of the customers in true spirit of their motto, *Yogakshemam Vahamyaham* — thy welfare is our responsibility.

A HELPING HAND

The SRM Institute is offering free education to 300 students from Perambalur parliamentary constituency

This year too. This was also a part of Dr Paarivendhar's election manifesto. Students from the Perambalur Lok Sabha segment, who wish to pursue Engineering, Arts

and Science, Horticulture, Management, Health Sciences, etc, are eligible to apply. Applicants from economically weaker sections will be selected based on their perfor-

mance in their respective board examinations. The scheme will cover complete tuition fees and be renewed on the basis of academic performance. In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, hostel facilities will not be provided this time.



Dr Paarivendhar said that the SRM group would strive to make

education at private universities beneficial to those from the economically weaker section. He said, "Students should utilise this opportunity to pursue higher studies," assuring that the deserving students will also get placements.

(Applications can be submitted online on or before September 10, 2020.)

A few clicks away

ASHOK NIRWAN analyses how smartphone ownership can boost financial services in India

Promoting widespread financial inclusion is key to ensure continued development and growth of any nation. In India, the rapid penetration of financial services over the years has been quite noteworthy, and the increasing ownership of smartphones, especially amongst the low-income groups of the country, has been instrumental in reforming the financial services landscape of the country. As per a market research from techARC, India had about 502.2 million smartphone users as of December 2019. A stark improvement as compared to the previous years, it implies that over 77 per cent of Indians now have access to wireless broadband through their smartphones. A crucial study conducted by ASSOCHAM and PwC reveals that the number of smartphone users in India is likely to rise by 84 per cent to 859 million by 2022.

The reasons for this notable surge in smartphone ownership across the nation could be cheaper smartphones, improved distribution, expansion of networks by the operators, high-speed connectivity, etc. As smartphones make their way to an increasing number of households, especially the poor ones, more businesses now gain easy access to a gamut of financial services at affordable costs — all this with just a few clicks! With this successful marriage of smartphones and financial services leading to more Indians participating in the country's financial sector, financial inclusion would certainly not be a distant goal to achieve. Digital banking is already a widespread trend across tier-1

and tier-2 cities. However, the challenge has been to reach those umpteen number of people in tier-3 and tier 4 cities, and other towns and rural areas, which have for long been devoid of participating in this sector. By giving these people access to basic financial instruments and allowing them to avail easy credit, the internet-enabled smartphones can give enough power in the hands of the poor.

Right from creating a bank account to making payments, transactions, fund transfers, applying for loans, managing insurance, pensions, cheque book requests, etc, smartphones can allow people to fulfil all their financial requirements, without them having to physically visit banks or any other financial institution. The introduction of Unified Payments Interface (UPI) has also contributed towards the seamless shift to digital payments.

In times like these when the world has come to a standstill due to the pandemic of COVID-19, smartphone ownership could indeed be a boon, mobile banking apps can allow all financial transactions, payments, and transfers digitally. Benefits of digital bank accounts could be enjoyed sitting in the safe vicinity of homes.

Having said this, though increased smartphone ownership has paved a bright way for financial inclusion in India, there is still a long way to go. Barriers like lack of financial literacy, irregular incomes, etc, still continue to prevent large sections of the society from participating in the formal financial landscape.

PATNA AIRPORT GOES MODERN

The Jay Prakash Narayan International Airport, Patna, is under the works for some modernisation with a project cost of ₹1,216.90 crore. The airport is one of India's fastest growing in terms of annual passenger growth in last five years with the existing terminal handling almost 4.5 million passengers per annum.

The project, which includes construction of a new integrated terminal building with state-of-the-art facilities, cargo complex, multi-level car parking, air traffic control-cum-technical building, Airport Fire Station, and New Apron with 14 aircraft parking bays, is scheduled to be completed by March, 2023.

After the completion, the annual handling capacity of the airport will be increased to eight million passengers per annum with total area of 7,00,000 sqft having separate departure (upper) and arrival (lower) levels with departure level connected via a flyover to airport entry gate and via a link bridge to the multi-level car parking.

The new integrated terminal building will be a 4-star GRIHA-rated energy-efficient building,



which will be equipped with 52 check-in counters, in-line baggage handling system, five conveyor belts for arriving passengers, well-con-

nected with lifts and escalators, centrally air-conditioned, five aerobridges and interiors depicting the arts and culture of Bihar. Provision

of commercial space of 62,000 sqft has also been kept for world-class shopping facilities (multi-brand retails and F&B) for passenger

delight.

A five-storied building in three lakh sqft area to manage 750 passenger vehicles and top floor of 31,000 sqft commercial area is going to enhance parking and, in turn, passenger convenience. The parking will be connected with the departure level of the new terminal building through a link bridge for pedestrian movement.

The existing terminal building of the airport is also being extended and modified to de-congest and enhance passenger experience. With the completion of extension work in September 2020, new areas of approximately 2,000 sqm will be added in the existing terminal. This will result in an increase of check-in counters from 15 to 20; arrival conveyor belts from two to three; space for placing five Hand Baggage Scanning Machines (from existing three), Registered Baggage Scanning Machines (from existing three), Four Female Frisking Booths (in place of existing two).

This additional infrastructure will significantly reduce waiting time in queues and improve passenger movement.

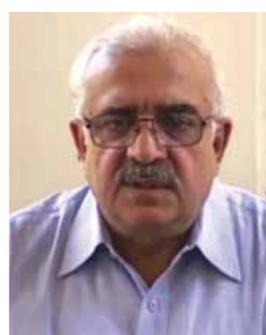
Northern Railways reviews performance

Rajiv Chaudhry, General Manager Northern & North Central Railways held a performance review meeting with the departmental heads of Northern Railway through video conferencing from Baroda House, NR head-quarter office. Among various issues, deliberations were on safety, enhancement of speed, infrastructure and train operations.

Keeping safety as the prime focus, he emphasised on improving the maintenance standards of tracks, coaches, wagons and locomotives. He also advised on training the staff and crew of the trains.

He added that maintaining the tracks and its setup during the peak summer, monsoon and winter season should be done with utmost caution, as this is the time when cases of rail fractures, weathering, corrosion and displacement of sleepers are encountered. He also emphasised on periodical removal of vegetation and tree chopping along the tracks.

Speed enhancement of passenger trains to 160 kmph and beyond is a challenging work taken by them. In this regard, infrastructure upgradation work in existing sections are being assessed



and planned. Some sections which are on high density routes, have their own challenges, as obtaining long blocks for carrying out works is a major constraint. Execution strategies are being planned in the form of pre-fabrication of structures so as to complete maximum work in the short period allotted without disputing the normal train traffic.

To encourage use of railways for movement of freight, goods sheds are being revamped for ease and convenience of loading and unloading of goods. Many railway yards are also set for futuristic

remodeling. This will enhance capacity for coaches and wagons. Staff deployment for such dedicated works will be increased, so as to complete the projects efficiently.

Speaking on the Station Remodeling of Ayodhya, Varanasi and Lucknow Railway stations, GM advised to put in sincere efforts to plan and execute the work. Expressing satisfaction on the performance of the various departments, Chaudhry said, "The pandemic is far from over, it is to be ensured that all laid down rules of staying safe from COVID are followed strictly all over NR."

102 & counting

Serena breaks Chris Evert's record for most wins at US Open since Open Era

trying to become only the third woman in her 40s to win a US Open singles match.

"We would have never thought we would still be out here, to be honest," Serena said.

"I love my job. At the end of the day, I love what I do. I've always said, 'You can't do it forever,'" she said after delivering 13 aces and dropping only six points on her serve.

"One of these days," Serena said, "it's going to end." She has won 23 Grand Slam singles titles, the most in the professional era, which began in 1968; only Margaret Court collected more, with 24.

Six of Serena's trophies came at the US Open, and she also was the runner-up four times, including each of the past two years.

Entering Tuesday, Serena had been 3-2 since tennis matches resumed after a hiatus because of the coronavirus pandemic — and all five went three sets. So Tuesday's match was a welcome change.

"It's been years — since the '90s — since I won a match in straight sets," Serena joked.

"I've been playing a ton of tight matches," she said. "I felt like, all right, I just wanted to be 'Serena-focused' from the first point to the last point, no matter what happens."

Her career mark at the hard-court event is 102-13, a winning percentage of .887.

"In a weird way, I feel like every time I come here, I'm being told I broke another record," Serena said.

"It's cool. I don't think I appreciate it

enough, which is unfortunate," she said. "But I'm in the middle of a Grand Slam, so it's not the time to be focused for me on records when I'm thinking about winning a tournament."

CLUSTERS OUT

Kim Clijsters' first Grand Slam match in eight years ended in defeat when the Belgian veteran was beaten in three sets by Ekaterina Alexandrova. Clijsters, 37, launched the second comeback of her career earlier this year only to see her return thwarted by the Covid-19 crisis.

However she raised hopes of scoring a massive upset over her 21st-seeded Russian opponent on Tuesday after taking the opening set. Alexandrova asserted her class thereafter though, levelling in the second before completing a 3-6, 7-5, 6-1 win.

Australian Open champion Sofia Kenin advanced to the second round with a straight-set win

over Yanina Wickmayer.

The 21-year-old Moscow-born second seed needed just over an hour to score a 6-2, 6-2 win over her unseeded Belgian opponent. She will now play Canada's Leylah Fernandez in the second round.

Tenth seed Garbine Muguruza, the 2016 French Open champion and 2017 Wimbledon winner, advanced to round two with a 6-4, 6-4 victory over Japan's Nao Hivino.

She dedicated the win to compatriot Carla Suarez Navarro, who revealed on Tuesday that she had been diagnosed with Hodgkin lymphoma and will require six months of chemotherapy.

"You know, she's such a nice woman, so sweet, so kind, so humble. When these things happen to these good people, I feel, like, so sad about it," said Muguruza.

And ninth seed Johanna Konta beat compatriot Heather Watson 7-6 (9/7), 6-1 in a tie dubbed the *Battle of Britain*.

Comeback King

With pros in the stands, Murray gets epic fightback win on Slam return

AP ■ NEW YORK

This was the sort of match Andy Murray came back for, the sort of competition and comeback he always lived for, the reason he went through two hip operations and all the hard work that followed.

And it was the type of vintage Murray performance — undaunted by a deficit, adjusting on the fly, muttering all the way — that was too compelling not to watch, so while there are no fans allowed into this US Open because of the pandemic, fellow pros made their way into the stands to see the popular 2012 champion save a match point Tuesday and, eventually, win.

Playing his first Grand Slam match in nearly 20 months, toiling on his metal hip for 4 hours, 39 minutes in Arthur Ashe Stadium, Murray put together his 10th career comeback from two sets down and beat Yoshihito Nishioka 4-6, 4-6, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (4), 6-4.

"It was pretty emotional straight after the match finished, when I got back to the locker room — sort of look at my phone, see the messages from family and friends, the team and stuff. They're the people that have kind of seen me go through everything, been there, seen the tough times," said

Murray, who next plays 15th-seeded Felix Auger-Aliassime, a 20-year-old from Canada.

"I don't know how many of us actually believed I'd be back kind of winning matches like that."

The 33-year-old Murray, who was treated for blisters on his two big toes by a trainer during a medical timeout said, "That's by far the most tennis I've played since 2019, really."

And so many of the sport's biggest names were there to witness it.

They included Novak Djokovic, Dominic Thiem, Naomi Osaka, Garbine Muguruza and others, some nosing while sitting on the balconies of their personal "lounges" — Ashe suites that normally bring in hundreds of thousands of dollars during this tournament but were assigned to seeded players because of the ban on spectators.

"It's rare that you have lots of, like, players watching your match," Murray said. "In some ways, that can be a little bit distracting, if you look up and you've got guys that are in the Top 5, Top 10 in the world watching you and stuff."

Thiem, a three-time major runner-up, and Muguruza, a two-time Grand Slam champion but never in New York, advanced earlier, as did 2014 US Open champion Marin Cilic.

A player who can appreciate Murray's journey perhaps as much as anyone is Andrey Kuznetsov, a 29-year-old Russian who missed about 2½ years because of his own hip injury. Kuznetsov eliminated Sam Querrey 6-4, 7-5 (6), 6-2, becoming the first unranked man to win a Grand Slam match since Nicolas Pietrangeli at Wimbledon in 2007.



SUMIT CREATES HISTORY

Nagal becomes first Indian to win a round at Grand Slam in seven years

PTI ■ NEW YORK

Sumit Nagal became the first Indian tennis player to win a round at a Grand Slam in seven years when he downed American Bradley Klahn in his first round match, setting up a contest against world number three Dominic Thiem.

Returning to the Flushing Meadows where he took a set off

Roger Federer last year, the Indian got past the local rival, ranked just a rung above the Indian at 126th in the world, 6-1, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 in two hours and 12 minutes on Tuesday night.

Somdev Devvarman was the last Indian to win a main draw match at a major and incidentally, it was at the US Open in 2013 when he beat Slovakia's Lukas Lacko after coming through qualifiers.

"I qualified for a junior Slam in 2013 here and then the men's and

now to win my first round here means a lot. I enjoy playing here and it has worked out in my favour few times," Nagal said.

Somdev, who retired in January 2017, had reached the second rounds of Australian Open, French Open and US Open in 2013 apart from playing a second round at the Wimbledon in 2011 but never went beyond that.

Up next for them will be Austria's top player Thiem, who advanced when his Spanish rival

Jaume Munar retired before the start of the third set. Thiem was leading 7-6(6), 6-3 when Munar found it difficult to continue as he injured his knee during the second set.

A fierce fighter, Nagal hardly cares for reputations and is expected to make it tough for the world number three on Thursday.

"I am ready and excited to play him. It's going to be fun and (I will) see where I stand in terms of my tennis level," he said.



Raina: You might see me back in CSK camp in some time

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Suresh Raina has broken his silence over his unexpected pullout from the IPL, saying he returned to India for his family and he might even fly back to Dubai to rejoin the Chennai Super Kings for the tournament beginning September 19.

Raina, who announced his international retirement alongside MS Dhoni on August 15, also rubbished reports claiming a rift between him and his longtime franchise.

The contingent recorded 13 Covid-19 cases, including two players, and Raina's pullout was attributed to that.

"It was a personal decision and I had to come back for my family. There was something that needed to be addressed immediately on the home front. CSK is my family too and

Mahi bhai (MS Dhoni) is very important to me and this was a tough decision," Raina told *Cricbuzz*.

"There is no issue between CSK and me. Nobody will just turn their back on ₹12.5 crore and walk away with a solid reason. I might have retired from international cricket but I'm still young and I am looking forward to playing for them in the IPL for the next 4-5 years," he said.

He also dropped a hint on rejoining the team in Dubai when asked about his future with CSK.

"I've been training even while quarantining here. You never know you might see me in the camp there again," said the southpaw.

Team owner N Srinivasan was not happy

I can't decide on Raina's comeback: Srinivasan

New Delhi: Suresh Raina is like a "son" to him but Chennai Super Kings owner N Srinivasan on Wednesday said the all-rounder's return to the side this IPL season after an unanticipated pullout would be decided by the team management led by skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni.

"I have treated him like one (son). The reason for CSK's success in IPL over the years is because of the fact that franchise never poked its nose into cricketing matters," Srinivasan said.

"We own a team, we own

when he first got to know about Raina's withdrawal from the tournament. The batsman said the former BCCI president is like a "father figure" to him and has every right to snap at him. "He's always stood by me

the franchise but we do not own players. Team is ours but players are not. I don't own the players," he added.

For Srinivasan, the decision on Raina will lay with the team management, which means skipper Dhoni and CEO KS Viswanathan.

"I am not the cricket captain. I have never told them (team management) whom to play, whom to take in the auction, never. We have the greatest captain of all times. So, why shall I even interfere in cricketing matters?" Srinivasan said.

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and is close to my heart. He treats me like his younger son and am sure a lot of what he said was taken out of context. *Ek baap apne bacche ko daant sakta hai* (A father can scold his son). "He didn't know the real

Pattinson replaces Malinga in MI

ABU DHABI: Defending champions Mumbai Indians on Wednesday announced the signing of Australian pacer James Pattinson as a replacement for Lasith Malinga for the upcoming IPL.

The veteran Sri Lankan pacer is unavailable for the season due to personal reasons. "Lasith Malinga has requested unavailability for the season for personal reasons and to be with family back home in Sri Lanka," a media release issued by Mumbai Indians said.

Pattinson will join MI, currently based in Abu Dhabi, this weekend.

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reasons for me leaving when he gave those comments. Now he's been informed about them and he even sent me a message thereafter. We've chatted about it and both CSK and I just want to get over with it," said Raina.

Have picked up leadership traits from Kohli, Dhoni & Rohit: KL

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

In his first high-profile captaincy assignment, K L Rahul is looking to lead from the front and use the nuggets of leadership knowledge he has collected while observing the likes of M S Dhoni, Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma.

Rahul has been handed the Kings XI Punjab captaincy after two stellar seasons with the bat at the top of the order.

"Of course. They have been the most inspiring cricketers and leaders in the last 10 years at least. Having the opportunity to play under them is great learning," Rahul said when asked about the possibility of seeing shades of Kohli and Dhoni in his captaincy.

"Both (Kohli and Dhoni) of them are completely different individuals and lead the team differently. But their passion for the team is the same, they always want to win and



the team together.

"I also want use the same approach with my team and look to lead from the front. It should feel like a team, it should feel like family."

Rahul said he has picked up the tricks of the leadership trade not just from his India skippers but also opposition captains.

"We are always constantly watching the game on the field, I always keep my eyes open to learning. You learn a lot watching the likes of Rohit (Mumbai Indians captain and India captain at 2018 Asia Cup).

"Guys like Kane Williamson. Hopefully, it (the learnings) is all stored in the back of my head (for me to use in the tournament)," said the stylish opener.

To start with at least, Rahul will be opening the batting and wicket-keeping besides plotting the opposition's downfall as captain. It could be too much work in a high-pressure event like the IPL, but Rahul is excited about the challenge.

"I don't know if it is going play a part or hamper anything but I am quite looking forward to the responsibility, it is something I have always enjoyed. I am going in with an open mind and learn on the go," he said.

Sindhu withdraws from Uber Cup

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

World champion P V Sindhu has pulled out of next month's Thomas and Uber Cup Finals due to "personal reasons" and could also miss the subsequent Super 750 tournaments in Denmark.

The Thomas and Uber Cup Finals, scheduled to be held from October 3 to 11 in Aarhus, Denmark is the first tournament in the revised calendar.

"Sindhu will not be able to participate in the Thomas and Uber Cup Finals due to some personal reasons," the Olympic Silver-medallist's father P V Ramana told PTI.

"She has some personal work, so unfortunately she will have to skip the event. We have informed the Badminton Association of India about her decision," he added.

The Thomas and Uber Cup Finals will be followed by the Denmark Open I (October 13-18) and Denmark Masters (October 20-25).

Asked if she would be participating in the two 750 events in Denmark, Ramana said: "Actually that is also (in doubt) ... I mean the entries have been sent for both the events, but it depends on her personal work if she would be able to play both or not. "She may have to skip one tournament in Denmark. If she can complete her personal work then she will play one."

Pak end Eng tour with win

AFP ■ MANCHESTER

Veteran all-rounder Mohammad Hafeez praised teenage debutant Haider Ali's composure after the pair combined to set up Pakistan's five-run victory over England in their tour-ending third T20I at Old Trafford on Tuesday.

It was Pakistan's first victory in 66 days of being in a bio-secure bubble in England and meant they squared this three-match series at 1-1 after a 1-0 loss in last month's three-Test series.

Hafeez made 86 not out and Haider 54 in Pakistan's 190-4.

There was a 20-year age gap between the 39-year-old Hafeez and the 19-year-old Haider but you would not have known it while they shared a stand of exactly 100 after coming together at 32-2.

Hafeez's knock followed his 69 in England's five-wicket win at Old Trafford on Sunday and was his fourth fifty in his last five T20I innings.

Haider came in at 2-1 after opener Fakhar Zaman was out for one but demonstrated a maturity well beyond his years during a 28-ball fifty featuring five fours and



Mohammad Hafeez pats Haider Ali's back after the debutant scores fifty. ICC/Twitter

two sixes. "He was good under pressure and just expressed himself," said player of the series Hafeez of Haider in a post-match interview with *Sky Sports*.

"I was just trying to back him every time, tell him 'you are playing well, continue like that,'" he added. "It is great to see youngsters coming from our system and performing well."

England were 69-4 in their

Langer wary of 'dangerous' England

AFP ■ MANCHESTER

Australia coach Justin Langer said his side would be ready to face a "dangerous" England team after he watched them during their T20 series against Pakistan.

Langer's men face England in three T20s at Southampton, with Friday's opener at the Ageas Bowl their first major match since March, before playing the 50-over world champions in three ODIs in Manchester.

Langer told a conference call from Australia's training base in Southampton on Wednesday that he was wary of Eoin Morgan's men. "Dangerous... that's what

I made of England. I've watched the way Eoin Morgan plays, it's exciting to watch, he just comes out and smacks it from ball one."

"They've been the best one-day team in the world for a few years now... We came here two years ago and got smashed 5-0," added Langer, who said being whitewashed had put "hairs on the chest" of a youthful team.

"We came here last year, won two out of three games, just didn't win the big one in the (World Cup) semi-final. They are a very good cricket team, well led."

"We know what to expect and we'll be ready."

chase before Moeen Ali, who should have been stumped by former Pakistan captain Sarfraz Ahmed on seven, revived their hopes with 61.

But when veteran paceman Wahab Riaz, in for the injured Mohammad Amir, ran out Chris

Jordan and then caught and bowled Moeen, England were 174-8 with seven balls left.

They needed 12 off two balls when Tom Curran hit a six.

But Curran could not repeat the shot when paceman Haris Rauf bowled a last-ball yorker.

Ponting backs 'run penalty' solution offered by Ashwin

PTI ■ DUBAI

Ricky Ponting remains at odds with R Ashwin on the contentious issue of 'Mankading' but proposes introducing a one-run penalty for batsmen backing up too far at the non-striker's end for stealing a single.

The Delhi Capitals coach, a staunch critic of the practice named after former India all-rounder Vinoo Mankad, backed the senior India off-spinner when he asked if the batsman should also be penalised for leaving his crease at the non-striker's end before a ball is delivered.

Ashwin, who will turn out for Delhi Capitals in the upcoming IPL, asked Ponting: "Now no balls are being looked at very closely, every single ball of a T20 game... Can the batsman also be reprimanded on a similar line if he crosses the line?"

Ponting responded in the positive. "I think so," the Australian great said.

"There should be some sort of run penalty. Like if you are to get to the top of your bowling action and stop, and it shows that



the batsman is cheating, he is out of his crease, I think put a run penalty on him.

"... And do it right from the start, because that will stop him straightaway. Imagine taking 10 runs off the team total because you have taken a yard out of your crease. It's got to be... Looked at of things need to be thought out."

The issue became a talking point when Ponting, head coach of Ashwin's team Delhi Capitals, said he would have a discussion with the bowler on the controversial manner of getting a batsman out.