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## China reneging on pacts: India

New Delhi seeks complete disengagement; 4th Brigadier-level parley inconclusive

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**  
A situation remains tense after repeated intrusion attempts by China at the Line of Actual Control in Eastern Ladakh, New Delhi on Thursday blamed Beijing for violation of bilateral agreements and called for speedy disengagement from the flash-points at the LAC. Given the surcharged atmosphere, Army and IAF chiefs on Thursday visited border areas of Ladakh to review operational readiness.



IAF's Chinook helicopter flies amid the prolonged India-China stand off in the Ladakh region on Thursday PTI

Making India's stand clear, External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said, "It is clear that the situation we witness over the past four months is a direct result of the actions taken by the Chinese side that sought to effect unilateral change of status quo. These actions resulted in violation of the bilateral agreements and protocol which ensured peace and tranquility in the border areas for close to three decades."

The fourth round of Brigadier-level talks between the two countries remained inconclusive. They will meet again on Friday to resolve the latest issue.

Reacting to the developments in the last four days when the Chinese troops tried to provoke India, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Bipin Rawat said, "Of late we are capable of handling these. Our tri-services are capable of dealing with threats along our frontiers."

He, however, underlined that India wants peace and tranquility across our borders. His comments come days after the CDS said military option could be exercised if

talks at all levels fail to resolve the more than four-month long stand-offs at the LAC in eastern Ladakh. Army chief General MM Naravane's two-day visit beginning Thursday comes four days after the Indian Army foiled a major bid by 300 Chinese troops to intrude into the southern bank of the Pangong Tso (lake). The Indian action on the intervening night of August 29 and 30 resulted after timely intelligence tip-off about the movement of the Chinese troops and tanks at night.

In a swift move, the Indian troops, including commandos of the covert Special Frontier Force (SFF), thwarted the attempt and occupied strategic heights like the "Black Top" and "Helmet Top".

Naravane visited some key sensitive positions in forward areas of Ladakh to gain first-hand knowledge of the ground situation. He was also briefed about all the aspects of the current issues by local commanders, sources said. Further

- Army, IAF chiefs visit border areas of Ladakh, eastern India to review operational readiness
- Fifth round of Brigadier-level talks will be held on Friday
- The Indian side is firmly committed to resolving all outstanding issues through peaceful dialogue
- These assertions came as China has in the last four days blamed the Indian forces for breaching the LAC and occupying hilltops
- India has maintained the actions on August 29-30 were carried out to defend its interests within its own side of the LAC

review meetings are scheduled for Friday regarding status of operational readiness.

Since the Indian armed forces are alert on the entire 4,000 km LAC from Ladakh in the west to Arunachal Pradesh in the east, IAF chief RKS Bhaduria discussed the entire gamut of preparations during his one-day visit to the Eastern Command in Shillong. He also visited some forward airbases where the frontline fighter jets are now deployed for the last three months since the stand-offs started. In June, Bhaduria made a quiet visit to Ladakh

and Srinagar airbases to review the IAF's overall preparedness. Meanwhile, highlighting that New Delhi wants to resolve the issue through dialogue, the MEA Spokesperson said, "The ground commanders are still holding discussions to resolve the situation. We reiterate the consensus reached between the two Foreign Ministers and Special Representatives that the situation in the border should be handled in a responsible manner and either side should not take any provocative action or escalate matters."

As regards the developments post the attempt by the Chinese troops to unilaterally change the status quo in the South Bank of Pangong Lake on the night of August 29 and early morning on August 30, Srivastava said the Government's stand was clearly articulated in the statement made on September 1.

"I am not going to go over the Chinese actions that caused the recent escalation," he added.

On Tuesday, the Spokesperson had said the Chinese side engaged in "provocative" military maneuvers in the late night of August 29 and 30 in an attempt to change the status quo in the South Bank area of Pangong Lake. The Indian side responded to these provocative actions and took appropriate defensive steps along the LAC in order to safeguard our interests and defend the territorial integrity.

On Thursday, he said now the way ahead is negotiations, both through the diplomatic and military channels. The Indian side is firmly committed to resolving all outstanding issues through peaceful talks.

"We, therefore, strongly urge the Chinese side to sincerely engage the Indian side with the objective of expeditiously restoring the peace and tranquility in the border areas through complete disengagement and de-escalation in accordance with the bilateral agreements and protocols," he said.

These assertions came as China has in the last four days blamed the Indian forces for breaching the LAC and occupying several hill tops. India has maintained the actions on August 29-30 were carried out to defend its interests within its own side of the LAC.

## Capital relapses, spike in Covid cases after 66 days

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**  
Delhi is seeing a major resurgence of coronavirus cases after more than two months of a relatively subdued trend. On Thursday, the national Capital recorded 2,737 cases, the highest single-day tally after 66 days.

Delhi alone is not seeing this renewed surge. Several other States are also recording a rising number of cases on a daily basis. This has pushed India's tally to nearly four million cases. On June 28, Delhi recorded the highest 2,883 new cases and after that the situation remained under control even though the number of testing went up in a big way. When Delhi recorded just 652 cases on August 16, it was assumed that the worst may be finally behind for the national Capital. However the hope has been quickly dashed.

But the cases have been on the rise during the last fortnight. For example, Delhi recorded nearly 11,000 cases in the week between August 21 and 28. In the last one week again, the national capital recorded 10,000 new cases.

With 19 fatalities on Thursday, the total death toll in Delhi stands at 45,000 and the total number of cases at 1.82 lakh.

Meanwhile on Thursday, the Union Health Ministry said the Covid-19 positivity rate among healthcare workers is on the higher side in the States and Union territories of Telangana, Maharashtra, Delhi, Karnataka, Puducherry and Punjab.

"In Telangana, healthcare

workers' positivity rate is 18 per cent, in Maharashtra it is 16 per cent, in Delhi 14 per cent, Karnataka 13 per cent, Puducherry 12 per cent and in Punjab it is 11 per cent. These are the States where the positivity rate among healthcare workers is on a higher side," the Ministry said.

## 40% lost antibody three months after recovery, risk of reinfection high

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**  
A new sero-survey conducted by the Gujarat's Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) has revealed that 40 per cent of patients who recovered from Covid-19 did not have the antibodies three months after they were infected.

This raises concerns of re-infection among the Covid-survivors with the municipal corporation officials not ruling out second wave of the disease.

The survey showed that just 23.24 per cent of samples had antibodies against coron-

avirus, indicating that the city has not developed a herd immunity, an official said even as he warned that the city might witness a possible second and even a third wave of Covid-19 infections, if basic rules of Covid hygiene are not followed.

"At this rate, a second or a third wave of Covid may follow, if precautions are not taken now," the official warned. However, much better picture will emerge from the results of the second sero-survey conducted by the Centre in 18 districts across the country.

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**Covid-19 IN INDIA**

**TOTAL**

**CASES: 39,33,124**

**DEATHS: 68,569**

**RECOVERED: 30,32,916**

**ACTIVE: 8,31,039**

STATES	TOTAL CASES	DEATHS	RECOVERED
Maharashtra	8,43,844	25,586	6,12,484
Andhra Pradesh	4,65,730	4,200	3,57,829
Tamil Nadu	4,45,851	7,608	3,86,173
Karnataka	3,70,206	6,054	2,68,035
Uttar Pradesh	2,47,101	3,691	1,85,812
Delhi	1,82,306	4,500	1,60,114
West Bengal	1,71,681	3,394	1,44,248
Bihar	1,42,156	728	1,24,976
Telangana	1,33,406	856	1,00,013
Assam	1,18,334	330	88,727
Odisha	1,13,411	575	87,351
Gujarat	1,00,375	3,062	81,280
Rajasthan	86,227	1,095	71,220
Kerala	79,626	316	57,728
Haryana	70,099	740	55,889
Madhya Pradesh	68,586	1,483	52,215

## 48,000 jhuggis along rail tracks in Delhi to be razed in 3 months

SC orders courts not to issue any interim stay

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**



Representational image

The Supreme Court has directed the removal of 48,000 slum dwellings along the 140 km length of railway tracks in Delhi within three months and said there shall not be any kind of political interference in execution of the plan. The jhuggi jhopris will be removed in a phased manner.

The top court also restrained any court from granting any kind of stay with respect to removal of encroachments in the area and said in case any interim order is granted with respect to encroachments along railway tracks that shall not be effective.

A bench of justices Arun Mishra, BR Gavai and Krishna Murari, which took note of the report filed by the Environment Pollution (Prevention & Control) Authority (EPCA) directed action be taken to report to the court within one month on removal of waste and encroach-

ments in the area. "We also direct all stakeholders that a comprehensive plan for removal of jhuggies be made and executed in a phased manner. The encroachments which are there in safety zones should be removed within a period of three months and no interference, political or otherwise, should be there and no court shall grant any stay with respect to removal of the encroachments in the area in question," it said.

The bench said, in case any interim order is granted with respect to encroachments, which have been made along with railway tracks that shall not be effective.

The EPCA, in its report, has sought direction to Railways to present a time-bound plan for solid waste management in the northern region, starting with Delhi and its vicinity. "We direct that let the plan be executed with respect to removal of plastic bags, garbage etc. Within a period of three months and a meeting of all stakeholders, i.e. Railways, Govt of NCT of Delhi and concerned Municipal Corporations as well as Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (DUISB) will be called next week and work will be started forthwith," it said.

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## Bars, pubs to reopen from Sept 9 in Delhi

**STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI**

Bars in the national Capital will reopen from September 9 and hotels, restaurants and clubs have been permitted to serve liquor.

The Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) has issued a standard operating procedure (SOP) for operationalisation of bars in hotels, restaurants and clubs as part of measures to contain the spread of Covid-19.

According to order, bars in containment zones shall remain closed and only those outside containment zones will be allowed to open.

"Entry shall only be allowed to persons with face masks. Only asymptomatic staff, customers and guests shall be allowed. Mandatory provisions for hand hygiene (sanitiser dispenser) and thermal screening at the entrance to be made without fail.

"Not more than 50 per cent of the approved seating capacity shall be allowed inside the hotel, restaurant and clubs so that social distancing norms may be maintained," it said.

The order further stated that adequate manpower shall be deployed by the hotels,



restaurants and clubs for ensuring social distancing norms and all the staff shall wear gloves, face-masks and maintain complete health hygiene such as frequent washing of hands, use of sanitiser, etc.

Also, the establishments will have to follow Ministry of Home Affairs' (MHA's) guidelines. "With the approval of Lieutenant Governor Anil Bajaj, authorities have allowed hotels, restaurants and clubs to serve liquor from September 9," a Delhi Government source said.

Earlier, on June 12, the Delhi Government had allowed restaurants, bars, hotels to sell their stock expiring immediately.

## Exercise restraint while reporting on Sushant: Bombay HC

CBI asks Rhea's parents why she left Rajput's home and blocked his mobile number

**TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI**

The Bombay High Court on Thursday advised the media in clear-cut terms to exercise "restraint" while reporting on the Sushant Singh Rajput death case and not to file stories in manner that will hamper the probe in the case.

The CBI questioned Rhea's father Indrajit Chakraborty for the third consecutive day on Thursday for five hours. During the questioning, the CBI once again asked Indrajit about his daughter's relations with Rajput and the actor's family, the reason for Rhea leaving Rajput's home and blocking the latter's mobile

number and Rhea's role in managing the late actor's financial matters.

Hearing a public interest litigation filed by eight retired police officers who held top positions in the Maharashtra police to stop a section of the electronic media from "influencing the course of investigations" in Sushant's death case through "biased and false" reporting, the high court took serious cognisance of the questionable "media coverage" of the actor's death case and asked the media "not to hamper the investigations" in any manner.

"We urge and expect the media to exercise restraint in reporting of the investigation with respect to the (Rajput) death, which should not hamper the investigation in any manner," the Bombay High Court said.

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## CAPSULE

### INDIA THANKS UNSC FOR JUNKING PAK ATTEMPT

**United Nations:** India has thanked members of the UN Security Council who thwarted Pakistan's bid to get two Indian nationals listed as terrorists by the world body's sanctions committee as well as Islamabad's "blatant attempt" to politicise the UN procedure on terrorism.

### DON'T DECLARE ACCOUNTS AS NPAS TILL ORDERS: SC

**New Delhi:** The Supreme Court Thursday directed that accounts, which were not declared as non-performing asset till August 31 this year, shall not be declared NPA till further orders.

### NO NORMS FOR USING MASK WHILE CYCLING



**New Delhi:** The Union Health Ministry has not issued any guidelines recommending wearing of a mask if someone is driving a car or cycling alone, a top government official said on Thursday.

## AIIMS rescinds its order, OPD services to continue

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

Two days after it temporarily stopped routine OPD (Outpatient Department) for two weeks, the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) clarified on Thursday that the OPD services would continue as usual.

"Reference circular on 'Temporary suspension of routine OPD admission' dated September 1, this is to clarify that OPD services at AIIMS, New Delhi, will continue as usual," the statement said. It did

not mention the reason for withdrawing the order.

It has come as a great relief to many patients and their relatives like Rashmi Juneja whose younger brother is admitted at the hospital for serious liver ailment.

"Doctors have recommended his discharge and home care. But I am worried that what will happen if my brother's situation worsens again. Good that they dropped the idea of suspending the OPD services," she said.

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## Twitter account of Modi's personal website hacked

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

Twitter confirmed on Thursday that an account of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's personal website was hacked with a series of tweets asking its followers to donate to a relief fund through cryptocurrency.

The group known as John Wick has claimed the responsibility for the hacking of the website. Twitter said it was aware of the activity with Modi's website account and has

taken steps to secure it.

The tweets, which have since been taken down, asked the followers to donate to the PM National Relief Fund through cryptocurrency.

"We're aware of this activity and have taken steps to secure the compromised account. We are actively investigating the situation. At this time, we are not aware of additional accounts being impacted. Advice on keeping your account secure can be found," according to a Twitter official.

In series of tweets after the takeover of the verified handle, the hacker put out messages seeking donations to the Prime Minister's relief fund for Covid-19 using bitcoins. "This account is hacked by John Wick india@tutanota.com), We have not hacked Paytm Mall," the message said.

The incident comes after several Twitter accounts of prominent personalities were hacked in July.

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## FB bans T MLA Raja but neta says he has no a/c

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

After severe criticism from Opposition parties, including the Congress for its alleged bias to ruling BJP's content, Facebook on Thursday banned Telangana MLA T Raja Singh from its platform and Instagram for violating its policy on content promoting violence and hate.

"We have banned Raja

Singh from Facebook for violating our policy," a Facebook spokesperson said in an emailed statement.

The BJP leader, however, claimed he has no FB account for over a year. The social media giant also responded to the Congress saying the organisation has taken seriously the concerns and recommendations raised by the grand old party and that

it takes allegations of bias seriously and said it always denounces hate and bigotry in all forms.

The action came against the backdrop of both the Congress and Union IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad writing to Facebook chief Mark Zuckerberg, accusing the social media platform's employees of "political bias."

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# Give India 'another chance' to pick Jadhav's lawyer: Islamabad HC to Pak Govt

**Islamabad:** A High Court in Pakistan on Thursday directed the federal government to give India "another opportunity" to appoint a lawyer to represent death-row prisoner Kulbhushan Jadhav as it adjourned hearing for a month. The Islamabad High Court (IHC) took up the case of appointment of lawyer for Jadhav to hear the review of the death sentence given to him by a Pakistani military court. Jadhav, the 50-year-old retired Indian Navy officer, was sentenced to death by a Pakistani military court on

charges of "espionage and terrorism" in April 2017. Attorney General Khalid Javed Khan told the court that to comply with the orders of the International Court of Justice (ICJ), Pakistan granted consular access to India, however, it has not replied to Pakistan's offer to appoint a lawyer for him. According to the short order issued after the hearing, Khan told the court that Jadhav was informed about the judgment of the ICJ and his rights under Article 36 of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations as well as

IHC orders on the appointment of his defence counsel. The Attorney General told the court that he was informed by the officials of the Government of Pakistan that Jadhav has reiterated his earlier stance and has preferred to pursue the remedy of clemency instead of invoking his right under the Ordinance of 2020. Khan told the court that India was duly informed of the proceedings of the court held on August 3, but its response is awaited, according to the order. The court raised questions about the efficacy of the

case and judgment if India or Jadhav were not ready to avail the opportunity of review. The court observed that "in order to remove any further doubt, India should be given another opportunity to appoint a lawyer". "In order to remove any doubt, and to fulfill the requirements of a fair trial, we feel that another opportunity ought to be extended to the Government of India to consider taking appropriate measures so as to ensure effective compliance with the judgment of the International Court...

We, therefore, yet again restrain ourselves from proceeding in the matter in hand," according to the order. The court also ordered that to ensure an effective review and reconsideration so as to give effect to the judgment of the ICJ, the Attorney General shall ensure that a copy of this order is provided to Jadhav. "The Government of Pakistan shall once again convey the orders passed in this petition to the Government of India to enable the latter to consider taking appropriate measures in order to ensure

compliance with the judgment of the International Court," it said. The court adjourned hearing and directed the Registrar to fix the proceedings at 02:00 PM on October 6. On August 4, the IHC named three senior lawyers as amici curiae in the case of Jadhav as it had ordered the Pakistan government to give "another chance" to India to appoint a counsel for the death-row prisoner. Amicus Curiae is a lawyer appointed by a court to assist in any matter or case. On July 16, Pakistan provided consular access to

Jadhav, but the Indian government said the access was "neither meaningful nor credible" and he appeared visibly under stress. The Ministry of External Affairs said Pakistan is not only in violation of the judgment of ICJ, but also of its own ordinance. Pakistan has introduced a special law to allow Jadhav to get his sentence reviewed as asked by the ICJ. India approached the ICJ against Pakistan for denial of consular access to Jadhav and challenging the death sentence. The Hague-based ICJ ruled in July

last year that Pakistan must undertake an "effective review and reconsideration" of the conviction and sentence of Jadhav and also to grant consular access to India without further delay. Pakistan claims that its security forces arrested Jadhav from the restive Balochistan province on March 3, 2016 after he reportedly entered from Iran. India maintains that Jadhav was kidnapped from Iran where he had business interests after retiring from the Navy. **PTI**

## PM pitches India as best place for global investors

**New Delhi:** Pitching India amongst the best investment destinations worldwide, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said the country's political stability and policy continuity makes it the best place for global investors in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic. Addressing the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum through video conference, Modi also cited a slew of reforms undertaken by his government and asserted that India is com-

mitted to democracy and diversity and it has undertaken far-reaching reforms in recent months. Noting that the current situation demands a fresh mindset that is human-centric, Modi said India did the same by scaling up its healthcare facilities in a record time to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. He also said India was amongst the first globally to advocate masks and face coverings as a public health measure and also amongst those

creating a public campaign about social distancing. Modi further said his government has undertaken far-reaching reforms to make the business easier and red-tapism lesser. Modi said his government launched one of the largest support programmes for the poor globally following the COVID-19 outbreak in form of the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojna, under which free food-grains have been provided to over 80 crore people. **PTI**

## Delhi riots: Court sends Sharjeel to 14-day judicial custody in UAPA case

**New Delhi:** A Delhi court Wednesday sent JNU student Sharjeel Imam, arrested under the stringent anti-terror law -- Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, to judicial custody for 14 days in a case related to communal violence in north east Delhi in February. Imam was arrested by the Special Cell of Delhi Police on August 25 for allegedly being part of a "premeditated conspiracy" in connection to the riots during protests against the Citizenship Amendment Act. Additional Sessions Judge Amitabh Rawat sent him to judicial custody for 14 days after he was produced before the court through video conferencing, his

lawyer Ahmad Ibrahim said. The court had earlier sent him to police custody for three days in the case. Pinjra Tod members and JNU students Devangana Kalita and Natasha Narwal, Jamia Millia Islamia students Asif Iqbal Tanha and Gulfisha Khatoon, former Congress Councillor Ishrat Jahan, Jamia Coordination Committee members Safoora Zargar, Meeran Haider, President of Jamia Alumni Association Shifa-Ur-Rehman, suspended AAP Councillor Tahir Hussain, activist Khalid Saifi, and former student leader Umar Khalid have also been booked under the anti-terror law in the case. **PTI**

## 40% lost...

**From Page 1** "Results will be out within a week," Rajesh Bhushan said at a press briefing here. The antibody study in Ahmedabad was conducted between August 15 and August 29 over a representative sample size of 10,000 people. It found that 23 per cent of the sampled population had Covid antibodies, while in the last survey conducted in June where a larger 30,000 people were sampled 17.6 per cent people had developed antibodies. Another clear sign of people shedding antibodies over a period of time is seen in the municipal Central zone which had seen the outbreak in March-April where there is just a 3.2% rise in population

having developed antibodies now, compared to June. Another such zone is the East zone where there has been a marginal rise of 0.74% population having antibodies against Covid. Dr Jay Shah, associate professor of AMC MET and Amit Parikh, HOD medicine, in SVP hospital said that the increase in positivity of 5.63 per cent in the city after 1.5 months of earlier study, and in Unlock period, is very low. "We are fine-tuning our results. One task is to find whether these tests were showing presence of other coronaviruses along with Covid-19 and another is to find how much time one takes to shed the antibodies. The Central zone and East zones are clear examples of shedding antibodies," said the official.

## AIIMS rescinds its order, OPD services...

**From Page 1** Earlier on Tuesday, AIIMS had decided to temporarily stop its routine OPD admissions for two weeks in view of the need to optimise usage of available inpatient beds for hospitalisation. "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," said the statement.

## Excercise...

**From Page 1** A HC division bench comprising Justice AA Sayed and Justice SP Tavade — which is also hearing another similar petition filed by three activists — stated that it would hear the matter further after hearing as to what the Union Government and the CBI, which is probing the case, have to say in response to the pleas. The HC bench posted the two petitions for further hearing on September 10.

In their PIL, the petitioners — all of whom were the officers of the Director General of Police rank at the time of their retirement and enjoy formidable reputation — stated in their petition, "A section of TV channels has been trying to influence the course of investigation being done by the Central agencies through their biased reporting and false propaganda. This has created an air of suspicion in the minds of the general public as to the facts of the case under investigation and about the Mumbai police, health services and other support services in the State."

questioned Cornerstone Sports and Entertainment Pvt Ltd CEO Bunty Sajdeh, who is the brother-in-law of Indian cricketer Rohit Sharma and Bollywood actor Sohail Khan, in the Rajput death case. In a related development, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) questioned Varun Mathur, Director of Innasei Ventures, in a connection with a Sushant death-related money laundering case registered by it. The information that surfaced in the investigations shows that Mathur launched the company with Rajput in April 2018. The investigators asked Mathur about the Rajput's investment in the firm. It also tried to find out from Mathur as to what kind of business that Innasei Ventures, in which the late actor was a director, was doing.

Wednesday it had arrested Vilatra and one Basit Parihar in connection with the Rajput death-linked drug trafficking case. "We have recovered Indian currency worth Rs 9,55,750 and foreign currency (USD 2,081, 180 British Pounds, 15 dirhams), which the NCB claimed are "proceeds of drug peddling", were recovered from Vilatra," a NCB official had said. Zaid runs an eatery at Bandra in north-west Mumbai which, he told the NCB was not giving any pecuniary gains since lockdown. The NCB official said Zaid was allegedly into drug peddling, especially bud, through which he used to earn a substantial amount of money.

## 48,000 jhuggis along rail...

**From Page 1** The bench said that 70 per cent of the requisite amount shall be borne by the Railways and 30 per cent by the State Government and the manpower be provided by the South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC), Railways and agencies available with the Government, free of cost, and they will not charge it from each other. The order of the bench was passed on August 31, but was uploaded on the apex court's website recently. Justice Mishra demitted office on Wednesday.

same time, there is human habitation which has come in the same area unauthorisedly, which are required to be taken care of. Let the action taken be reported to this Court within a period of one month," the bench said. The bench, took note of the affidavit filed by AK Yadav, additional Divisional Railway Manager at DRM Office of Northern Railway and said that it is being stated that there is a predominant presence of 'jhuggies' in Delhi along the

140 km route length of track in the region of NCT of Delhi where the railway tracks take off in different directions and also include a ring connecting the takeoff of all these routes. "Out of this, about 70 km route length of track is affected by large 'jhuggie jhopri' clusters existing in close vicinity of tracks. These clusters sum up to a total of about 48,000 numbers of jhuggies in the region adjacent to railway tracks," the bench recorded in its order.

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**CHANGE OF NAME**

**I, Anita Gouda W/o Shri Ananga Kumar Gouda R/o SF-2, 9/2/29, Sector-9, JGDge Colony, Vaishali, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201010, have changed my name Kum Banni Gaud to Anita Gouda for all future purposes**

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## Twitter account of Modi's personal website hacked

**From Page 1** On August 30, cybersecurity firm Cyble had claimed hacker group John Wick was behind a "massive" data breach at Paytm Mall, the e-commerce arm of unicorn Paytm. Cyble had claimed the hacker group had access to the company's database,

which was denied by Paytm. In July, a hacker group had taken over the internal controls of Twitter compromising the accounts of popular verified users such as Warren Buffett, Jeff Bezos, Barack Obama, Bill Gates, Joe Biden, and Elon Musk and put out messages seeking donation using bitcoin.

The bench directed the SDMC, Railways and other agencies to ensure that their contractors do not put the waste/garbage on the sides of railway tracks and Railways shall also prepare a long term scheme that no such piling of waste takes place along sides of tracks. "The picture painted in the report of the EPCA as well as in the reply filed by the Railways indicates that nothing has been done so far and waste is being piled up and at the

A resident of suburban Bandra, Parihar is "learnt to have linkages" with the narcotics case registered against Rajput's girlfriend and actress Rhea and others, officials said. The role of Rhea's brother Showik Chakraborty and his purported links with people nabbed by NCB are under the scanner of the NCB. Rajput was found hanging from ceiling fan in his closed room of a duplex flat at Mont Blanc building at Bandra's Carter Road on June 14.

## FB bans T MLA Raja but neta says he has no a/c

**From Page 1** The process for evaluating potential violators is extensive and it is what led us to remove his account, the statement added. In a video message, Raja Singh claimed he did not have a Facebook account since April 2019 and that the pages the social networking site now banned might have been created by his followers. In a letter addressed to Congress general secretary (organisation) KC Venugopal, Facebook's director of Public Policy Neil Potts, said, "At the outset, we thank you for your letter dated August 18, 2020. We take seriously the con-

cerns and recommendations you raised on behalf of the Indian National Congress." Venugopal, in separate letter, had alleged a "quid-pro-quo relationship" between Facebook India and the ruling BJP. Before him the Congress had also levelled similar charges against Facebook in a letter written after the US-based publication came out with certain facts as how the social media giants through its platform including WhatsApp had facilitated the BJP in elections after elections in recent times.

and Safety Policy Team - a team of subject matter experts that provides advice and counsel to the company on various issues, including Counterterrorism, Cybersecurity, Civic Integrity, Safety, and Human Rights. "We removed 22.5 million pieces of hate speech content from April-June in 2020, up from 1.6 million pieces of hate speech content removed in the last quarter of 2017. We know there is much more to do and will continue to invest our efforts to combat hate speech on our services" he said in the letter. Facebook also reminded about the last interaction it had with the Congress IT members where it discussed the Community Standards of the company.

**WESTERN RAILWAY**

**CONDUCTING LOCATION SURVEY**

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**The intending bidders shall furnish their queries, if any, to PHQ within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice. The queries shall not be entertained after stipulated time..**

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Detailed tender documents (SBD) with terms and conditions are available on J&K state e-procurement Portal [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in).

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

No:-DIPK-4960/20  
Dated: 03.09.2020

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**NOTICE**

Pursuant to the provision of Regulation 29(1)(a) read with Regulation 47(1)(a) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation 2015, Notice is hereby given that the meeting of the Board of Directors of the company is scheduled to be held on **Friday, September 11, 2020 at 3:00 PM** at the registered office of the company at **101, Pragati Tower, 26 Rajendra Place, New Delhi-110008**, inter-alia to consider and approve the Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter ended 30th June, 2020. Further, in accordance with the Company's Code of conduct for prevention of Insider Trading as per Regulation 9 of SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulation, 2015, the Trading Window for dealing in Securities of the company had been closed earlier and shall remain closed till the expiry of 48 hours after the date of declaration of the aforesaid results. The said notice is also available at company's website at [www.rungtairrigation.in](http://www.rungtairrigation.in)

The Board may also consider and approve other necessary resolutions as per agenda items.

For Rungta Irrigation Limited  
Sd/-  
Prateek Sharma  
Place : New Delhi (Company Secretary & Compliance Officer)  
Date : 04.09.2020

# Gahlot discusses safety norms with DMRC officials

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot on Thursday met with officials of Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) and transport department and discussed 'Standard Operating Procedure' and other safety norms to reduce the spread of the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) when the services of Delhi Metro resume on September 7.

Following the meeting, he tweeted "Met with officials of @OfficialDMRC & @TransportDelhi to discuss SOP for graded reopening of Metro services. In anticipation to resuming Delhi's transport lifeline, with all precautions, it's the duty of both Govt & citizens to ensure safety by max. compliance to COVID protocols."

Gahlot also inspected the control room and buses with recently installed CCTV surveillance cameras at Rajghat bus depot.

"The installation, which is being implemented by Telecommunications Consultants India Limited (TCIL) is expected to be completed by November 2020. All DTC and cluster buses will simultaneously be fitted with 3 IP Cameras, MNVR integrated with GPS device, 10 panic buttons, 1 display for driver, hooter, strobe and 2 numbers of two way audio communication device one each for driver and conductor," the government said in a statement.

Passenger, driver or conductor can press the panic button in case of any emergency or panic, it said, adding that the alert will automatically be sent to the Command & Control centre at Kashmiri Gate in real time.

"The operator at Command Centre will filter the alerts and forward the alert to respective stakeholders like police, fire and ambulance for quick response with GPS coordinates of the bus through SOPs defined in various alerts scenarios. SMS and email alerts will also be sent to the concerned authorities at the time of emergency in synchronization to these panic alerts," it added.

During the inspection, the Transport Minister said "We are trying to bring our focus on petty and unnoticed crimes faced by women commuters in the buses. The presence of our bus marshals have already reduced crimes in buses. Now, with this initiative, we are confident that commuters in Delhi can confidently use public transport any time of the day."

Delhi Government had announced earlier to upgrade the fleet of around 5,500 Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) and cluster buses.

The objective of the project is to ensure safety and security of the passengers, particularly of women passengers through IP based CCTV surveillance cameras, panic button



Handsfree thermal screening device installed at Rajiv Chowk station as part of preparations ahead of the resumption of Delhi Metro services from September 7 with restrictions, in New Delhi on Thursday. Ranjan Dimri | Pioneer

and GPS in the buses of DTC and cluster scheme.

Earlier in October 2019, Delhi Government launched a free travel scheme for women in all DTC and cluster buses allowing them to travel free of cost by using pink passes. The government had also deployed more than 11000 Marshals in all buses to ensure safe journey of the commuters especially women.

## DMRC taking foolproof measures for safe travel

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The resumption of metro services in Delhi will not be a cause of concern as the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) has taken all necessary measures to ensure safe travelling amid the coronavirus outbreak.

Wearing of face mask, following social distancing will be mandatory for all commuters during entry into the stations and during the entire journey and use of 'Aarogya Setu App' for updating health status by

passengers is advisable, a senior DMRC official said.

Forty Five major stations have been provided with 'Auto thermal screening cum hand sanitisation machines whereas, rest of the Metro stations will be having provision of 'auto sanitizer dispensers' for hand sanitisation and thermal screening will be done manually by 'Thermal guns', he said.

All passengers will be required to undergo thermal screening and hand sanitisation at the entry point itself, he said, adding that initially, entry or exit of passengers will be permitted only through one or two identified gates at each station.

"List of all such earmarked gate numbers at each station will be made available on the website www.delhimetro-rail.com and official social media handles for public information," he added.

The official further said that passengers having temperature or sign of Covid-19 will not be allowed to travel. "A team of around 800 officials/staff will be deployed for all stations to ensure the cleanliness and orderliness inside stations during revenue hours. In addition, they will regulate entry of passengers to the sta-

tion in case of crowd build up and violation of social distancing norms," he said.

In order to manage crowds, monitoring will also be done through CCTV cameras installed at stations and trains.

Passengers will be permitted to sit on alternate seats inside the train maintaining adequate social distancing and dwell time (stoppage) of trains at each station will be increased by 10 seconds (from earlier 10-15 seconds to 20-25 seconds) so that passengers get sufficient time to board and alight.

Further, train doors will be kept open at terminal stations to let fresh air infuse in the train. "Tokens will not be permitted for travelling to prevent transmission of virus through frequent touching. Only smart card holders (including QR code users on Airport Express Line) will be allowed to travel, which can be recharged digitally by a number of ways easily avoiding human interface," he said.

Recharge of smart cards at the Ticket Vending Machines (TVMs) or customer care centre will be through cashless modes only (debit/credit/Bharat QR code etc), he said, adding that all human contact areas such as lift buttons, Escalator handrails, AFC gates touch points, customer handling points will be disinfected at stations every four hours or earlier as required.



A CISF personnel uses a modified metal detector to ensure social distancing as part of preparations ahead of the resumption of Delhi Metro services from Sept. 7 with restrictions, at Rajiv Chowk station in New Delhi on Thursday.

## Covid-19 hits food and hospitality industry badly

G'gram sees 60% fall in revenues

PARVESH SHARMA ■ GURUGRAM

The Covid-19 pandemic has affected the food and hospitality industry very badly.

Particularly in Gurugram, the industry has been completely paralysed.

Several outlets have been shut across the city due to Covid-19 fears and restaurants have reported up to 60% fall in revenues.

As of now, more than 35 pubs, bars and restaurants in the city have closed down due to high rent and massively decreased footfall.

Most restaurants have asked their staff to leave, citing lack of funds. Movement of migrant laborers back home is another problem for the sector.

The district's excise officials said a few months ago that the

establishment owners had approached them, offering to surrender their licences, as they are finding it difficult to pay monthly rents and staff salaries. The eatery owners claim that in the current situation they have no other option, but to vacate their premises.

"If the lockdown continues for some more time and rents keep on accumulating, there will be no option but to exit those properties where landlords fail to give any leeway in rental payments. Also, there is no point in booking further losses for outlets that do not get decent footfalls.

Consumers are avoiding crowded places. We have seen a sales dip of 55-60% sequentially, over the past couple of months," said Lalit Ahalawat, owner at SOI 7.

However, with the growing fear of exposing the staff to infection, many are shutting these down, too.

"35 of such restaurant own-

ers have surrendered their licences so far due to high monthly rent and poor consumer footfall. Although many restaurants have started their operations, people are not interested in visiting restaurants," said Aruna Singh, deputy excise and taxation officer (East zone).

Excise officials say that they have already waived off one-third of the licence fees, bringing it down to Rs 2 lakh.

There are a total of 327 restaurants, pubs and bars across the Gurugram district. Most of the outlets are situated on Golf Course Road, MG Road, Cyber Hub, Sector 29 and Palam Vihar.

The restaurants were given permission to resume their operations at 50% occupancy from June 8. Officials said the hotel association of Gurugram had written to the department in June requesting them to waive their liquor licence fee as they have been shut since March 25.

## Man held for impersonating as IFS officer

### Cheats businessman of ₹36 crore

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police has arrested a man impersonating as Indian Forest Service (IFS) officer posted at Prime Minister's Office (PMO) for allegedly cheating Gujarat-based businessmen to the tune of Rs 36 crore.

The accused has been identified as Piyush Bandopadhyay, a resident of Noida in Uttar Pradesh.

According to O P Mishra, the Joint Commissioner of Police, Economic Offense

Wing (EOW), a complaint was received by the representative of SRM Mahadeo Smart Bio Toilet Pvt. Ltd. in which they alleged that they met Shweta Sorout wife of Piyush Bandopadhyay.

"Shweta Sorout introduced herself as the Indian head of Intellectual Innovation Think Tank Company engaged in selling Patent Technology to Government and Non-Government agencies all across the world. She also projected that her company is involved in providing Government and

Non-Government contracts," said the Joint CP.

"Shweta claimed that her husband Piyush Bandopadhyay is an IFS officer presently posted in Prime Minister Office. She subsequently arranged a meeting of the representatives of the company with her husband Piyush in Ashoka Hotel," said the Joint CP.

"Piyush informed the representatives that all projects related to Make-in-India, Smart City, Solar Energy, etc. were looked after by him. He claimed he could get any proposal of the company passed by the government. In order to convince the company about his genuine credentials, he also produced forged documents purportedly issued by the government," said the Joint CP.

"On the basis of the false

representations by Piyush Bandopadhyay and his wife, the company convinced the Directors of Mitsumi Disributors, an NRI company (based in Dubai) to purchase the patent technology from Intellectual Innovation Think Tank (IITT). A total amount transferred of Rs 36 crores was transferred to Intellectual Innovation Think Tank," said the Joint CP.

"A case under relevant sections of Indian Penal Code (IPC) was registered at EOW police station and Piyush was arrested from his rented accommodation in Noida. The beacon fitted car used by Piyush for meeting his clients has also been recovered from a safe hide out. Police have also seized papers of property from the possession of the accused

procured through the cheated amount," said the Joint CP.

"Two more complaints have also been filed before the Central Investigating Agency regarding his impersonation," the Joint CP added.

Explaining the modus operandi of the accused the Joint CP said that in order to give an impression about his coveted status of senior government functionary, he would get the phones of all the visitors and clients deposited beforehand.

"He was very fluent in dropping names of high officials before the clients during business conversations. He used to highlight recent initiatives of government as if he had played an important role in policy making," the Joint CP added.

## SDMC takes action against unauthorised constructions

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The building department of South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) took an action against the unauthorised constructions in various areas including Chhattarpur Enclave, Khirki Extension, Panchsheel Vihar, Greater Kailash-II, Lado sarai, Toot Sarai and demolished eight properties.

A senior SDMC official said a separate demolition teams were constituted to take action and overcome the tendency of unauthorized constructions. "Two properties

each in C block Chhattarpur enclave and one property each in Khirki Extension, Panchsheel Vihar, Greater Kailash-II, Lado sarai, Toot Sara was demolished," he said.

The official said that necessary precautions from COVID-19 point of view have been taken by the department while undertaking such demolition and sealing actions.

The building department has been taking action against unauthorized constructions from the DMC Act 1957. "The department has also been issu-

ing notices to the unscrupulous builders, as it has been observed that such builders were targeting the gullible citizens of getting them more habitable space at cheaper cost without getting the building plan sanctioned," he said.

During the last one month, the department has taken 71 demolition actions and sealing actions against unauthorized constructions in Chhattarpur Enclave, Greater Kailash-II, Lado sarai, Toot Sarai Panchsheel Vihar, Khirki Extension, Chhattarpur Pahari and Chitranjan Park.

## No reduction in height of Bhalswa landfill, says AAP

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) alleged that the BJP has spent Rs 5 crore per month in the name of decreasing the height of Bhalswa landfill but not a single inch of the landfill has decreased.

Senior Aam Aadmi Party leader and MCD-in charge Durgesh Pathak on Thursday said that Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) ruled MCDs are using Rs 5 crore per month but has done nothing to reduce the height of the garbage mountain but the North mayor lied to the people last month by saying that they have decreased the height of Bhalswa landfill by 12 ft.

"The municipal corporations have destroyed the beauty of the city. If you enter the city from either Uttar Pradesh or Haryana or Rajasthan the first thing you will witness is the Garbage Mountains or the landfills which are proof of failures of the Corporations," he said.

"In the 2017 manifesto of BJP, it claimed that after coming to the power of the municipal corporations of Delhi they will immediately remove the landfills but it failed to fulfill promises," he said.

Pathak said, "Without doing any work just for one landfill the BJP is spending Rs.5 crore every month and the whole money is going into their corruption. The people of Delhi are really fed up with such corruption and



will respond in the upcoming municipal elections by voting them out."

Senior AAP leader and former MLA from Laxmi Nagar Nitin Tyagi said, "The people of Delhi who stay near these garbage mountains are suffering from various health issues. If the BJP does not know what to do then they should immediately leave the municipal corporations of Delhi and the Delhi government will run the MCD," he said.

Leader of the opposition of AAP in the North MCD Vikas Goel said, "The BJP has no right to stay in the power of the municipal corporations of Delhi after repeated failures to reduce garbage mountain."

## DU student held for posting girl's obscene photos online

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police has arrested a second year Bachelor of Arts (BA) student in Delhi University for allegedly harassing a girl by making fake social media accounts in her name and posting obscene pictures. Police said the boy also used to harass the girl by calling her from different phone numbers.

The accused has been identified as Umesh Kumar, a resident of Sangam Vihar area.

According to Atul Kumar Thakur, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), South district, a complaint was received from Geeta (name changed) in which she stated that someone had created her multiple profiles on Instagram and Facebook using her photo and mobile no with dirty and obscene comments on it.

"She also told police that she was also being continuously harassed by anonymous phone calls from different numbers. The unknown per-

sons were talking in filthy language and asking for favours," said the DCP.

"Due to such acts of the alleged person on Social media platforms, the victim was suffering from mental trauma and harassment. A First Information Report (FIR) was filed under section 354D, 509, 506 of Indian Penal Code (IPC) at Neb Sarai police station and investigation was taken up," said the DCP.

"During investigation, emails were sent to Facebook and Instagram and after thorough analysis of the suspected numbers, one suspect identified as Umesh Kumar was apprehended who later confessed to his crime," said the DCP.

"During interrogation, the accused disclosed that he was in friendship with the victim's elder sister. In March 2020, his friendship ended, for which he suspected the victim. Thereafter, he decided to harass her by creating her fake profiles with obscene posts and comments," said the DCP.

## Goyal chairs meet with top courier agencies for partnership with Rly

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Railways Minister Piyush Goyal held a meeting with top courier service agencies to discuss and explore the possibilities of expanding the business of private parcel services through Indian Railways.

During the meeting it was informed that Railways was set to offer reliable, fast, affordable and easy to handle parcel services for logistics or courier agencies.

"In order to quickly work out the best guidelines and ease of doing business, a joint working group is going to be formed consisting of railway officials and representatives of logistics or courier providers. The aim of the meeting was to facilitate robust partnership with railways freight and parcel service,"



the minister said in a statement.

Speaking on the occasion the minister said that the solutions needed to be there to ensure a sustainable business development for all.

It may also be noted that total 5,292 parcel trains run by Indian Railways from March 22 till September 2 out of which 5,139 have been time-tabled trains. Total 3,18,453 tonnes of

consignments have been loaded in these trains and the earnings have been Rs 116.19 crores.

It is worth mentioning that Indian Railways freight loading



for the month of August 2020 with total 94.33 million tonnes of freight loading surpasses last year's loading for the same month. Total 1,41,049 rakes with 451.38 million tonnes of freight loaded by Indian Railways from March 25 to September 1.

A number of concessions are also being given in Indian Railways to make Railways freight movement very attractive, it said, adding that improvements in freight movements will be institutionalized and incorporated in the upcoming zero based time table.

Meanwhile, Rajiv Chaudhry General Manager of northern railways informed that the refund office has now been conferred with ISO 9001-2015 certification for providing quality management services. "Refund office is the first office in the commercial organization of Indian Railways to win this prestigious certification which demonstrates the commitment of northern railways towards its customer centric approach," he said.

# Warriors' Covid positivity high in T'gana, Maha, Delhi



**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**  
Health workers engaged in fighting Covid-19 in the country are continuously getting infected with the deadly virus.

The Union Health Ministry on Thursday shared the alarming situation of healthcare in a few States blaming lax infection control in hospitals. "There is a need for stringent containment mea-

asures in areas where health professionals reside to safeguard them," said Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan here on Thursday.

He said that in Telangana, the healthcare workers' positivity is 18 per cent, 16 per cent in Maharashtra, 14 per cent in Delhi, 13 per cent in Karnataka, 12 per cent in Puducherry and 11 per cent in Punjab.

These are the States where

## India's Covid fatality rate 49 deaths per million among lowest in world

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

On a day Covid-19 cases are set to cross way beyond the 4-lakh mark, that could make India the world's second worst-hit nation replacing Brazil, the Government on Thursday sought to project the positive side by stating that the per million Covid-19 cases in the country is much lesser when compared to other countries in the world.

It also cited that deaths per million (population) in

India is among the lowest in the world — 49 deaths per million population.

Talking to reporters here, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said that five States — Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra — account for 62 per cent of the total active coronavirus cases in the country while Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra account for 70 per cent of the total coronavirus deaths in India.

the positivity rate among healthcare workers are on a higher side, Bhushan told reporters at a press briefing when asked on the health status of the doctors amid Covid-19 pandemic.

However, the Government maintained silence on the

health situation of the doctors in States like Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat which are reporting a spike in cases.

According to the data available from the Ministry, while Maharashtra reported 292 deaths among healthcare workers, Karnataka and Tamil

Nadu had 46 and 49 deaths, respectively.

Concerned at the plight of the health workers, the Indian Medical Association (IMA) too wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently drawing his attention to over 87,000 healthcare workers who have

got infected with Covid-19 and another 573 who have lost their lives and called for more care for their welfare.

"Healthcare manpower is precious. Uniform practices have to be put in place throughout the country. Substantial differences are

noticed from district to district in how doctors and healthcare workers are deployed. Their service situations differ and mostly reflect the logistics of the district," the IMA letter to the PM said.

The IMA further said, "Districts are not sensitive to the safety and the concerns of stress and fatigue of medical manpower. Deploying doctors 24x7 without intermittent quarantine periods or long working hours in PPE for Covid care is not the same as 24x7 Covid control from safe offices."

approach to unlock the country and open up various economic activities as while lives are important, so is livelihood."

During a press briefing here on Thursday, the ministry observed that people are sidelining the use of masks and following of social distancing protocols.

It urged people to follow the mandatory practice of adopting Covid-19 appropriate behaviour in view of the upcoming festival season and the ongoing examina-

tions being conducted across the country.

"In a few days, we will be into the festival season and currently various examinations in colleges and universities are being held countrywide. In such times, Covid appropriate behaviour should be followed at the community and social levels," said Bhushan.

He also said that until a vaccine for Covid-19 arrives, social distancing is the only vaccine. "Social distancing is the social vaccine till any vac-

ine for coronavirus arrives," he said.

"Use alcohol-based sanitisers, wear reusable face covers or masks at all times in public places, wash your hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and water, avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth and cover them with tissue/handkerchief while sneezing or coughing. This way, we can prevent the spread of the infection and safeguard ourselves from its contraction," Bhushan said.

## PM's donations, gifts' auction proceeds exceed ₹100 crore

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's donations to a number of public causes coupled with the proceeds of auctions of the gifts he received so far, including that during his tenure as the Chief Minister of Gujarat, total more than ₹103 crore.

One of Modi's latest donations was the initial corpus of Rs 2.25 lakh to the PM CARES Fund, which was set up in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak to support relief of any kind relating to a public health emergency or any other kind of emergency, calamity or distress, sources said.

The Fund, set up in March, received ₹3,076.62 crore in just five days of its formation, as per an account statement made public on Wednesday.

Highlighting Modi's dona-

**Modi had donated ₹21 lakh from his personal savings towards the education of Gujarat Government staff's daughter after he quit as the State Chief Minister in 2014 to take over as the country's PM**

tions to public causes, ranging from girl child education to the cleaning of Ganga, sources noted that he gave ₹21 lakh in 2019 from his personal savings to the corpus fund set up for the welfare of sanitation workers of Kumbh Mela

After receiving the Seoul Peace Prize in South Korea in 2019, the Prime Minister had announced that the entire prize money of ₹1.30 crore would be given to the Namami

Gange project, aimed at cleaning Ganga river, they added.

During a recent auction of mementoes received by Modi as the PM, ₹3.40 crore was collected and donated to the cause of Namami Gange.

Modi had donated ₹21 lakh from his personal savings towards the education of Gujarat Government staff's daughter after he quit as the State Chief Minister in 2014 to take over as the country's Prime Minister.

He had also raised ₹89.96 crore by auctioning all gifts he received as Chief Minister and donated this to the Kanya Kelaavani Fund, a scheme for education of the girl child.

The PM had also initiated the auctioning of gifts he received till then in 2015, and ₹8.35 crore were raised, with the amount channelled to the Namami Gange Mission, sources said.

## CRPF bans use of smartphones in sensitive area offices

**RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI**

Aiming to plug leakage of classified information and personnel falling prey to counterintelligence operations of hostile countries and non-state inimical groups, the CRPF has barred its personnel, civilian employees, contractors and visitors from using smartphones in office spaces handling classified information like Operations Room and Conference Halls.

The 14-page document for smartphone usage on Friday also provided guidelines for using social media in order to secure classified data and information.

The high sensitivity offices encampulate places designated or accredited for the processing, handling or discussion of classified information in real time like conference hall and Operations rooms and smart-

phones that store and record data are now prohibited for smartphone usage. If brought to the office, such devices should be kept at specified



and every security control put in place by an entity should be designed to achieve one or more of these principles. Therefore, it is important to consider the acceptable and not acceptable use of smartphones in an organisation," reads the copy of the order issued by the Administrative Directorate of the Central Reserve Police Force.

Excessive unrestricted usage can lead to breach of security and can compromise national security, it said.

The order clearly defined the smartphone as devices that perform many of the functions of a computer, typically having a touch screen, interface, camera, Internet access and an operating system capable of running downloaded applications.

"This policy prescribes the



guidance and procedures for smartphone restriction within CRPF," the order said, adding signage depicting the category of office will be put up.

Likewise, the guidelines for social media usage seeks to sensitise the personnel against unintentionally putting classified information in the public domain.

"Government officials using various social platforms are also vulnerable to being counterintelligence (CI) targets of State agencies as well as radical non-state inimical groups. Social media platforms are being used to ferret information from unsuspecting users and recruit gullible officials to later exploit them for subversion," it added in justification for social media guidelines.

High Court had stopped the implementation of the plan in Government-run Telugu medium schools.

In April this year, the high court had set aside the order for government schools to convert the medium of instruction from class one to six in its schools.

A bench comprising Justices D Y Chandrachud, Indu Malhotra and K M Joseph sought response of Srinivas Gunipalli on whose plea the Andhra Pradesh

Senior advocate K V Vishwanathan, appearing for the State Government, assailed the order during the hearing conducted via video conference.

## Cong blames Modi Govt for country's economic collapse

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

The Congress on Thursday accused the Modi Government of pushing the country towards an economic collapse and a financial emergency, saying the note ban, GST and lockdown were "disaster strokes" not "master strokes".

AICC chief spokesperson Randeep Singh Surjewala said the GDP slump in the first quarter will have an adverse impact on the average income of every Indian, which is likely to decline by almost ₹15,000 per person if the GDP fell by 11 per cent in the full year.

He said the Government and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman should not stay in office for any longer as they have "inflicted a big blow and damage" to the country's economy, seen never before in the country's history since independence.

"There are dark clouds of economic decay all around us. Lives, livelihoods and jobs have been ravaged. Businesses and small and medium industries lie dilapidated. The economy stands destroyed as GDP has been razed. India is being pushed towards an economic collapse and a financial emergency," Surjewala said a virtual press conference.

The Congress leader alleged that demonetisation, GST and lockdown were not "master strokes" but "disaster strokes".

Surjewala alleged the Modi government has "plundered" the economy in the last six years and is now "describing its own ineptitude and incompetence as an act of God".

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**E-TENDER NOTICE**  
Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/Traction Distribution, DRM's Office, State Entry Road, New Delhi for & on behalf of President of India, invites open e-tender under single packet system for the under noted work:

1. Name of work with its location	Design, supply, erection, testing & commissioning of 25 KV AC OHE modification work in connection with construction of platform on DN GAL Line no. 1 at Okhla station.
2. Approx. Cost of work	Rs. 29,52,901.19/-
3. Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 59,100/-
4. E-Tender Bid Online Submission period	14.09.2020 (00.00 Hrs.) to 28.09.2020 (15.00 Hrs.)
5. E-Tender Bid Submission End Date & E-Tender Open Date & Time	28.09.2020 (15.00 hrs.)
6. Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen	www.reps.gov.in

E-Tender No.: 13-TRD-NDLS-2020-21 Dated : 03.09.2020 1922/20  
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## APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male namely **Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown** was found on 25.08.2020 at under pass near Hanuman Mandir, Yamuna Bazar, Kashmere Gate, Delhi. In this regard **DD No. 38A, U/s 174 Cr.PC, dated 25.08.2020** has been lodged at Police Station, Kashmere Gate, Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

**Name: Unknown, Age: 45/50 Years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Long, Built: Thin, Wearing: Blue Lining shirt & Blue trouser Bere footed.**

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

**SHO**  
Police Station, Kashmere Gate, Delhi  
Ph.: 011-23967889, 8750870123  
DP/524/N/2020

## CSC joins hands with ALIMCO to register PwD, sr citizens in remote areas

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

To provide access to millions of persons with disability (PwD) in rural areas seeking assistive devices and appliances, the Common Services Centers (CSC) has partnered with the Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO) to register Persons with Disability and senior citizens in remote and inaccessible areas.

ALIMCO, a PSU under the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, and CSC SPV, a Special Purpose Vehicle under the Ministry of Electronics & IT, signed a MOU to utilize around 4 lakh CSCs across the country to register Divyangs and Senior Citizens for distribution of free of cost assistive aids and appliances under various schemes of Government of India such as ADIP, RVY and CSR schemes.

CSC will also help create awareness about ALIMCO and its initiatives and further mobilize and support divyangs and senior citizens to avail assistive aids and appliances under the schemes.

Under the partnership, Divyangs and Senior Citizens can visit their nearest CSC to get registered for free Assistive Aids and Appliances from ALIMCO.

## Kargil, Gautam Budh Nagar, Chandel, Central Delhi most rain-deficient dists

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

What is common in Kargil in Ladakh, Gautam Budh Nagar in Uttar Pradesh, Chandel in Manipur and Central Delhi in New Delhi? All the four districts are among the most rain-deficient districts in the country.

According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Kargil recorded a rain deficiency of 92 percent, followed by Chandel with 91 percent, Gautam Budh Nagar with 85 percent and Central Delhi with 62 percent.

Overall, interestingly,

though India has 9 percent surplus rainfall this year, 150 districts in the country have recorded less rainfall this season even as the monsoon season has entered in its last month. India has recorded 795 mm rainfall against the normal of 730.8 percent.

As per the IMD, Kargil district has recorded only 2.5 mm rainfall as against the normal of 28.9 mm — a shortfall of 92 percent. Chandel is the second in the most rain deficient district which recorded 148.8 mm rainfall as against the normal of 1681.6 mm — a shortfall of 91

percent. Gautam Budh Nagar, which is the third most rain deficient district has recorded only 66.3 mm rainfall against the normal of 452 mm — a shortfall of 85 percent. It is the second most rain deficient district in the country after Chandel.

Central Delhi district has recorded 62 percent less rainfall this monsoon season so far and is the second-most rain deficient district in northwest India. The district has gauged 222.9 mm rainfall against the normal of 582.3 mm since June 1, when the monsoon season started. Northeast and

Northwest Delhi have also recorded 33 percent less precipitation so far. While Northeast Delhi has gauged 401.5 mm rain against the normal of 582.3 mm, Northwest Delhi reported 276.5 mm against 399.7 mm recorded usually.

Two districts of Assam—Darrang and Morigaon have recorded 65 percent less precipitation so far. Districts which have recorded over 50 percent rainfall deficiency include Panchkula (-61 percent), Mathura (-60 percent), Ghaziabad (-60 percent),

Kausambi (-57 percent), Bulandshahr (-60 percent), Kanpur Dehat (-60 percent), Rohtak (-57 percent), Rampur (-55 percent), Hoshiarpur (-53 percent), Rohtak (-52 percent), Deogarh (-51 percent), Leh and Ladakh (-51 percent), Hardoi (-50 percent), Gumla (-50 percent), Mansa (-50 percent), Bhiwani (-48 percent), Pauri Garhwal (-46 percent), Champawat (-48 percent), Uttarkashi (-43 percent), Mahoba (-48 percent), Yavatmal and Akola (-30 percent each) Trishur, Dahod, Dangs, and Surguja (-27 percent each).

According to the IMD, India received 27 per cent more rainfall than normal in August, the fourth highest amount in the last 120 years. This is due to formation of five low pressure areas in Bay of Bengal in August which led to heavy to moderate rainfall across India. The August of 1926 saw 33 per cent more rainfall than normal, the highest precipitation recorded so far in the month; 1976 recorded 28.4 per cent more rainfall than normal, while the August of 1973 recorded 27.8 per cent than normal. This year saw 27 per cent rainfall.

## APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male namely **Anil, S/o Unknown, R/o Unknown, Age: 35 years, Complexion: Shallow, Height: 5'6", Face: Round, Built: Thin,** was wearing Grey colour Shirt and Printed Kaccha, was found near Azad Pur Fruit Mandi Shed No. 15, Azad Pur, Delhi in the area of P.S. Mahendra Park, Delhi at about 09:00 PM. In this regard a **DD No. 95A, dated 31.08.2020, has been lodged at P.S. Mahendra Park, Delhi.**

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

**SHO**  
P.S. Mahendra Park, Delhi  
Ph.: 011-27632501, 8750870228  
DP/347/NW/2020

## APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Age: Approx 30 years, Complexion: Shallow, Height: 5'7", Built: Thin, Face: Long Hair: Black & Black Beared, ID Mark: Om Tattoo in Hindi on right hand, was wearing Red Sweater and Blue Jeans Pant,** was found unconscious near C.N.G. Pump, Udhyan Marg, New Delhi and admitted to LHMC Hospital where he declared brought dead at 10:00 Hrs on 02.09.2020. In this regard a **DD No. 17-A, dated 02.09.2020, has been lodged at P.S. Mandir Marg, New Delhi.**

His dead body has been preserved in LHMC Hospital Mortuary for 72 Hrs. Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

**SHO**  
P.S. Mandir Marg, New Delhi  
Ph.: 011-23364100, 23366730  
DP/111/NDD/2020

## APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Age: Approx 30-35 years, Complexion: Wheatish, Height: 5'4", Built: Medium, was wearing Grey Shirt and Dark colour Pant,** was found near Pili Kothi, Lahori Gate, Delhi, in the area of P.S. Lahori Gate. In this regard a **DD No. 21 A, dated 01.09.2020, has been lodged at P.S. Lahori Gate, Delhi.**

His dead body has been preserved in Subzi Mandi Mortuary. Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

**SHO**  
P.S. Lahori Gate, Delhi  
Ph.: 011-23953776, 23958234  
DP/520/N/2020

## APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person **Namely: Unknown, S/o Unknown R/o Unknown, Age: about 50 years, Height : 5'6", Complexion : Wheatish, Face : Long, Built : Thin, Wearing: Grey colour pant** has been found dead Infront of ICICI Bank Library Road, Delhi on 31.08.2020. In this regard a case vide DD No. 36A dated 31.08.2020 has been lodged at Police Station Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi. The Dead body has been preserved for 72 hours in Subzi Mandi Mortuary, Delhi.

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

**SHO :**  
P.S. Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi  
North Distt., Delhi  
Tel. No. 011-23529707, 23528060  
DP/529/N/2020

# GOLD SMUGGLING

## NIA examines CCTV video at Kerala Secretariat

**KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI**

The sleuths of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) probing the gold smuggling scam inspected the Kerala Government Secretariat on Thursday and examined the Closed Circuit TV camera visuals available with the General Administration Department.

The NIA is probing the role of the Chief Minister's Office in the gold smuggling scam and wanted to examine the links between Swapna Suresh, Sarith and Sandeep Nair, the kingpins, have with M Sivsankar, the suspended principal secretary to Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and any other officials.

Sivsankar had been questioned by the NIA, Customs and Enforcement Directorate over the last two months. Meanwhile, the Secretariat Officials had informed the NIA

that visuals of certain days could not be recorded as the CCTV system went bust because of lightning.

Sources in the Secretariat said the NIA asked for visuals of last one year from 70 cameras installed in the complex. K Surendran, president of the Kerala BJP demanded the immediate resignation of Chief Minister Vijayan as the NIA entering the Secretariat Complex was rarest of rare incident. "This is the ideal time for Vijayan to quit on his own. Kerala has never seen any central agencies entering the Secretariat till date to probe a criminal case," Surendran told reporters at Kozhikode.

There are reports that the Secretariat officials handed over to the NIA recordings of visuals of last three months.

But R Ramachandran Nair, former chief secretary of Kerala

who is also the longest serving bureaucrat in the State, said there was nothing unusual in the NIA team's inspection of the Secretariat. "They had taken prior permission from the Secretariat. We also saw reports about a fire that broke out in the secretariat destroying certain files. The NIA is probing the role of certain persons in the gold smuggling scam. Hence there is nothing unusual in the whole episode," said Nair.

P Rajan, former editor of Mathrubhumi, said it was good that the NIA had discussions with the secretariat officials with respect to the controversial visuals.

"The gold smuggling scam has taken much sheen off Pinarayi Vijayan government. But as on today, it is too early to write off the prospects of the CPI(M) losing the 2021 election," said Rajan.

# CPM Secy's son under lens for links with drug dealer

**KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI**

The ruling CPI(M) in Kerala, already reeling under the gold smuggling scam, has been further embarrassed by the disclosures made by Mohammed Anoop, an accused held by the Narcotics Control Bureau in Bangalore, that he was having business dealings with Bineesh Kodiyeri, son of Kodiyeri Balakrishnan, the party Secretary.

The link between Bineesh and Anoop could open new chapters in the gold smuggling scam as it has come to light that the former had called the latter many times on the day Swapna Suresh and Sandeep Nair, the kingpins in the case were held by National Investigation Agency at Bangalore in the month of July.

P K Firoz, general secretary, Youth League (the youth wing of Muslim League) told reporters at Kozhikode that Anoop, who is a Bangalore based drug dealer had told investigating agencies about his ties with Bineesh. Balakrishnan's son also had friendship with Rjesh Raveendran who was nabbed along with Anoop and serial artist Anikha for possessing high-end drugs MDMA and LSD.

# Khap panchayat forces aunt, nephew to bathe publicly to 'wash off sins'

**JAIPUR:** A Khap panchayat, an unelected council of village elders, recently penalised a man and woman from the Sansi Community in Rajasthan's Sikar district by making them bathe publicly to wash their alleged 'sins'.

The nephew and aunt who were allegedly involved in an 'illicit' relationship, were asked to deposit ₹31,000 and ₹22,000 respectively by the Khap panchayat as penalty before they were allowed to return to the social fold. On Tuesday, Sansi Samaj members submitted a memorandum to the Superintendent of Police, demanding stringent action against the khap panchayat.

They said that the guilty should be put behind bars, the amount collected by the woman given back to her and those who gathered at the site booked for flouting social distancing norms.

Sikar SP Gagandeep Singla, meanwhile, said that a probe is underway and the team is recording villagers' statements. "Also, we are trying to get videos or pictures of the incident," he added.

# Despite decrease in Covid cases, Vijayan remains cautious

**KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI**

Though there has been a small fall in the number of new persons diagnosed with Covid-19 on Thursday, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan warned the people of Kerala that the State would see a major hike in the number of persons by the month of October.

Briefing the media about Covid-19 update in the State, Chief Minister said that on Thursday 1,553 persons tested positive for the pandemic. "Out of this, 1,391 persons contracted the disease through social contacts. There were 156 patients on Thursday who could not pinpoint how and where they contracted the disease. The day also saw 1,950 patients getting cured of the pandemic," said Vijayan.

# J&K PDP leaders prevented from leaving houses to hold meeting

**MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU**

Several mainstream politicians Shodding their party flags are roaming freely and organising meetings in different parts of Jammu & Kashmir.

Ironically, on Thursday leaders belonging to the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) were prevented by the policemen from stepping out of their houses to reach party headquarters to attend a maiden meeting after the abrogation of Article 370 and 35-A.

PDP leaders claimed, "when we were ready to step out of our houses we were prevented by the policemen stationed there from stepping out." "None of the leaders, including former Cabinet ministers were handed over any official order or were verbally informed by any senior officer why they were being prevented from stepping out of their homes to attend a meeting convened at the party headquarters by PDP general secretary Gulam Nabi Lone Hanjura," a junior PDP leader told local reporters at the party office in Srinagar.

To expose the local authorities, several PDP leaders posted images/ videos showing how policemen disallowed them from stepping out on different social media platforms. "Despite being free on paper and in government submissions in the High Court and Supreme Court, PDP leadership continues to be under illegal detention, without any official orders. Video from today - I wasn't allowed to attend the PDP meeting nor were any of my colleagues", tweeted former minister Naeem Akhtar along with a video clip.

# Suffered mental, physical harassment in jail: Dr Kafel

**PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH**

Dr. Kafel, who was released from jail in Aligarh for his address against the Citizenship Amendment Act in December 2019, said that he has suffered not only mental but also physical harassment in the jail. Dr. Kafel was acted upon by the Aligarh administration under the National Security Act which the High Court declared illegal and ordered his immediate release.

Dr. Kafel told media that the barrack had a capacity of 40 prisoners but 150 prisoners were kept. At the time of the pandemic, where the Prime Minister of the country talks about social distancing, these rules are being broken inside the jail. In such a situation, the health of the detainees in jail is in serious danger.

# Vijayan says BJP yet to learn administration, governance

**KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI**

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said on Thursday that the BJP was yet to learn the trick of the trade as far as administration and governance were considered. He was replying to an allegation raised by the BJP spokesman Sandeep Warriar that a Government order issued in his name on September 9, 2018 had the fake signature of the Chief Minister.

Warrior had made the allegation in a specially convened press meet at Thiruvananthapuram on Thursday. A Government order issued on September 9, 2018 in the name of the Chief Minister had been signed by an impostor and this is a grave situation.

The Chief Minister was on a US tour from September 1 to 23 and chances are that the government order could have been signed by another person. Vijayan's signature has been faked by somebody in the Chief Minister's Office," alleged Warriar.

# JNMC faculty speaks on 'protecting elderly from pandemic'

**PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH**

Most elderly people in the country live with their children. Their risk of contracting the infection from family members remains high, said Prof Syed Ziaur Rahman, Department of Pharmacology, J N Medical College (JNMC), Aligarh Muslim University (AMU).

He was delivering the keynote address in an International online webinar on 'Protecting Elderly from the Pandemic' organised by the Center for Excellence in Science and Technology for Higher Education on Drugs and Cosmetics from the Moist Tropical Forest and Its Environment, Mularwan University, Samarinda, Indonesia.

# 2-day Assembly session in WB from Sept 9

**SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA**

Even as the BJP attacked the Mamata Banerjee Government for failing to walk its talk the State Government has announced a two-day Assembly session that will be held on September 9 and 10.

Sources in the Government said the State Assembly would open and function for only two days in strict compliance with the social distancing norms.

"It is just a formality and we are opening it just because we had to open it," a senior State minister said adding the Government is only following the norm fixed by the Centre.

He referred to the rules according to which the Assembly must be convened once in every six months.

The Assembly was adjourned on March 17 following the advent of corona pandemic.

# Bengal asks Metro to ensure service on JEE Mains day

**SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA**

With a large number candidates having failed to appear for the JEE-Main examinations on September 1, the Bengal Government has requested the Kolkata Metro Railways ensure that the trains services remained functional on September 13 when the centrally held entrance exams would take place.

"As there is little chance of the Metro services getting resumed before that date considering the fact that they will have to put in place all the corona protocols," the State Government has requested to at least run the trains on the exam dates," a senior Government official said.

A meeting involving the State Government officials and their Metro Railways counterparts was held on Thursday at the State secretariat Nabanna.

# J&K sees 1,079 new cases, 11 die

**JAMMU:** The Union territory of Jammu & Kashmir on Thursday recorded the highest ever jump by detecting 1,079 fresh cases of coronavirus while 11 Covid-19 patients died taking the death toll to 743 and the total active positive cases to 8441.

For the first time, Jammu region recorded 622 cases in one single day while Kashmir division recorded 457 cases. On the other hand, 680 patients were discharged from various hospitals taking the total tally of recovered patients to over 30,000.

According to the media bulletin, "the total coronavirus cases in Jammu and Kashmir stood at 39943 while 743 deaths have been reported in the region". Out of these 39943 cases the total active positive cases stood at 8441 in J&K.

Compared to Srinagar, Jammu district has more number of active positive cases.

According to the media bulletin, Jammu district Thursday recorded 484 fresh cases alone while Srinagar recorded 139 cases.

# 2 AMU students released from jail in anti-CAA case

**PNS:** Two accused of the ruckus on 15th December 2019 regarding the Citizenship Amendment Act, got bail from the court. Two days before, former AMU student Sharjeel Usmani, one of the accused of ruckus, was released on Wednesday after being granted bail from the sessions court. At the same time, the second accused, AMU student Farhan Zuberi has been granted bail two days before from the High Court.

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E-Tender are invited from firms/contractors registered with UPLC Lucknow for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on Noida Authority's official website: [www.noidaauthorityonline.com](http://www.noidaauthorityonline.com) & <http://tender.up.nic.in>. Please ensure to see these websites for any changes/amendments & corrigendum etc.

S.No.	JOB NO.	NAME OF WORK	AMOUNT
1.	22/DGM(NTC)/SM (NTC)/2020-21	P/L Thermoplastic paint on edge line, broken line, speed breakers on internal and external road in Sector-132 and External road of Sector-135 Noida.	3916934.90
2.	23/DGM(NTC)/SM (NTC)/2020-21	P/L Thermoplastic paint on edge line, broken line, speed breakers internal and external road in Sector-143, 143A, 143B and 144 Noida.	4747571.10
3.	24/DGM(NTC)/SM (NTC)/2020-21	P/L Thermoplastic paint on edge line, broken line, speed breakers internal and external road in Sector-88 Noida.	4071291.70
4.	25/DGM(NTC)/SM (NTC)/2020-21	P/L Thermoplastic paint on edge line, broken line, zebra crossing, stop line, speed breaker, arrow, glow studs and post delineator on 45.00mtr wide external road between Sector-75,76 & 74 77 and Sector-74, 77 & 116, 117 Noida.	3615404.90
5.	26/DGM(NTC)/SM (NTC)/2020-21	P/L Thermoplastic paint on edge line, broken line, zebra strips, stop line, parking line on 45 mtr wide road from bridge Sector-108 to Yamuna pusta T-Point Sector-128,133, Noida.	3428804.00

Which can be uploaded by date **17.09.2020 upto 5.00 PM**. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date **18.09.2020 at 11.00 AM**.

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E-Tender Notice No. 12 /2020-21

Online Item Rate tenders in B-1 Form are invited by the Executive Engineer, Public Works Division No. 1, Nagpur for the following work form experienced Contractor. It is not necessary that the Contractor should be registered with P.W.D. The name of work, estimated cost, time limit for completion etc. are as under.

SR. No.	Name of Work	Estimated cost (Rs. In lakh)	Cost of Blank Tender Form	Time limit in Tender (Calendar Months)
1.	Construction of ROB at Jaripatka on Nagpur Delhi Route (Rly Km 1040/3- 6) in Nagpur City.	4945/-	3360/-	24(Twenty Four) Month

- Detailed tender notice can be seen on web site [www.mahapwd.com](http://www.mahapwd.com) and <https://mahatenders.gov.in>.
- Detailed tender notice can be seen on the Notice Board in the office of the undersigned.
- Right is reserved to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
- In this Tender Notice, Tender downloading, Tender opening etc information available on web site.
- The bidder shall submit the hard copy of tender document (Technical and financial Envelope) in sealed envelope with in 3 days from last date of submission at the office of tender opening authority.

**Sd/-**  
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**P.W.Dn. No.1 Nagpur**  
**DGIPR/2020-2021/648**

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**

**Tender Notice**

Chief Engineer/TMC, Northern Railway, Headquarters office, Baroda House, New Delhi-110001, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites tenders through E-Procurement system for supply of the following items:-

S. No.	E-Tender No.	Description of item	Qty	Due Date
1.	A09P90STM2020	PORTABLE D.C. WELDING GENERATOR (AS PER RDSO SPECIFICATION NO. TM/SM/20 DT. 19.11.1992	18 Nos	25.09.2020 at 11:30 hours
2.	A10P90STM2020	WELD TRIMMER POWER PACK VERSION FOR A.T. WELDING AS PER RDSO SPECIFICATION NO. TM/SM/9	32 Nos	25.09.2020 at 11:30 hours
3.	A11P90STM2020	Rail Cutting Wheel Abrasive Disc RDSO Specification no. TMSM/2 (Rev. 01 OF 2007)	3805 Nos	25.09.2020 at 11:30 hours
4.	A12P90TMC2020	ABRASIVE RAIL CUTTER AS PER RDSO SPECIFICATION NO. TM/SM/1 Rev.01 of 2012	31 Nos	25.09.2020 at 11:30 hours
5.	A09P90TMC2020	LUB OIL VALVOLINE CUMMINS PREMIUM BLUE 7800 PLUS 1/210 LTR CUMMINS PART NO. 504626	1050 Ltr	25.09.2020 at 11:30 hours

Note :- 1. The complete information of above E-Procurement tenders is available on website [www.reps.gov.in](http://www.reps.gov.in). The firms, who desire to participate against E-Tenders, are advised to electronically register themselves on the above website for which they would be required to have a class-II digital certificate from certifying agencies authorized under IT Act 2000, by Govt. of India. Manual offers against E-Tenders will not be accepted. **Tender notice No.219-S/1/TMC/05/2020-21 Dated 03.09.2020 1918/2020**

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**NOTICE OF THE 27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND E-VOTING INFORMATION**

Notice is hereby given that the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Meyer Apparel Limited will be held on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 at 11:30 through Video conferencing to transact the business set out in the Notice dated 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2020. The said Notice alongwith the Annual Report containing Financial Statement, Auditors' & Directors' Report has been mailed to all members whose email address are available and same is available on the website of the company at [www.meyerapparel.com](http://www.meyerapparel.com) as well as on the website of NSDL at [www.evoting.nsdl.com](http://www.evoting.nsdl.com).

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Regulation 42 of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015 the Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 to 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of AGM.

It is further notified that pursuant to the provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rules made thereunder and Regulation 44 of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015 the members can exercise their votes by electronic means on resolutions proposed to be passed at the AGM through the electronic Voting. The Voting through electronic means shall commence on 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2020 (9:00 am (IST) and ends on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2020 (5:00 pm)(IST). Voting through electronic means shall not be allowed beyond 5:00 pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2020 and then members can vote at the time of AGM only through e-voting system. The cut-off date for determining the members eligible to vote is September 16, 2020.

In case a person becomes the member of the Company after the dispatch of AGM Notice but on or before the cut-off date, may write to the email address at [evoting@nsdl.co.in](mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in) or [rsks@meyerapparel.com](mailto:rsks@meyerapparel.com) / [nitasha@meyerapparel.com](mailto:nitasha@meyerapparel.com) / [admin@skylinert.com](mailto:admin@skylinert.com) for obtaining the credentials for remote e-voting. However if a member is already registered for e-voting, then existing user id and password can be used for casting vote. A person whose name is recorded in the register of members or in register of beneficial owners maintained by the depository as on cut-off date shall only be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting or voting in AGM. Members may participate in the AGM even after exercising his/her right to vote through remote e-voting but shall not be entitled to vote again at the AGM. For electronic voting instructions, members may go through the instructions in the Notice of AGM and in case of queries/grievances connected with electronic voting 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](http://www.evoting.nsdl.com) or contact Mr. Amit Vishal, Senior Manager address- Trade World- A Wing, Kamala Mills Compound Lower Panel, Mumbai-400013 call on toll free no.: 1800-222-990 or send a request at [evoting@nsdl.co.in](mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in) or write to Mr. RK Sharma, CFO & Company Secretary at [rsks@meyerapparel.com](mailto:rsks@meyerapparel.com) / [nitasha@meyerapparel.com](mailto:nitasha@meyerapparel.com).

**For Meyer Apparel Limited**  
**(Nitasha Bakshi)**  
Associate Company Secretary  
**For RK Sharma, CFO & Company Secretary**

Dated : 3 September, 2020  
Place : Gurugram (Haryana)

**SUPERIOR FINLEASE LIMITED**

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**NOTICE**

(For the attention of Equity Shareholders of Superior Finlease Limited)

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Members of Superior Finlease Limited is scheduled to be held on Friday, September 25, 2020, at 03:00 P.M. through Video Conferencing ("VC") / Other Audio Visual means ("OAVM") to transact the Ordinary and Special Business, as set out in the Notice of AGM. The Notice of AGM, Annual Report for the Financial Year 2019-20 and remote e-voting details have been sent in electronic mode to all the members whose e-mail IDs are registered with the Company/RTA/Depository.

Notice is also hereby given pursuant to Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013, Rule 10 of the Companies (Management & Administration) Rules, 2014 and Regulation 42 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 that the Register of the Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from Friday, September 18, 2020 to Friday, September 25, 2020 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of Annual General Meeting of the Company.

In case you have not registered your email addresses with the Company/ Depository Participant(s) then please follow below instructions to register your email id for obtaining Annual Report for FY 2019-20 and login details for e-voting.

- In case shares are held in physical mode please provide Folio No., Name of shareholder, scanned copy of the share certificate (front and back), PAN (self attested scanned copy of PAN card), AADHAR (self attested scanned copy of Aadhar Card) by email to [superiorfinlease@gmail.com](mailto:superiorfinlease@gmail.com).
- In case shares are held in demat mode, please provide DPID-CLID (16 digit DPID + CLID or 16 digit beneficiary ID), Name, client master or copy of Consolidated Account statement, PAN (self attested scanned copy of PAN card), AADHAR (self attested scanned copy of Aadhar Card) to [superiorfinlease@gmail.com](mailto:superiorfinlease@gmail.com).

Alternatively, Member may send an e-mail request to [evoting@nsdl.co.in](mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in) for obtaining User ID and Password by providing the details mentioned in Point (1) or (2) as the case may be.

Notice is hereby given in compliance with the provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 (as amended) and Regulation 44 of SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (as amended), and the MCA Circulars the Company is providing facility of remote e-voting to its Members in respect of the business to be transacted at the AGM. For this purpose, the Company has engaged the services of National Depository Services Limited (NSDL) to provide the e-voting facility.

The remote e-voting period will commence on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 09:00 A.M. and end on Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 05:00 P.M. During this period, the Members of the Company holding shares in the physical or electronic form as on the cut-off date i.e. Thursday, September 17, 2020 may cast their vote electronically. The e-voting module shall be disabled by NSDL for voting thereafter. Once the vote on a resolution is cast by the Member, he / she shall not be allowed to change it subsequently or cast vote again. Any person, who acquires shares of the Company and become member of the Company after dispatch of the notice and holding shares as of the cut-off date i.e. September 17, 2020, may obtain the login ID and password by sending a request at [evoting@nsdl.co.in](mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in) or [viren@skylinert.com](mailto:viren@skylinert.com).

The facility for voting through remote e-voting shall be made available at the AGM and the members attending the meeting, who have not cast their vote by remote e-voting and are otherwise not barred from doing so, shall be eligible to vote through e-voting system during the AGM. Mr. Nilesh Ranjan, Practicing Company Secretary, has been appointed as Scrutinizer to scrutinize the e-voting process in a fair and transparent manner. The detailed procedure for remote e-voting is contained in the letter sent with the Notice of the AGM.

The Notice of the AGM and the Annual Report for the year 2019-2020 will also be available on the Company's website <http://www.superiorfinlease.com/> and also on the website of BSE Limited at <https://www.bseindia.com/> and Metropolitan Stock Exchange of India Limited at <https://www.mseil.in/> where the shares of the company are listed.

Shareholders who would like to express their views/questions may send their questions in advance mentioning their name demat account number/folio number, email id, mobile number at [superiorfinlease@gmail.com](mailto:superiorfinlease@gmail.com) from September 22, 2020 (9:00 a.m. IST) to September 24, 2020 (5:00 p.m. IST). The same will be replied by the company suitably. Those shareholders who have registered themselves as a speaker will only be allowed to express their views/questions during the meeting. The Company reserves the right to restrict the number of speakers depending on the availability of time for the AGM.

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](http://www.evoting.nsdl.com) or call on toll free no.: 1800-222-990 or send a request at [evoting@nsdl.co.in](mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in).

To support the 'Green Initiative', members, who have not registered their e-mail addresses so far, are requested to register their e-mail address for receiving all communication including Annual Report, Notices, and Circulars etc. from the Company electronically.

**For Superior Finlease Limited**  
**(Disha Rani)**  
Disha Rani  
(Company Secretary)

Date: September 02, 2020  
Place: New Delhi

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**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS**

NOTICE is hereby given that the 35th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Company will be held on Wednesday, 30th September, 2020 at 04.30 p.m. As per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) vide Circular No. 14/2020 dated April 8, 2020, Circular No. 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020 and Circular No. 20/2020 dated May 05, 2020, the forthcoming AGM will thus be held through video conferencing (VC) or other audio visual means (OAVM). Hence, Members can attend and participate in the ensuing AGM through VC/OAVM. The deemed venue for the 35th AGM shall be 1212 Hemkunt Chambers, 89, Nehru Place, New Delhi - 110019 to transact the business contained in the Notice dated 14.08.2020 sent to all the members individually at their registered email address and also uploaded on the company's website [www.supraindustrialresources.in](http://www.supraindustrialresources.in).

Further notice is given that e-voting facility through VC/OAVM has been provided for transacting the business at the aforesaid AGM to the shareholders. Members holding shares either in physical or dematerialized form as on the cut-off date of 25.09.2020 may cast their vote electronically through electronic voting system of Central Depository Services (India) Ltd (CDSL). All the members are informed that (a) the business as set out in the notice of 35th AGM may be transacted by electronic voting. Working through electronic means shall commence on 26.09.2020 (10.00 am IST) and shall end on 29.09.2020 (5.00 pm IST). (b) members are requested to refer the instructions on e-voting and VC/OAVM, forming part of AGM notice regarding the process and manner for voting by VC/OAVM and electronic means. Members who have already cast their votes by e-voting may attend the AGM by VC/OAVM but shall not be entitled to vote.

**for Supra Industrial Resources Ltd.**  
**(Rajat Agarwal)**  
Director  
Date : 31st August, 2020  
Place: New Delhi  
DIN: 00266265

# Game over

The ban on gaming app PUBG might not make the Modi Govt popular with kids but it can spur local development



The events of June 15 in the Galwan valley of Ladakh have had some repercussions on the lives of millions of Indians and not just on those bravehearts who were mortally wounded in the battle. That clash changed our bilateral dynamic forever. It taught Indian policy makers that the Xi Jinping-led Chinese administration was not a good faith actor and would continue its territorial imperialism. Its continuous pushiness in Ladakh is proof enough. It spurred India, which had been lackadaisical in the development of infrastructure in border areas, to dramatically ramp up building activity. The embryonic 'Quad' alliance between India, Australia, Japan and the US got a growth spurt. It woke us up to the need to gradually withdraw our trade dependencies and shrink Chinese revenue at the expense of our markets. And it also allowed Indian policy makers to realise the level of Chinese influence in the mobile and internet arena in India. The ban on popular application TikTok and several others was just the start. Now the Indian Government has also taken down the popular gaming application, Player Unknown: Battlegrounds, usually called by its acronym PUBG, citing security and data privacy issues. Much can be written about the ban of these applications but as internet-entrepreneur Sanjeev Bikhchandani explained on the first episode of *The Pioneer Conversations*, the national security establishment would have made this decision, taking into account all major factors. Data pilfering is a concern but yes, this is a punitive cyber counter-strike against Beijing, hitting it where it hurts most, namely its growing applications and tech penetration in India. In fact, Beijing implied as much, saying India had imposed the ban in the face of pressure from the US, with foreign ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying warning against "short-sighted" participation in US restrictions against Chinese technology. India's strategic shift to the US is becoming more pronounced and with the combined US-India blackout of Chinese tech access, the dragon could be impacted quite a bit.

Several of these applications had a vast majority of their users based in India and thus their valuations were powered by us. However, there are questions on the creators of PUBG, although its beneficial ownership is by Chinese firm Tencent. If the government chooses to target Chinese ownership, that could become a huge problem for several Indian start-ups, including PayTM, which has significant ownership from the Alibaba-controlled Ant Financial. The lack of Chinese money would make it difficult for some Indian start-ups to raise resources although it might make life easier for Indian investors. Thankfully, PUBG has pushed the live game streaming industry in India with a large number of content creators earning good money. Then there is another aspect to the latest ban which impacted several games and not just PUBG. What effect will that have on India's nascent e-sports craze as well as game creation? We have been a laggard in the latter, and while there were tens of TikTok clones within hours of that app being banned, no Indian company is in any shape or form close to creating a reasonable gaming experience for users. That said, the burgeoning popularity of games in India and worldwide, the only entertainment sphere that has grown exponentially globally during the lockdown, might mean that there could be some good games being created in India in the coming years. This move could, in fact, goad game developers into innovating their products. However, bans work both ways and a ban on Chinese-created or owned games in India might mean that Indian-created games will also find it difficult to expand into new markets going forward.

# Justice at last

By releasing Dr Kafeel Khan, the Allahabad HC has upheld civil liberties and exposed the State Govt's oppressive intent



At a time when the judiciary is increasingly being perceived to be shadowed by the executive and prevailing sentiment, the Allahabad High Court ruling freeing Gorakhpur doctor Kafeel Khan from preventive custody is reassuring. For it strictly went by the facts of the case instead of perception, as every court should, and upheld the civil liberties of citizens, who are increasingly being persecuted by law should they choose to dissent. Most importantly, it upheld the incorruptible sheen of the institution that is the only armour of the common man. The Uttar Pradesh Government held Khan in preventive custody after he was booked under the National Security Act (NSA) for delivering a "provocative speech" against the discriminatory clauses of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and the National Register of Citizens (NRC) at Aligarh Muslim University. The court, sifting through every word and context of the speech, was categorical that it did not "promote hatred or violence" and was in no way inflammatory or threatened law and order. If anything, it emphasised the unity and diversity of the country. It even pointed how the district magistrate (DM) of Aligarh had ordered his detention after "selective reading and selective mention of few phrases from the speech ignoring its true intent." The court then systematically punched holes in the administration's rationale saying no reasonable man would have come to the conclusion about the speech in the manner that the DM did. But then reason is the first casualty of a propaganda war. Particularly one that is structured according to majoritarian requirements. Of course, the hasty and selective action was intended to perpetuate the official Government narrative that a certain community was being divisive about a new citizenship law by labelling its valid concerns as "hate speech." The fact is notables and civil society came out spontaneously against the exclusionary nature of the law and the mindset behind the religion-based approach of naturalising asylum seekers. Clearly, the State used oppressive tools to silence what had galloped into a countrywide movement. In Khan's case, the deliberateness is all the more evident as he made the speech in December but was detained in February, following the Chief Judicial Magistrate court's order granting him bail. The NSA case was slapped on him around that time to keep him in jail, where he has been seven months now. And the State Government clearly held sway over the lower courts to set an example and scare dissenters from taking to the streets. The Allahabad High Court, through its ruling, has clearly indicted the intent of the State Government to hound voices critical of it.

Dr Khan is no stranger to controversy, having been blamed for children's deaths at a Gorakhpur hospital when he tried to procure oxygen cylinders to save them. That did not deter him from pursuing causes he felt mattered to the everyday citizen. This bias is why he feels his persecution would not end so soon as a new case could be slapped on him on some wild pretext or the other. In other words, the fear of victimhood remains. This is hardly a favourable image of our justice system. The court's job is to uphold the fundamental rights of the citizen to free speech and protest and ensure his/her life and personal liberty are safe under Article 21 of the Constitution. Hopefully, this judgment will spur neutral and independent assessment of pending civil liberty cases across the country.

# How to grow green shoots

The framework of Govt spending right now focusses more on increasing consumption and demand instead of reducing the impact of a fall in demand



PRASENJIT BISWAS

The neo-Keynesian pressure on the Union Government to spend more and more and generate purchasing power among the largest segment of the Indian populace has been counteracted by a strong monetarist lending policy. The economic gap between the people who need cash and wage support and those who take loan to run their businesses is so wide across India that a monetarist policy can hardly overturn the situation of falling demand.

A perceptual illusion about a rise in demand for small cars, pharmaceutical drugs and online sale of several consumer products no doubt raised consumption indices with the unlock phases of the economy but it could not offset the fall of demand in food, milk and cereal markets. The rise in consumption spurred by lending activity is limited to specific sectors, while larger demand still remains dependent on a rise in income and employment.

This brings us to two parallel streams of lending activity by banks and other financial institutions and generation of income and wages by larger sectors of production and distribution. The seeming disjunction between the two reflects a certain kind of weakness in the overall framing of economic stimulus package and other policies to revive the economy. Market-directed moves of expanding the credit market by the RBI and the Government, irrespective of the fiscal deficit of all kinds like revenue deficit, GST shortfall, non-availability of revised estimate of funds for critical healthcare and education, are a kind of provisioning that RBI earns through various financial instruments.

The expenditure policy is getting determined by instant availability of funds, for which the RBI is taken to be the most resourceful institution, re-fuelling the Government over the last few years. This presents a paradoxical situation of fund crunch, austerity and internal borrowings on the one hand and credit and lending activity to generate a large part of fiscal expenses on the other. The tax exemptions granted to the rich and the corporates by the Modi government capture the gross reduction in tax revenue, which lead to higher public debt in relation to the gross domestic product (GDP). In effect, credit expansion in the financial sector is risked against shortfall in revenue generation, which as a policy measure, further contracts targeted Government expenditure supposed to counter the falling demand.

This perpetual imbalance between monetary and the fiscal sides leaves the Government with very little policy options except the so-called God's hand. If Atmanirbhar Bharat is taken into account, the Government's spending as assistance towards MSME and agriculture cannot generate sustainable trade and employment as the most important product market



remains sluggish. The local chain of markets for agri and MSME products is still to develop into a continuous supply chain, for which the local governments need to have sizeable interventions. This brings one to the role of State Governments in generating demand activity, which again is dependent on MNREGA, developmental work and building up a vibrant human capital. Homeward migration during COVID lockdown placed an added responsibility of finding productive work for at least four crore returnees, who are still struggling.

The bleak picture does not deter economists from producing their own variety of green shoots of economic theory. In a recent piece, Kaushik Basu argued for revival of the Indian economy through IT, outsourcing of digital economy, higher education, all of which ironically lack any labour-linking technological innovation. Seemingly the demand side is taken to be a suo moto available thing by Basu. In contrast, economists Anu Abraham and Mohd Imran Khan in their paper—*Covid-19: How long can consumption be sustained in lockdown?*—had shown that nearly 33 crore poor people cannot sustain consumption-income ratio at a satisfactory level and can at most sustain

themselves for six to seven weeks. Combining Basu and Abraham and Khan, one gets a rather contrarian picture of growth in the service industry versus a total deceleration in basic income-generating sectors, which monetarist interventions cannot alter. This does not address the disequilibrium between cash flow, capital formation and demand generation at the levels of macroeconomics or meta theory. One interesting way of looking at this knowledge gap is what Economics Nobel prize winner Robert J. Schiller considered as creation of a mainframe narrative to drive growth in an economy. In the case of the American economy, borrowing from medical sciences, Schiller considered a trending curve as an "art of narrative" by which an economy develops certain demands and succeeds in generating money. He further showed the role of a variety of narratives in sustaining macroeconomy and most notably an epidemiological narrative that goes viral, in which income is the most contagious element that resembles the hump-shaped epidemiological models. For example, the distress sale of foreign securities in the Indian stock market due to the pandemic, resulting in outflow of capital, when combined with fiscal deficit due to

the stimulus package, looks just like a COVID-synchronised model of economic losses that Schiller had predicted as an "epidemic of fear."

India's highly priced US treasury holdings of \$ 162.7 billion at two per cent with equally huge foreign currency-based loans worth \$105 billion from the World Bank at 9.5 per cent result in a massive loss of ₹50,000 crore per annum from India's coffers. Combined with short selling of bonds and securities, India's attempt to hold foreign government securities has resulted in a cost worth a million crore in the capital account, leading to a challenging trend of capital account deficits and current account surpluses. Capital account deficits worth ₹139 crore in 2020 show a trend of excessive financial outflow while current account surplus to the tune of 0.1 per cent of the GDP shows sharp fall in import as well as export due to recessionary conditions. The monetary management by adjustment of rates and control on money market by the RBI is not able to bring sustainability in the balance of payment. This is how India's balance of payment looks more like a rising epidemiological curve that shows no sign of receding.

The demand management through Atmanirbhar Bharat

or the "Made in India" narrative cannot match the pandemic-induced fall in demand.

The other narrative of self-reliance in key sectors like space and defence production has nothing much to do with capital outflow or demand contraction. A futurist narrative of companies off-shoring them to India in digital technologies with a positive impact on job creation gets blunted by privatisation of the ordnance industry involving substantial job losses. One-time revenue generation through selling public sector giants in contrast with past nationalisation of key industries is an impact of the pandemic hump. The rising death rates in India combined with restrictive lockdowns spawn new gaps between overburdened health infrastructure and overall fund crunch.

In the absence of a plausible narrative, one could look at sustainability economics. Advocated by environmental economists like Giorgos Kallis and institutional economists like Kate Raworth, this shows how economies can sustain themselves through an equitable contraction of demand. In a Corona-hit economy, such a contraction certainly reduces pressure on natural and material resources. At the same time, it does not create a steady state economy of equilibrium between income and employment; rather it increases the bullish behaviour in stocks and securities.

Sustaining degrowth by decoupling employment and growth could be a fiscal alternative in which a contraction in demand could release an extra or reserve fund for giving cash to poor and middle classes as a "political right." On the other side, a contraction of demand has resulted in unemployment and job loss to the tune of five million salaried employees in July alone. Altogether 1.8 crore salaried people have lost jobs since April, as stated by CMIE data.

This certainly requires what degrowth theorists proposed, a universal basic income and job guarantee decoupled from economic growth. The policy framework of government spending right now focusses more on increasing consumption and demand instead of reducing the impact of a fall in demand. This can be made possible by way of distribution of resources in a socially co-operative manner. This is how we can grow the green shoots.

(The author is a political economy analyst based in Shillong)

## SOUNDBITE

The citizens need solace and a prayer to God to save them from this catastrophe. The Government should not be an obstacle between God and its devotees.



MNS chief —Raj Thackeray

Our fight is for the poor, the farmers, weaker sections and the downtrodden and the Congress will not be cowed down by such tactics.



UP Congress chief —Ajay Kumar Lallu

The toll hike is insensitive and a third blow to the people, (of Haryana) who are already bearing the brunt of the Coronavirus, lockdown and economic slowdown.



Congress leader —Randeep Surjewala

We have merged with the NDA without any condition. Seat-sharing is not an issue for HAM. As a coalition partner, we will take whatever seats are offered to us.



HAM leader —Jitan Ram Manjhi

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Questionable move

Sir— In an unprecedented move, the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led NDA Government has opted to do away with Question Hour using the curtailed monsoon session of Parliament as an excuse. If the Opposition jointly fails to thwart this unparliamentary move, it can be used as a precedent by the present dispensation, which goes all out to destroy all institutions that safeguard democracy and the rights of the people.

The Question Hour is meant for the members of both ruling and Opposition party leaders to raise issues affecting the people who have sent them to Parliament to represent them. Participating in a TV debate over this move, the BJP's national spokesperson and Rajya Sabha MP GVL Narasimha Rao went on to claim that the West Bengal Assembly will convene for just three days as compared to the 17 days of the Parliament without caring to realise that as the Parliament represents the Union of India, consisting of 28 States and eight Union Territories, it requires more than 30 days, if not more, to function properly.

### They made videos while he bled to death!

The Walke murder case in Margao, Goa, is not just about the gruesome killing of a young businessman in the heart of the commercial capital—and in broad daylight at that! It is the shameful story of bystanders who have been conspicuous by their unresponsiveness to an incident, which was perceived by them to be nothing more than some sensational news unfolding right in front of their eyes. For the passers-by, the filming of the entire sequence of events in the vicinity of the jewellery shop, where the chilling incident took place, seemed to be more appealing than catching the suspects who made good their escape in full public view after orchestrating the crime. If the video clip of the macabre incident that went viral is anything to go by, the group of onlookers—and there were many mind you—made no visible efforts to go after the assailants.

The sight of a helmeted-man breaking free from the clutches of the victim and another bare-chested man with a knife in his hand streaking through the crowds and vanishing into thin air appeared to amuse them more! Moreover, the insensitivity of the people gathered near the scene of the crime can only be seen as a contributory factor to the death of the young businessman. Even as a bleeding and exhausted Svapnil sat on the steps of his shop, there did not seem to be many among the crowd of spectators, who were very keen on rushing the critically injured man to some hospital for immediate medical attention.

In view of the current pandemic, a short session may be the right decision but it should have been planned better. The Government should have accom-



modated the Question Hour after clearing important financial Bills and so on, instead of just avoiding grilling by the Opposition on contentious issues like the pandemic management and the economy. A Parliament session without debate is "life without oxygen."

Pachu Menon Margao, Goa

N Nagarajan Secunderabad

### Innovative India

Sir— This is with reference to the "Global Innovation Index." Gone are the days when India used to be known as a nation of snake charmers. We have been progressing in all spheres and disciplines post-Independence. Under the able leadership of various Prime Ministers over the decades, we have come a long way from being a nation that once was considered poor and under-developed.

Today we are reaching for the moon and India is making rapid inroads in several significant domains and meeting world benchmarks. Our improved position in the top 50 nations of the Global Innovation Index bears testimony to the fact that we are making progress in this direction. India ranked first among central and south-east Asian countries and as compared to 2019, we climbed four spots to reach the 48th position, up from 52. As per the index, India is now the third-most innovative lower middle-income economy in the world.

Rahul Chouhan Ujjain

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## FIRST COLUMN

## Hike Govt spend to heal economy

Investing large amounts of money in world-class healthcare facilities will provide thousands of jobs immediately



KUMARDEEP BANERJEE

This is usually that time of the year when many community festival organisers are in a last-minute frenzy for a long and massively busy festive season ahead. People from the western part of the country and increasingly other areas would be busy winding down the Ganpati celebrations, while those in the eastern part of India would be ramping up for Durga Puja. Yet, despite several relaxations given by the Government in successive unlocking orders regarding mobility of people and gathering for religious functions and so on, this will be an extremely muted festive season for India. This means that the V-shaped economic recovery that policymakers have been predicting, if not dictating, may remain an elusive dream for the forthcoming two quarters. The math, even if we overlook the massive crater in the Gross Domestic Product, in the April-June quarter, can be better explained by a few examples.

Last month, I got a call from a traditional drum player (also known as *Dhaaki* in Bengali) who lives in a remote village in West Bengal. Every year during the Durga Puja he, along with a few of his family members and friends, hop on to a bus traversing a patchy road full of potholes. The bus snakes through some of the lush green fields to reach the nearest railway station where the *Dhaaki* and his companions board a train to reach Delhi, Mumbai or various destinations around the country outside Bengal. He is not alone; thousands of idol makers, traditional tent decorators, artisans, artists and so on make this annual pilgrimage to various destinations around India and the globe to perform as backroom talent for the great India festival economy.

They usually return home with a one-time bonus and upgraded skill sets from the glamorous and glittery pilgrimage they undertake. Once back on their turf, they pump back the money earned, leading to increased consumption mirroring the city-dwellers, keeping the overall economic wheels chugging. With the ongoing pandemic still raging across the country and new infections rising daily, the fear of local lockdowns (in the eventuality of a sharp increase in cases) has pushed most patrons of such festivals, along with their bandwagon of large sponsors, to keep all celebrations at bay for next year.

This talk of festivals brings to mind a tall statesman and bipartisan leader that India lost recently, Pranab Mukherjee. The former President of India, known for his long working hours, would always go back to his village in another remote part of West Bengal during Durga Puja to perform all the rituals associated with the festival. The little that I have known of the late ex-President and Finance Minister, Mukherjee was not a very religious person. However, this journey to his village during the festive season he undertook without fail. This ensured great infrastructure development of the entire semi-urban or rural pocket to which he belonged. Many politicians and influential corporate leaders seek out the festival season to make a sort of constituency connect, thereby administering small doses of health boosters to the economy.

However, by any stretch of imagination, this year will not be a festive one, and if at all there are any festivities, they will be muted, both due to the need for social distancing and the economic hardships people are facing due to the pandemic. This, in turn, will lead to a massive dark cloud on the fate of lakhs of enterprises, large, medium and small *et al* and millions of jobs. Now, the big question is, what can the Government do at this stage to push the economy back on the high-growth \$5 trillion highway? Many top business leaders, industry veterans and policy analysts have suggested a closer synchronisation between actions of the Central Government and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). Their unified demand is for a sharp bank rate cut by the RBI, thus enabling more money into the system for spending. This, I am told, is being actively considered by the Central Bank.

Second, due to the global slump in exports, travel and the economy, almost the entire nation is increasingly looking at the Government to boost its spending. There is a huge demand for the Government to provide a one-time relief to the middle and lower-middle income group. After all, a set of estimates suggests that nearly 19 million salaried individuals would have lost their jobs or have had to take massive salary cuts, including many from the informal sector.

The Government may look at providing a one-time direct money transfer like an unemployment allowance to these people. Many argue that the first round of nearly ₹20 lakh crore provided by the Government may just have been more of a "Band aid" applied to a large, deep and developing tumour of economic deceleration. The only solution to save the gasping economy is aim for long-term growth with a sharp eye on the immediate road ahead. The Government needs to get money from around the globe, including sovereign wealth funds and persuade them to invest in roads, highways and maybe even global-standard healthcare facilities. This is because the construction and manufacturing sectors consume a large chunk of the rural workforce and giving these sectors a booster shot will prevent millions from slipping back into abject poverty.

Investing large amounts of money in world-class healthcare facilities will provide thousands of jobs immediately. It will create a potential vaccine and drug research facility for future pandemics. The migration of millions of people from small towns and cities to large metropolitans is also because of the state-of-the-art healthcare facilities available in them.

Even during the ongoing health crisis, one of the key challenges being faced is lack of adequate testing and diagnostic facilities in majority parts of the country. If the Government, along with the private sector, puts its mind and might behind developing world-class and affordable diagnostic facilities in every nook and corner of the country and directly links them to already running schemes like Ayushman Bharat, it could be a huge game changer. There could be a parallel construction of neighbourhood healthcare centres with assured availability of good quality doctors and specialists. These spends in public health like Swastha Bharat will create a healthier and stronger India.

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—CONGRESS LEADER  
KC VENUGOPAL

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—FACEBOOK'S TRUST AND SAFETY DIRECTOR  
NEIL POTTS

## Medieval mass neurosis

The West's response to the Coronavirus shows that we have succumbed to a collective obsession and become a society enraptured by medieval superstitions



JANET DALEY

Can this really be happening? The British are famously — and proudly — the most difficult people in the world to terrorise or bully. The population that stood with tireless phlegm and humour against relentless bombardment, that made its historical mark with an unflinching rationality which never permits hysteria to sweep the public discourse — must now be chivied into leaving the confines of their own homes or the safe harbours of their immediate neighbourhoods.

And the most perplexing thing of all is that this is the response of most of the Western world. They, who have always stood up for their personal liberties, are now willingly covering at home at the thought of an invisible virus getting them. It is like the Bogeyman of the Middle Ages has been let loose upon the planet and if we don't hide from it, that will be the end of us. If we look back at history, it seems that over time, society goes from "terror to terror." Whether the "Red Scare" of communism in the 50s, or the Al Qaeda, immigration, and the Bear market, the Swine Flu and now the Coronavirus.

Where did this come from? Well, on the one hand, it is perfectly clear: With an official Government campaign deliberately designed not only to inculcate fear but to suggest that protection against the great threat of the contagion was simple and clear-cut. And furthermore, obeying the "stay safe, stay home" edict would not just protect you and your immediate family but the rest of society as well. So locking yourself away was a moral obligation as well as an insurance against the personal danger of catching the dreaded Coronavirus. The combination of anxiety and appeal to the conscience of the common man was unbeatable — even when it involved deprivations of liberty which would once have been unconscionable.

So where are we now? Trapped in a state of what appears to be a spiral of fear so profound that it has become a permanent condition. Of course, as everybody has said, the Government's incoherent messages have something to do with this: One day there is solemn talk of an inevitable "second wave" of the Coronavirus and the next day... well you know the rest.

But the big question on everybody's minds is how much of this epidemic of national trepidation is pretext? We gather that a great many professionals — particularly those in the service industries on whom the British economy depends — are really quite smugly pleased with their new home-based work arrangements.

They are so relaxed, it seems, that when Government Ministers try to tell them that, actually, they might be putting their jobs at risk by becoming permanent ghost-like unpersons in the workplace, they rise up indignantly — as if refusing to venture into the office was now a right.

In fact, of course, the new Government advice is simply common sense. If an employee can do his job from home indefinitely, so could a floating free-lancer who will be owed

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no security, no sick leave, no health insurance, pension benefits or parental leave.

All the protections and rights which employees have fought hard to win over the generations will count for nothing once managements discover that most of the functions now carried out by those in formal employment can be done anywhere by people prepared to carry out the same functions on their own premises (and providing the necessary equipment at their own expense).

But surely those clever professionals in their home offices could have come to this conclusion themselves. Anybody who has ever worked in an organisation knows that there is more to a successful career than simply doing the tasks that are required. So why has such a large cohort of the educated population suddenly become so perversely obtuse about what was once a commonplace of adult life?

There has to be something bigger involved in this startling social development which nobody, so far as I recall, foresaw. Nursing my own personal grief over the loss of the cultural landmarks of the year — the concerts and the theatre, the opera and the art exhibitions — it suddenly struck me that virtually all of these events had been hit recently by their own traumatic identity crises.

I found myself thinking aloud: "Western culture has been considering a means of suicide for a while.

Maybe it's finally found it." In moments of despair it had occurred to me that there was something of a medieval Dark Age about the current mood: Extinction Rebellion with its child saints and the self-flagellating Woke culture.

Being given an apparently sound reason to disable the most notable manifestations of that historical tradition which we are now being encouraged to denounce: What could be better suited to the weird, vaguely hysterical, fashion of the times? Fear may be the most dangerous contagion but I am coming around to the view that this is not simple fear. It is a mass neurosis of which irrational and prolonged anxiety is a symptom. A corrosive loss of confidence and understanding of one's role and identity which will, if it prevails, ultimately undermine the quality of modern life more irrevocably than any virus.

It is not only our official cultural institutions that are at risk here. One of the most fundamental principles of post-war liberal democracy is on trial or, at least, coming up for examination.

The pandemic has been a moral predicament at least as much as a health crisis. When this whole bizarre chapter is finally over, the questions that needed to be put, but for which there was no time, will be luminously clear. How much should we have asked the general populace to sacrifice in order to protect what we knew, almost from the start, would be a quite

small, vulnerable minority?

Is personal liberty — normally of unquestionable value in a democracy during peacetime — expendable when healthcare systems are under sufficient strain? Where exactly do we draw the line on the right of governments to dictate the terms of personal relations?

Perhaps we have learned more than we wished to know about the assumptions that underpin the Government in the modern era. If, for example, we accept that the State should provide healthcare in some more or less comprehensive form, does that mean that it has the right (or even the duty) to ensure that its medical infrastructure is not threatened?

And does that provision oblige the State to put the protection of every individual life above, say, the quality of life of the unaffected majority? Is that the essence of the modern political conscience, and if it is, hadn't we better discuss it openly? After all, these are our personal liberties at stake.

So there was an odd mix here: On the one hand, the very modern idea that it is the duty of governments to prevent a single life being lost — a notion which the medieval mind with its fatalistic acceptance of mortality would have found absurd — combined with a darkly superstitious dread of some unfathomable threat. Everybody is saying that we have lived through a strange time. It may have been stranger than we knew.

(Courtesy: The Daily Telegraph)

## Equality through sartorial parity

Jeans have become a universal cultural language that inscribes the body



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At times, I lecture at mass communication institutes and a few universities. Often, I am struck by the near sartorial uniformity among the students — the ubiquitous denim jeans. My estimate is that 80 per cent of college girls in Delhi wear trousers or a variant of it, 18 per cent an assortment of garments and the remaining two per cent *salwar* suits. Of the 80 per cent who wear trousers, I reckon, 85 per cent would swear by jeans. Garima, like many of her tribe, finds them to be comfortable and requiring "little maintenance." On the other hand, Anusuya, a second year student in a prominent women's college, feels that the jeans-tee ensemble brings out her best features.

Starting from the 70s, more and more women in India have been riding on this craze whereas the adoption of this "male" garment in the West had its moorings in the exigencies of the period and in ideology. According to Fashion Encyclopedia, the term "jeans" has existed since the 1600s, where it was a compre-

hensive term to describe the "rough clothing worn by working men." Since the fabric for making this apparel often came from Genoa in Italy, it was labelled as "jean". With weavers in the Nimes, France replicating this fabric, it acquired a new name: Denim, a corruption of the words "de Nimes." The indigo dye used to colour the fabric blue came from India. Hence, denim meant blue jeans.

During World War I (WW-I), women, having joined the workforce, started wearing uniforms that were akin to men's in fabric and style. This meant the transformation in the appearance of women from the feminine to masculine. Hence, talking to trousers was the next logical sartorial step. But then these tacky tracks didn't go too far. The end of the war brought fundamental changes in British society as women outnumbered men. They felt compelled to appear more attractive. Hollywood heroines inspired them to wear make-up. The new German cult of sun-bathing became popular and sun-tanned bodies a status symbol of rich and fashionable women. With significant changes in sexual morality, availability of contraception and the founding of the abortion clinic of Marie Stopes, women were spurred to reveal more of their bodies: legs, arms, chest, back. But the great depression of the 30s, coupled with the Wall Street crash, high unemployment and higher taxation in the US led to a social churning. Married women were compelled to give up their jobs and return to "sweet domesticity." Yet,

in 1934, Levi Strauss & Co. took a risk, forever altering the course of women's fashion. It introduced the world's first jeans made exclusively for women: Lady Levi's jeans for women working on farms and ranches. However, Europe was slow in warming up to this concept. Thus, for a decade or so, almost all sartorial symbols of masculinity remained mothballed.

WW-II put women back into the workforce and pants this time on both sides of the Atlantic. Popular posters of women workers encouraged others to wear practical overalls, dungarees and jeans. But post-war, women again succumbed to the natural instincts of femininity, prodded by myriad fashion pundits. Christian Dior launched the "New Look" in Paris, returning women to an overtly feminine silhouette which gave them an hour-glass figure and an extravagance so long denied to them. Some other Parisian fashion houses like Givenchy, Yves Saint Laurent and Pierre Cardin, too, captivated the imagination of the fashion conscious, stimulated, as they were, by Hollywood divas like Marilyn Monroe, Audrey Hepburn and Elizabeth Taylor.

But it was the rapid economic independence of women and their growing interest in sports and leisure activities, the relaxing of parental control over teenagers and the latter's craving to dress like their anti-establishment idols Elvis Presley, James Dean and Beatles that led to a revival of interest in trousers. Another set of counter-culturists were the beatniks who

rejected notions of glamour. The hippy revolution of the 70s, which held sway over the imagination of people globally, brought a new dimension. For the first time, women wore everything from "bedazzled and studded to bootcut jeans in reaction."

Almost concurrently, and as a reaction to the entire package of fashion that sculpted the female body into a sexual object, the Women's Liberation Movement began in the late 1960s. Femininity, the feminists argued, was a male ploy for manipulation and control over women. The crusaders advocated wearing dungarees and jeans and no adornment. In the gambit of achieving gender equality through sartorial parity, some women found trousers so comfortable that they abandoned wearing dresses and coined a new word, "power dressing." In India, too, there is no shortage of power dressers. Thus, shorn of any existential exigencies, Indians have succumbed to be swaddled in trousers and blue jeans to conform to the global pull. While for the upper classes, foreign labels are a way of identification with their Western peers, for the not so privileged wearing jeans is a practical way of life and a means to be at par with their aspirational models. Notwithstanding the advent of new fabrics and silhouettes, trousers and jeans have maintained a firm footing. It has become a universal cultural language that inscribes the body.

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FOREIGN EYE



## THE ART OF DOING NOTHING

A German university is offering scholarships to students willing to explore 'active inactivity'. In an overly utilitarian age, it could be on to something. The hippie dropout movement was conceived in the same spirit. During the Summer of Love in 1967, 30,000 turned up to a Human Be-In in San Francisco, conceived as a consciousness-raising exercise in ecstatic purposelessness. It is surely true that moments of indolent contemplation can provide life's greatest joys. Good luck to the recipients of the "idleness grants." (The Guardian editorial)

NAVALNY POISONED WITH SOVIET-STYLE NERVE AGENT

# Germany to rethink pipeline with Russia

**Berlin:** German Chancellor Angela Merkel faced growing pressure on Thursday to reconsider the Nord Stream 2 pipeline, which will take gas from Russia to Germany, after she said Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny was poisoned with a Soviet-style nerve agent.

Merkel said on Wednesday that Navalny, who is being treated in a Berlin hospital, was the victim of a murder attempt using the nerve agent Novichok and demanded an explanation by Russia.

Moscow has denied involvement in the incident and the Russian foreign ministry said Germany's assertion was not backed by evidence.

Western countries have condemned the attack on Navalny and many German politicians want a tough response.

"We must pursue hard politics, we must respond with the only language (Russian President Vladimir) Putin understands - that is gas sales," Norbert Roettgen, head of Germany's parliamentary foreign affairs committee, told German radio. "If the Nord

Stream 2 pipeline is completed now, it would be the maximum confirmation and encouragement for Putin to continue this kind of politics," Roettgen, a member of conservatives, told German television earlier.

Nord Stream 2 is set to double the capacity of the existing Nord Stream 1 pipeline in carrying gas directly from Russia to Germany. Led by Russian com-

pany Gazprom with Western partners, the project is more than 90% finished and due to operate from early 2021. This may complicate efforts to stop it.

The project has divided the European Union, with some countries warning it will undermine the traditional gas transit state, Ukraine, and increase the bloc's reliance on Russia for energy supplies. **AFP**

## Russia: Germany has provided no proof of Navalny poisoning

**Moscow:** Russian President Vladimir Putin's spokesman brushed off allegations Thursday that the Kremlin was involved in poisoning Putin's most determined critic, accusing Germany of not providing Moscow with any evidence about the condition of Russian dissident Alexei Navalny.

Navalny, a politician and corruption investigator, fell ill on a flight to Moscow on Aug. 20 and was taken to a hospital in the Siberian city of Omsk. He has been in an induced coma

for more than a week in a Berlin hospital after being flown from Siberia to Germany for treatment more than a week ago.

German authorities said Wednesday that tests showed "proof without doubt" that he had been poisoned with a chemical nerve agent from the Novichok group. But Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov insisted Thursday that Russian authorities still had not received any evidence from Germany to back up their allegation. **AP**

# Biden: Trump ignores pandemic, stokes unrest, solves neither

**Wilmington (US):** Joe Biden is calling the struggle to reopen US schools amid the coronavirus a "national emergency" and accusing President Donald Trump of turning his back to stoke passions instead about unrest in America's cities.

The Democratic presidential nominee's broadsides came a day ahead of his own trip to Kenosha, Wisconsin, where Biden said he wants to help "heal" a city reeling from another police shooting of a Black man.

The wounding of Jacob Blake and subsequent demonstrations have made the political battleground state a focal point for debate over police and protest violence, as well as the actions of vigilante militias.

Biden assailed Trump for his vilifying of protesters as well as his handling of the pandemic that has killed nearly 190,000 Americans and crippled the national economy, leaving millions out of work, schools straining to deal with students in classrooms or at home and parents struggling to keep up.

An American president, Trump's challenger declared, should be able to lead through

multiple crises at the same time.

"Where is the president? Why isn't he working on this?" Biden asked.

"We need emergency support funding for our schools — and we need it now. Mr. President, that is your job. That's what you should be focused on — getting our kids back to school. Not whipping up fear and division — not inciting violence in our streets."

Trump answered almost immediately with his own event in North Carolina, where he continued casting the protests generally as "violent mobs here at home" that must be met with a strong show of force.

"These people know one thing: strength," he said.

If local leaders would ask for federal muscle, Trump said, "We'll have it done in one hour."

Trump later tweeted, "My Administration will do everything in its power to prevent weak mayors and lawless cities from taking Federal dollars while they let anarchists harm people, burn buildings, and ruin lives and businesses." **AP**

## Political stance under glare, FB announces steps for US election

**New Delhi:** Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg on Thursday said the social network would stop accepting new political ads in the week before the US presidential election in November amid concerns that its loose rules could once again be exploited to interfere with the vote like in 2016. The announcement comes amid heightened scrutiny of Facebook's influence on politics including in countries like India where the social media giant has been accused of ignoring hate speech by BJP leaders to placate the ruling party.

In a Facebook post announcing the changes, Mr Zuckerberg, chief executive of the world's biggest social network, wrote that he was concerned about the unique challenges voters would face due to the coronavirus pandemic, which has prompted a surge in voting by mail. "I'm also worried that with our nation so divided and election results potentially taking days or even weeks to be finalized, there could be an increased risk of civil unrest across the country," he said. Mr Zuckerberg has previously defended his decision to allow for a free-wheeling political conversation on Facebook. **AFP**

## Taiwan denounces China's 'vulgar threats' towards Czech Republic speaker

**Taipei:** China's "vulgar threats" over a visit by the Czech Republic's senate speaker to Taiwan are like a cold, unwelcome winter wind and contrast with the courteous words the speaker offered while in Taiwan, a senior Taiwanese politician said on Thursday.

China, which claims Taiwan as its sovereign territory, has condemned Czech Senate speaker Milos Vystrcil for going. The Chinese government's top diplomat Wang Yi said this week he would pay

a "heavy price" for visiting the democratic island.

Vystrcil declared himself to be Taiwanese in a speech at Taiwan's parliament on Tuesday, channelling the late U.S. President John F. Kennedy's defiance of communism in Berlin in 1963, further angering Beijing but winning plaudits in Taipei.

Speaking with Vystrcil by his side Taipei, Taiwan parliament Speaker You Si-kun praised his "stirring" speech at the legislature. **AP**



Nepalese protesters defying a government coronavirus lockdown to take part in a religious festival clash with riot police in Lalitpur, Nepal on Thursday **AP**

## Around the Globe

**London:** An independent panel appointed by the WHO to review its coordination of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic will have full access to any internal UN documents, materials and emails necessary, the panel said on Thursday as it begins the probe.

**New York:** A former United Nations official accused of drugging and sexually assaulting several women has been charged with lying to the FBI.

**United Nations:** The female poverty rate in South Asia will increase in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and more women than men in the 25-34 age group will be poorer in the next decade, according to new data released by the UN.

**Bangkok:** A prison inmate has tested Covid positive in Thailand's first confirmed locally transmitted case in 100 days.

## B'desh court: Hindu widows to get share of husbands' properties

PTI ■ DHAKA

For the first time, Hindu widows in Bangladesh will have the rights to both agricultural and non-agricultural lands of their deceased husbands after a top court ruled in their favour, according to a media report.

The Bangladesh High Court on Wednesday ruled that no separation has been made between the agricultural and non-agricultural lands. So Hindu widows have the rights to the lands of their husbands, The Daily Star reported.

Under the current norm, Hindu widows in the country are only entitled to their spouses' homesteads and not



any other assets like agricultural land.

"Hindu widows will have the rights to both agricultural and non-agricultural lands that belonged to their husbands. They will also get the right to sell the lands for legal necessities during their lifetime," the report said, citing the court order.

The verdict by the High Court came following a civil revision petition filed by civilian Jyotindranath Mondal from Khulna district challenging a lower court verdict.

On March 7, 2004, Khulna's joint district judge delivered judgement in a case filed by Jyotindranath, saying that Gouri Dasi, widow of Jyotindranath's elder brother Avimannu Mondal, will get right to the agricultural land of her late husband.

The land had been recorded in the name of Gouri after Avimannu died in 1996.

Jyotindranath had filed the case with the court of an assistant judge in Khulna challenging the record of the land in the name of Gouri Dasi in 1996.

## Non-bailable warrant issued against Sharif

PTI ■ LAHORE

A Pakistani court on Thursday directed the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to execute a non-bailable arrest warrant against former prime minister Nawaz Sharif in a 34-year land allotment case, according to media reports.

During the plot allotment hearing, Model Town Police Inspector Bashir Ahmed told Lahore Accountability Court's Judge Asad Ali that Sharif was not at his residence.

Last month, the accountability court had issued a bailable arrest warrant and served summons at all known addresses of the three-time prime minister, who is currently in London for medical treatment.

## UK public tribunal to probe Uighur 'genocide' claims

**London:** A prominent British human rights lawyer is convening an independent tribunal in London to investigate whether the Chinese government's alleged rights abuses against Uighur Muslims in the far western Xinjiang region constitute genocide or crimes against humanity.

The tribunal is expected to reveal new evidence and testimony over several days' hearings next year. While the tribunal does not have government backing, it is the latest attempt to hold

China accountable for its treatment of the Uighurs and ethnic Turkic minorities, who have been subject to an unprecedented crackdown since 2017.

Barrister Geoffrey Nice, who previously led the prosecution of ex-Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic over the Balkans war and worked with the International Criminal Court, was asked by the World Uighur Congress to investigate "ongoing atrocities and possible genocide" against the Uighur people. **AP**

## Portugal: Young climate activists take 33 countries to court

AP ■ LISBON (PORTUGAL)

Six young Portuguese activists launched on Thursday a European human rights case against 33 countries in the latest legal effort to force governments to step up their fight against climate change.

The six filed a claim Thursday asking the European Court of Human Rights to hold the countries accountable for their allegedly inadequate efforts to cut greenhouse gas emissions.

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE						
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2	HVPNL, PANCHKULA	PROCUREMENT OF RELAYS	01.08.2020 16.09.2020	40.25 LACS	www.hvnpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvnpn.org.in
3	HVPNL, ROHTAK	CONST. OF 33 KV CAPACITOR BANK AND ODSS FOUNDATION AT 220 KV S/STN. NUNA MAJRA (B.GARH) (CIVIL WORKS ONLY)	CLOSING DATE 17.09.2020	336593/6740.00 for General and Rs. 3370/- for registered L&C Society (Except in case of Haryana based MSMEs and KVI units).	https://www.hvnpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvnpn.org.in
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6	HVPNL, ROHTAK	THE WALK WAY, PRELIMINARY AND DETAILED SURVEY FOR VARIOUS LINES I.E. 220/132 KV UNDER XEN TS DIVISION HVPNL ROHTAK	CLOSING DATE 08.09.2020	6.02 LACS	https://www.hvnpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvnpn.org.in
7	DHBVN, HISAR	PROCUREMENT OF SOLID PRESS BOARD 1 MM OF NATURAL COLOUR TYPE-D AS PER IS:1576/1992 SIZE 875*1500 MM (SENAPATHY/ RAMAN/ PADAM JI) FOR REPAIRING OF DAMAGED DTS AT TRW, DHBVN, HISAR. (NIT NO. WC-37)	28.08.2020 07.09.2020	1.96 LACS	www.dhbvn.org.in	9050254440 cos@dhbvn.org.in
8	DHBVN, HISAR	SOLID PRESS BOARD 1.50 MM OF NATURAL COLOUR TYPE-D AS PER IS:1576/1992 SIZE 875*1500 MM (SENAPATHY/ RAMAN/ PADAM JI) FOR REPAIRING OF DAMAGED DTS AT TRW, DHBVN, HISAR. (NIT NO. WC-38)	28.08.2020 07.09.2020	1.96 LACS	www.dhbvn.org.in	9050254440 cos@dhbvn.org.in
9	DHBVN, HISAR	NEOPRENE BONDED CORK COMPOSITION SHEET (2*3", 6 MM THICK) AS PER 4253/PART-II - 1980 GRADE RC-70C) FOR REPAIRING OF DAMAGED DTS AT TRW, DHBVN, HISAR. (NIT NO. WC-39)	28.08.2020 07.09.2020	1.96 LACS	www.dhbvn.org.in	9050254440 cos@dhbvn.org.in
10	DHBVN, HISAR	DELTA COPPER WIRE 1.2MM (10 LAYER INSULATED) FOR REPAIRING OF DAMAGED DTS AT TRW, DHBVN, HISAR. (NIT NO. WC-40)	28.08.2020 07.09.2020	1.94 LACS	www.dhbvn.org.in	9050254440 cos@dhbvn.org.in
11	DHBVN, HISAR	ZINC CHROMATE (BURGER/ASIAN/ NEROLAC) FOR REPAIRING OF DAMAGED DTS AT TRW, DHBVN, HISAR. (NIT NO. WC-41)	28.08.2020 07.09.2020	1.95 LACS	www.dhbvn.org.in	9050254440 cos@dhbvn.org.in
12	UHBVN, PANCHKULA	HIRING OF BUILDING FOR OFFICE PURPOSE OF SDO OP S/DIVN PINJORE HAVING CARPET AREA OF 3500-4500SQ.FT.	CLOSING DATE 17.09.2020	Rs. 5000	uhbvn.org.in xenoppanchkula@org.in	xenoppanchkula@uhbvn.org.in
13	HARYANA SCHOOL SHIKSHA PARYOJNA PARISHAD	PRINTING & SUPPLY OF KADAM TOOL KIT FOR OUT OF SCHOOL CHILDREN FOR THE ACADEMIC SESSION 2020-21	03.09.2020 17.09.2020	1.80 LACS	www.hsspp.in	0172-2590500 pohsspp@gmail.com
14	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE RANJA	RFP FOR DOOR TO DOOR COLLECTION, SEGREGATION, TRANSPORTATION AS WELL AS PROCESSING OF WASTE AND ROAD/STREET SWEEPING AND LIFTING OF GARBAGE FROM WARD NO 1,2,3,14,15	01.09.2020 07.09.2020	90000/-	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01698-250026 Secymcrania@gmail.com
15	HARYANA LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT BOARD PANCHKULA	ANNUAL MAINTENANCE OF LIVESTOCK, ANIMAL FARMS, CHAFFING & FEEDING TO BULLS & OTHER ALLIED WORKS IN SEMEN BANK, HLD, GURUGRAM	01.09.2020 15.09.2020	EMD 72000/-	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416172558 hldb-hry@nic.in
16	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL NARNAUL	CONSTRUCTION OF 02 PARKS CUM VYAMSHALA IN NARNAUL CITY + 1 OTHER WORK	01.09.2020 07.09.2020	109.18 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in/nicetep/app	9812892869 eomcnarnaul@gmail.com
17	KARNAL SMART CITY	TOTAL 2 NOS. WORKS IN KARNAL CITY UNDER KARNAL SMART CITY PROJECT	03.09.2020 01.10.2020	-	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	smartcitykarnal@gmail.com
18	UHBVN, KARNAL	1 NO. VEHICLE (INDIGO, DZIRE, VERITO, ESTEEM OR ANY OTHER SEDAN MODEL) WITH DRIVER FOR SE 'OP' CIRCLE, UHBVN, KARNAL.	Sale of tender form 17.09.2020 upto 12:30 P.M. & tender form Submission on same day upto 15:00 P.M. opening after 15:30 P.M.	6000/-	www.uhbvn.org.in	0184-2268351 xenopus2karnal@uhbvn.org.in
19	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PANCHKULA	CONSTRUCTION OF FOOT BRIDGE AND APPROACHED ROAD PROVIDING AND FIXING 60MM IPB TILES AT NADA SAHIB UPPARLA VAAS ,WARD NO.19, PANCHKULA. (RECALL) + 8 OTHER WORKS	04.09.2020 15.09.2020	81.64 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
20	HVPNL HISAR.	CONSTRUCTION OF 1 NO 220/132-100MVA (T-4) PLINTH ADDITIONAL ODSS FOUNDATION AND ODCT IN BAY NO A-4 AT 220 KV SUB-STATION HUKMAWALI (R-5)	CLOSING DATE 15.09.2020	4.81 LACS	www.etenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvnpn.org.in
21	HVPNL, KARNAL	AUGMENTATION OF EXISTING 20/25 MVA TO 40/50 MVA 132/33 KV T-2 T/F AND PROVIDING ADDITIONAL 33 KV BAY (D-6) FOR GANGAR AT 132 KV S/STN., HVPNL, RAMBA.	02.09.2020 09.09.2020	5.41 LACS	WWW.HVNPN.ORG.IN	0172-2583789 pro@hvnpn.org.in
22	HVPNL, PANCHKULA)	PROCUREMENT OF 66KV CTS (CURRENT TRANSFORMERS)	03.09.2020 01.10.2020	33.88 LACS	www.hvnpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvnpn.org.in

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : [www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in](http://www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in) or [www.etenders.hry.nic.in](http://www.etenders.hry.nic.in) RO NO. 82582

**Urban Development & Housing Department**  
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**Important Notice**

Ref: UD&HD/05 Na Vi/vividh-66/2020/3045

Urban Development & Housing Department, Govt. of Bihar had published advertisement vide UD&HD/05NaVi/vividh-66/2020/2972 Dated: 27.08.2020 (P.R.No.- 05640 (Urban Dev) 2020-21) for "Development of Online Portal for Process & Disclosure of the Application for Installation of Mobile Tower, Laying of Optical Fiber Cables (OFC) and Related Telecom Infrastructure under Single Window Clearance System in Bihar".

The original Request for Proposal, already floated on websites stands modified to the extent modifications defined in the Corrigendum-I available on websites which shall form part of RFP document. The bidders are requested to take note of modifications insinuated in the Corrigendum-I and prepare proposals both Technical as well as Financial accordingly.

For any updates please visit website [www.urban.bih.nic.in](http://www.urban.bih.nic.in) & [www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

Other terms and condition will remain the same. The Urban Development & Housing Department, Govt. of Bihar reserves the right to cancel part or whole tender.

**Joint Secretary-Cum- Add.Director**  
PR No. 0006088(Urban) 2020-21 Urban Development & Housing Department

नौचल कोरोना का संबंध में विस्तृत जानकारी एवं सवधान हेतु टोल फ्री नं. 104 पर संपर्क कर सकते हैं।  
किसी भी तरह आपदा की जानकारी अथवा सुझाव हेतु आपदा प्रबंधन के हेल्पलाइन नं. 1070 पर संपर्क किया जा सकता है।

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Surbhi Kumar, Ashvin Kumar, #169, Pocket-B, SFS Flats, Sheikh Sarai, Ph- 1, Delhi. A/c No- LBNOD00001891650	Flat No:CT3-1401, Tower- 3, Sun Court Apartment, Jaypee Greens, Noida, Uttar Pradesh	31-Aug-2020, Rs. 23469777/-	31/01/2020
2.	N Sandeep, Anoocha J, Flat No: 1520-A, 1st Floor, Maruti Vihar, Chakkarpur In Gate Road Gurgaon Haryana. A/c No- LBGUR00004027691	Flat No- E-1603, 16th Floor, Ncr One Green, Sector 95, Gurgaon, Haryana	31-Aug-2020, Rs. 9451227/-	31/01/2020
3.	Rajesh Sharma, Rakhi Sharma, 335, Pkt-16, Sec-3, Dwarka Delhi. A/c No- LBGUR00002388147	Flat No. 104, 1st Floor, Tower D, Capital Gateway, Sector 111, Gurgaon	31-Aug-2020, Rs. 9272709/-	31/12/2019
4.	Amit Kumar Thakur, Indira Thakur, Flat No 303 B Wing Shree Sai Leela, Samarth Nagar Rameshwad, Thané Maharashtra. A/c No- LBDEL00004132505	Flat No-E 1804, 18th Floor Tower E, Ncr Greens, Village Wazirpur, Sector-95, Gurgaon 122001	07-Aug-2920, Rs. 14934595/-	29/02/2020
5.	Rahul Jain, Snehlata Jain, Flat No-2205 Tower-2, Lotus Zing Sec -168, Plot No-5 Sec-52, Noida Uttar Pradesh. A/c No- LBGUR00003722406	Flat No-A-1804, 18th Floor Tower A, Ncr Green, Sector-95, Gurgaon-122001	07-Aug-2920, Rs. 14908914.62/-	29/02/2020
6.	Sanjiv Kumar Kapoor, Rupali Gulati, Jiwan Lata Kapoor, C 140 Suncity, Sector-54, Gurgaon, Haryana. A/c No- LBGUR00002043868	C-140, Suncity, Plot No 451, Haiderpur Viran, Sector 54, Gurgaon 122001	07-Aug-2920, Rs. 12664970.86/-	29/02/2020
7.	Rajeev Tomer, Neeti Panwar, House No-102, Block-B3, Sector 16, Rohini West Delhi. A/c No- LBDEL00004112102	Flat No E-101, 1st Floor, Tower E, Ncr One Green, Wazirpur, Sector 95, Gurgaon 122001	07-Aug-2920, Rs. 10149860/-	29/02/2020
8.	Learoyd Martin Williams, Vanessa Sharon Williams, 8769 Sec-c, Pkt-8, Vasant Kunj, Delhi. A/c No-LBDEL00002437665	Flat No-P042001, 19th Floor Tower P4 Sare, Crescent Parc Phase 4, Sector 92, Gurgaon 122001	07-Aug-2920, Rs. 10826103/-	30/06/2019
9.	Blancha Singh Rana, Richa Rana, Carle Harendra Solutions, Flat No-11/1, Emlia 4, Vatika City, Sohna Road Gurgaon Haryana. A/c No-LBDEL00002354898	Flat No 1002, Floor 10th Star, Surajpur, Kasna Road, Sector 19 And 25, Greater Noida, 201307	07-Aug-2920, Rs. 8972606/-	31/03/2020

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date : September 04, 2020  
Place : Delhi/ NCR

Authorized Officer  
ICICI Bank Limited

# COVID-RELATED STRESS FM asks banks to roll out resolution schemes

FIANS ■ NEW DELHI

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday directed banks to roll out resolution schemes for Covid-related stress by September 15. During her interaction with the heads of scheduled commercial banks and NBFCs through a video conference, Sitharaman focused on lenders immediately putting in place board-approved policy for resolution, identifying eligible borrowers and reaching out to them, said an official statement. She also called for quick implementation of a sustained resolution plan by lenders for revival of very viable business. Sitharaman told the lenders that as and when moratorium on loan repayments is lifted, borrowers must be given support and Covid-19 related dis-

stress must not impact the lenders' assessment of their credit-worthiness. Further, she also called for a sustained media campaign to create awareness among the borrowers for the resolution scheme. She advised lenders to ensure that regularly updated FAQs on the resolution framework are uploaded on their websites in Hindi, English and regional languages, and also circulated to their offices and branches. "The lenders assured that they are ready with their resolution policies, and have started the process of identifying and reaching out to eligible borrowers, and that they will comply with the timelines stipulated by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)," said the Finance Ministry statement. The ministry said that it has also been engaging with the RBI to

ensure that the lenders are assisted by the central bank in the resolution process. As the pandemic has led to severe economic stress across sectors, the RBI in August announced to provide a resolution framework to enable the lenders to implement a resolution plan, in respect of eligible corporate borrowers without change in ownership while continuing the account status as standard, subject to specified conditions. During the virtual meet on Thursday, the Finance Minister also reviewed the progress made by various lenders under ECLGS, PCGS 2.0 and subordinate debt schemes announced as part of the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan', and advised lenders to try and extend the maximum possible relief to borrowers before the festive season.

# Diesel price cut for first time in close to 6 months; petrol unchanged

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Diesel price on Thursday was cut for the first time in close to six months after state-owned fuel retailers reduced retail selling rate by 16 paise per litre. Diesel now costs ₹73.40 per litre in the national Capital, as against ₹73.56 a litre previously, according to a price notification of state-owned fuel retailers. Petrol, which witnessed the second rally in rates beginning mid-August, was unchanged at ₹82.08 a litre. This is the first reduction in diesel price since mid-March when Indian Oil Corp (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corp Ltd (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corp Ltd (HPCL) froze rates for 82 days to adjust a record hike in excise duty on auto fuels against falling benchmark cost. Diesel rates had gone up by ₹12.55 a litre between June 7, when oil firms resumed revising prices in line with cost, and July 25. Diesel price has

remained unchanged in the country since July 25, except in Delhi where a reduction in VAT lowered the rate by ₹8.38 per litre. Petrol price went up by ₹9.17 per litre between June 7 and June 29 before hitting a pause. The revision cycle again started on August 16 and rates have gone up by ₹1.51 since then. In all, the petrol price has risen by ₹10.68 since June 7. In Mumbai, petrol comes for ₹88.73 per litre while diesel is priced at ₹79.94, as against ₹80.11 previously, according to the price notification. In Kolkata, petrol is priced at ₹83.57, while diesel now costs ₹76.90 a litre, down from ₹77.06 previously. In Chennai, petrol comes for ₹85.04 a litre and diesel for ₹78.71, as against ₹78.86 previously. State-owned fuel retailers revise rates of petrol and diesel daily based on average price of benchmark fuel in the preceding 15 days.

# SENSEX, NIFTY END LOWER BANKING STOCKS PLAY SPOILSPORT

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Benchmark equity indices closed lower in a volatile trade on Thursday, dragged by losses mainly in banking counters as overall weak macroeconomic scenario weighed on investor sentiment. The BSE Sensex ended 95.09 points or 0.24 per cent lower at 38,990.94; and the NSE Nifty closed 7.55 points or 0.07 per cent down at 11,527.45. On the Sensex chart, ICICI Bank was the top loser, shedding around 2 per cent, followed by Bharti Airtel, Axis Bank, Kotak Bank and PowerGrid. On the other hand, Titan, Tech Mahindra, Nestle, Maruti, Sun Pharma and Asian Paints were among the gainers. Sectorally, BSE bankex, finance, metal, energy, realty and utilities indices fell up to 1.51 per cent. While consumer durables, IT, teck, capital goods, indus-

tries and auto indices rose up to 3.37 per cent. Broader midcap and small-cap indices outperformed the BSE benchmark, ending up to 0.74 per cent higher. "Markets exhibited volatility and ended flat for the day, switching between gains and losses. However, global markets, especially Europe, were generally positive for the day, anticipating better economic data," Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services, said. Domestically, data emerged that the services sector had contracted for the 6th consecutive month, in spite of phased reopening of the economy in the last two months, he said, adding that this has led to worries that the comeback, foreseen for the economy, could be long drawn out. The market turned negative after the latest IHS Markit Services Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) con-

tracted for the sixth successive month in August. The seasonally adjusted India Services Business Activity Index rose sharply from 34.2 in July to 41.8 in August, the highest since March, before the escalation of the pandemic. The downturn in India's services sector activity eased in August but remained in the contraction zone as Covid-19 pandemic-induced restrictions continued to adversely impact client demand and business operations. Bourses in Shanghai and Hong Kong ended in the red, while Tokyo and Seoul closed with gains. Stock exchanges in Europe were trading on a positive note in early deals. Global oil benchmark Brent crude was trading 1.40 per cent lower at USD 43.81 per barrel. In the forex market, the rupee depreciated 44 paise and closed at 73.47 against the US dollar.

# NHAI debars developer of Rajiv Chowk-Sohna project from bidding

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The NHAI has debarred the concessionaire of the under construction elevated corridor on 6-laning of NH-248-A from Rajiv Chowk to Sohna from participating in any NHAI bids (directly or in association/ JV) involving major structural works after its explanation for the collapse of a span of the stretch was found unsatisfactory. Following the collapse last month, the concessionaire, M/s Rajiv Chowk-Sohna Highway Pvt. Ltd. and its promoters i.e. M/s Oriental Structural Engineers Pvt. Ltd. was issued a show cause notice to explain the violation of the obligations under the Concession Agreement. Therefore, it was established that the concessionaire failed to discharge its obligation to construct a safe structure and to ensure safety of the user and pedestrians on the previous occasions and during the accident as well, the officials maintained. Accordingly, with immediate effect, the concessionaire has been debarred from participating in any NHAI bids (directly or in association/ JV) involving major structural works until they demonstrate reliable construction methodologies/ designs and adequate safety measures at site; and demonstrate that such type of accident does not occur in other part of their works.

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# Paper industry welcomes review of ASEAN-India free trade pact

New Delhi: Strongly welcoming the review of ASEAN-India FTA agreed upon by ASEAN countries on India's request, Indian Paper Manufacturers Association (IPMA) has requested the Union Ministry of Commerce & Industry to put paper & paperboard in the negative list so as to provide a level-playing field for Indian paper manufacturers who have been bearing the brunt of indiscriminate import of cheap paper, especially writing, print-

ing paper, from ASEAN countries. "Domestic paper mills have been severely impacted due to imports flooding into the country from ASEAN countries at nil basic customs duty. Several smaller paper mills, and even a few large ones, have been forced to shut down their operations due to commercial unviability. There is adequate production capacity in the country which is currently under-utilised," said IPMA president AS Mehta.

# 'Auto component players to see revenue, margins go down in FY21'

Chennai: Auto component manufacturers are expected to suffer about 15-18 per cent decline in their revenues in FY21 and an average of 100 basis points (bps) in their EBITDA due to sharp contraction in demand over what the industry experienced during FY20, said Brickwork Ratings in a report released on Thursday. According to Brickwork Ratings, during FY20, the revenues of auto ancillaries declined about 8-10 per cent after a year-on-year (yoy) increase until FY19. The reduction in revenue is owing to the shrinking order book from Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) due to lower automobile sales in the country last fiscal, it said. According to the rating agency, the auto component makers' revenue is expected to slip by about 15-18 per cent in FY21 on account of lower income levels and continued

weak sentiments. "BWR (Brickwork Ratings) expects export revenues to decline as well in FY21 as more than 50 per cent of our exports are to markets in Europe, the UK and the US, and demand from these markets is expected to decline amid the Covid-19 outbreak and postponement of model launches or deferment/cancellation of orders," the report said. According to the report, auto component players will be affected adversely in the first quarter of the current fiscal and, to some extent, during the second quarter as well. The rating agency expects a gradual recovery in vehicle sales from the second half of the current fiscal owing to pent-up demand, an improvement in OEMs production activities and the easy availability of credit from financiers.

# Team NTPC beats 112 organisations to emerge winner at AIMA-Chanakya National Management Games 2020



New Delhi: Team NTPC overcame a stiff challenge to emerge as winner at the recently concluded All India Management Association (AIMA) - Chanakya (Business Simulation Game) National Management Games (NMG) 2020. The victory was also significant since NTPC won the prestigious National Management Games for the first time in five years. The team from NTPC Vallur, Tamil Nadu achieved the feat of being crowned the national champion after competing against teams from 112 organisations from different parts of the country. The team comprised Shri Chinnathambi G, Manager, C&I Maintenance; Shri Senkuttuvan P J, Manager, Operations (Main Plant); Shri Yoginderkumar J, Manager, Operation from NTPC Vallur. Team NTPC Vallur qualified for the regional rounds, which was held online and subsequently qualified for the Finals.

# Gr Noida authority planning another system so people can avail facilities



Greater Noida: Greater Noida City is developing very fast as a modern city. Over here all types of modern facilities, international level basic facilities, broad-gauge roads, all modern facilities like multiplex, golf, greenery, parks and recreation facilities. Due to coronavirus epidemic, swimming pool gym clubs etc. are closed in the State. Also, people are not able to take advantage of these facilities due to the said epidemic and social distancing. The Greater Noida Authority is considering to prepare an alternative system keeping in view the current events and circumstances. So that the common people/residents here start their morning in a healthy and natural environment of the above activities by going out of the buildings / houses to start their morning in a better way, such as morning walk, yoga, exercise and recreation etc.

# Jharkhand's Deoghar Airport to get ready soon

New Delhi: Airports Authority of India, in collaboration with the Defense Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and State Government is developing the Deoghar Airport in Jharkhand. The development of airport with project cost of ₹401.34 Crores underway and will be completed very soon. The airport will spread across 653.75 acres of land and its Terminal Building is being built in an area of 4000sq meter. With a 2,500-meter-long runway, the airport will be suitable for operation of Air Bus 320 type of aircraft. The terminal building will have six check-in counters and two arrival belts with peak hour handling capacity of 200 passengers. With environment-friendly architectural design and state-of-the-art passenger facilities, the terminal building will be a composite structure inspired by the Shikharsof the Baidyanath Temple. The interiors will depict local tribal arts, handicrafts, and pictures of local tourist destinations highlighting the culture of the region. Deoghar Airport, the second airport in Jharkhand after Ranchi, a six-hour drive away, is situated on the North Eastern side of the state and will have a wide catchment area including Northern West Bengal and South-Eastern Bihar. Development of this airport will give an impetus to local tourism and will generate employment as large part of the local population depends on tourism for its livelihood.

# SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that a person namely **Mukesh S/o Om Parkash R/o H.No. 109, Gali No.3, Ibrahimpur Swaroop Nagar Road, Delhi** has been missing since 16.08.2020 from his house the area of P.S. Swaroop Nagar, Delhi. In this regard a case vides **DD No. 80A** dated **18.08.2020** has been registered at P.S. Swaroop Nagar, Delhi. The description of missing person is as under:

**Name :** Mukesh, **Father's Name :** Om Parkash, **Age :** 40 years, **Height :** 5'3", **Face :** Long, **Built :** Thin, **Complexion :** Wheatish, **Wearing :** Sky Colour shirt and black colour pant. **Hair:** Black and White Colour small. If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned. Website : <http://cbi.nic.in> e-mail : [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) Fax : 011-24368639 Ph. : 011-24368638, 24368641 DP/443/ON/2020

### WESTERN RAILWAY PEST CONTROL WORK

Sr. DME (Co.) BCT invites E-Tender as per details given as follows: **Tender Notice No:** M137/20 (Pest - 2020) **Dated:** 02.09.2020 **Name of the work :** Pest & Rodent Control Treatment to Coaches of All Primary Maintained Trains and Rodent Control Treatment in Pit-lines & Yards of Mumbai Central Division. **Approx. Cost of Work (₹):** ₹3,71,92,881.33 (All Inclusive) **Tender Document Cost:** ₹10,000/- **EMD (₹):** ₹3,36,000/- **Completion Period:** 36 Months **Tender Submission Closing Date & Time:** 29.09.2020 at 15:00 Hrs. Please visit our website <http://www.ireps.gov.in> to download the tender document, corrigendum and further details. Manual offer will not be considered. Like us on: [facebook.com/WesternRly](https://www.facebook.com/WesternRly)

### 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 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.	Namita Yadav/ Prashant Yadav/ LBFDB00004694265	Second Floor, Sector 49, At Ownership No- 12, T P Scheme No-3 (Part-I), Plot No- 4822, Indraprastha Extension, Faridabad/ August 27, 2020	October 31, 2019 Rs. 30,32,077/-	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 :** 04-09-2020 **Place:** Delhi/Ncr **Authorized Officer** ICICI Bank Limited

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### NOTICE OF 26TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND REMOTE E-VOTING INFORMATION

Notice is hereby given that 26th Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the Members of Regent Enterprises Limited ("the Company") will be held on Monday, 28th September, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. (IST) through Video Conferencing ("VC")/Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") to transact the business as set out in the Notice of the AGM dated September 01st September, 2020. In Compliance with the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 ("Act"), the General Circular No. 14/2020 dated April 08, 2020, General Circular No. 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020 and General Circular No. 20/2020 dated May 05, 2020 issued by Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA") and SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("SEBI Listing Regulations") and Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/79 dated May 12, 2020 issued by Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI Circular") without the physical presence of the Members at a Common venue. Electronic copies of the Notice of the AGM and the Annual Report for the Financial Year 2019-2020 have been sent to all the Members on Thursday, 03rd September, 2020 whose E-Mail IDs are registered with the Company/Depository Participant(s). The requirement of sending physical copy of Notice of AGM and Annual Report to the Members have been dispensed with vide MCA Circular(s) and SEBI Circulars. Pursuant to Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Clause 42 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 the Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from September 22, 2020 to September 30, 2020 (both days inclusive), for the purpose of the AGM. Pursuant to provisions of Section 108 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 (as amended) and Regulations 44 of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and Secretarial Standard on General Meeting issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India, the Company is providing the e-voting facility to its Members through National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) to exercise their right to vote electronically on the Resolutions proposed to be transacted at the said AGM and the business may be transacted through voting by electronic means (remote e-voting). In this regard Members are hereby informed that: a) The remote e-voting shall commence on Friday 25th September, 2020 and will end on Sunday 27th September 2020. The remote voting shall not be allowed after 27th September, 2020 and the same will be disabled by NSDL. b) A person whose name is recorded in the Register of Members or in the Register of the Beneficiary owners maintained by depositories as on the cut-off date i.e. Monday 21st September, 2020 only shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting or voting at the AGM. The detailed procedure/instructions for remote e-voting or voting at the AGM, are contained in the Notice of AGM. c) Any person who acquires shares of the company and becomes the member of the company after dispatch of Notice of AGM and is holding shares as on the cut-off date i.e. Monday 21st September, 2020, may obtain the login ID and password by sending a request at [evoting@nsdl.co.in](mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in). However, if a person is already registered with NSDL, for remote e-voting, then existing user id and password can be used for casting vote. d) E-voting facility will be available for those Members who attend the AGM on that day will be provided by the NSDL. e) Members who have not cast their vote through remote e-voting and are present in the AGM through VCOAVM shall be eligible to vote through e-voting at the AGM. f) The members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may also attend the AGM through VCOAVM but shall not be eligible to cast their vote again. g) The Notice of the AGM and Annual Reports for the Financial Year 2019-2020 is available on the Company's website at [www.regententerprises.in](http://www.regententerprises.in) and also on the website of NSDL at <http://www.evoting.nsdl.com> h) In case of any enquiries/grievances pertaining to the Voting by electronic means, the Members 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](http://www.evoting.nsdl.com) or call on toll free No.: 1800-222-990 or send request at [evoting@nsdl.co.in](mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in)

Place: New Delhi Date: 03.09.2020

For Regent Enterprises Limited Sd/- Vikas Kumar Whole Time Director (DIN:05308192)

### "Form No. INC-26"

[Pursuant to rule 30 the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014] Advertisement to be published in the newspaper for change of registered office of the company from one state to another Before the Central Government Region In the matter of sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Companies Act, 2013 and clause (a) of sub-rule (5) of rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014 and In the matter of Ashriya Consultive (OPC) Private Limited having its registered office at B-576 Nehru Ground NIT Faridabad Haryana 121001 Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the company proposes to make application to the Central Government under section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Board meeting held on 23rd day of July, 2020, Thursday at 11.00 A.M. to enable the company to change its Registered Office from "State of Haryana" to "State of Delhi". Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the company may deliver either on the MCA-21 portal ([www.mca.gov.in](http://www.mca.gov.in)) by filing investor complaint form or cause to be delivered and verified post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the Regional Director, Northern Region at the address B-2 Wing, 2nd Floor, Parvavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi-110003 within fourteen days of the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company with a copy of the applicant company at its registered office at the address mentioned below: For and on behalf of the Applicant Sd/- Ruchika Kapoor Director Date: 04.09.2020 Place: Faridabad

### APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified deadbody of male **Age : 25-30 years, Height : 5'6", Complexion : Fair, Identification: A tattoo of 'Three Stars' on right arm, wearing white & brown colour shirt and light blue colour Jeans, was found dead on 24.08.2020 under Peeragarhi Flyover, near police booth, Delhi.** In this regard DD No. 102-A dated 24.08.2020 has been lodged at PS Paschim Vihar East, Delhi. Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone numbers. SHO - P.S. Paschim Vihar East, Delhi. Tel. No. 011-25263471, 25267286 DP/374/OD/20

### CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS NOTICE

**PENSION ADALAT PENSION ADALAT PENSION ADALAT** Chittaranjan Locomotive Works, Chittaranjan will hold its 35th Pension Adalat on 15.12.2020 (Tuesday) at Chittaranjan. In the Pension Adalat the grievances of pensioners/family pensioners of Chittaranjan Locomotive Works in regard to non-receipt of Pension/Family Pension/Provident Fund/DCRG/ Commuted value of pension/ Encashment of Leave Salary/Railway or Group Insurance will be settled on the spot. Pensioners/Family Pensioners of Chittaranjan Locomotive Works with any grievance as mentioned above may submit their representation in duplicate along with complete particulars such as Name/Details of last post held/Date of retirement/Death, Type of grievance, full present address and P.P.O No. in a closed envelop address super scribing on the top "FOR PENSION ADALAT-2020" by 31.10.2020 addressed to:- THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF PERSONNEL OFFICER, CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, P.O. CHITTARANJAN, DISTRICT: PASCHIM BARDHAMAN, WEST BENGAL, PIN CODE-713331. Principal Chief Personnel Officer/ RDS-091 CLW/Chittaranjan Like us on: [www.facebook.com/clwrailways](http://www.facebook.com/clwrailways)

**Trend**  
*Blazer*

**Anupam and Satish reunite for a film**

Actors **ANUPAM KHER** and **SATISH KAUSHIK** will feature in the Vivek Ranjan Agnihotri directorial, *The Last Show*. They will start shooting in mid-September. "Show must go on! We four friends, Satish Kaushik Rumi Jaffery, Vivek Agnihotri and I are collaborating to rekindle the magic of cinema with an inspiring human drama, *The Last Show*. The film is about friendship, human spirit, love, laughters and tears. We begin principle shooting mid-Sept. Please bless us," Kher posted on Instagram, while sharing the news. Along with the post, Kher shared a picture where he sits alongside Agnihotri, Kaushik and Jaffery. All four are colour-coded in black T-shirts.



**THINK WHILE YOU INK**

SAKSHI SHARMA analyses how the novel Coronavirus has impacted the tattoo industry, necessary safety measures and the way forward

Were you confused about the kind of tattoo you wanted some time back? Did you scroll through hundreds of pictures to decide what to finally get inked and where? Well, you perhaps got a little late in deciding things as the pandemic has turned everything upside down. The nature of this profession is highly personal as getting inked cannot be a contactless activity. Considering safety and social distancing as the need of the hour, most of the people are now hesitating to get tattooed. Also, now that people only step out for the essentials, they believe tattooing can wait for a while! However, this has landed the industry in some major troubles. The impact has been such that it seems to have pierced a hole in the industry. Several tattoo artists and studios are struggling to meet even their basic expenses. Unlike other professions, these artistes cannot join another company after a job loss as their job is not based on qualification but skills. And work from home definitely can't be an option here. Veteran and celebrity



tattoo artist Vikas Malani, founder, BodyCanvas Tattoos, says, "We are artists and need clients to run our businesses and showcase our skills. Since tattooing is a person-to-person job, the loss is high in this industry. Earlier, around 20 customers used to visit our studio every day on an average but now the footfalls have reduced to two or three. Even the ones who visit are our regular customers, there are no new ones. With such less clients, the inflow of money seems to be scary." He further adds that they require at least one or two hours to ink, unlike other places where people

go into a store, purchase and leave within a few minutes. So the chances of contracting the virus is high as people are in constant contact with the studio artists who meet a lot of other customers throughout the day. Now, after a series of lockdowns and relaxations, the industry is slowly restarting and people have been constantly thinking about newer and safe ways to run their tattoo studios. They are following frequent sanitisation, use face shields, gloves and masks. It is also advised to provide a safety kit to the artists and people visiting the studio. "Even before this pandemic, we used to wear safety gloves and masks. However, now it has become more significant as it can be one of the most common or easy ways for the transmission of virus," says Vikas. Though it becomes challenging to run the business with limited resources, necessary precautions are essential for safety. Vikas lists some of the safety measures to consider before getting a tattoo. **Safety measures for clients**

- Make sure that you approach a standard and reputed tattoo parlour that operates with experienced professionals and follows the correct safety guidelines.
- Do all the consultation through phone calls and book an appointment before entering the studio.
- Discuss the details, design and positioning over a call to reduce physical contact. Ask your artist if they can digitally represent the tattoo design to get a clear idea.
- Try to visit the studio directly from your home to avoid transmission from a third party.
- Only the person to be inked should enter the studio to maintain social distancing.
- Be cautious about the common spots like door-knobs, chairs, tabletops that are touched frequently by several people. Wash your hands after touching any common area and use hand sanitiser.
- Avoid carrying several things inside the studio. Some studios also provide lockers for clients to keep their belongings to avoid possible risks.

**Safety measures for studio crew**

- Sanitise your hands and wear a fresh pair of protective gloves for each client.
- Check the body temperature of all the staff members, including the artists, every day before they enter the studio.
- It is advisable to allow only one client at a time inside the studio.
- Ensure that the studio, including furniture and workstation, is properly sterilised.
- Sterilise non-disposable equipment, instruments and supplies.
- Don't miss sanitising frequently used areas such as drawers, handles, sinks and tables.

**'I'm thrilled to be working with Omi dada (Om Raut) again. He has a grand vision and the technical knowledge to really pull it off. He has taken me beyond the cutting edge of our cinema in the way he shot Tanhaji. I look forward to clashing swords with the mighty Prabhas and to play a role that is electrifying and demonic.'** —Saif Ali Khan

Actor **KIRTI KULHARI** is currently spending time amid mountains in Himachal Pradesh, and she truly feels blessed.

"And finally the actual morning... In the current times, I actually feel so blessed that I can travel and experience this," she wrote on her Instagram account, adding pictures of herself enjoying the scenic background.

Kirti also asked people not to be scared to travel amid pandemic. "And those of you who wish to do the same, just some precautions and you could do it too. #besafe #dontbescareed," she added.

**Dwayne and family recover from COVID**

Hollywood action star **DWAYNE JOHNSON** has revealed that he along with his wife and their two children tested positive for COVID-19 a few weeks ago, and have recovered now.

Johnson took to Instagram recently and posted a long video, giving health updates and urging people to take necessary safety precautions amid the ongoing pandemic.

"Testing positive for COVID-19 is much different than overcoming nasty injuries, or being evicted or even being broke, which I have been more than a few times," he said, adding that he is now relieved because he has recovered from the disease.



**Put that on your thali**

Chef **SABYASACHI GORAI** lists the forgotten benefits of the traditional Indian meal system and how we can revive it



Everyone loves to go out and eat but amid the COVID-19 pandemic and health and government officials urging people to stay home as much as possible, we have been forced to eat home-cooked food every day. And during this time, while many waited impatiently for the unlock, many chose to bring out their inner chef and taste the joy of home-cooking. Social media videos and YouTube channels became the learning tool, teaching people how to prepare all kinds of quick and easy restaurant-styled recipes in their own kitchen. Well, social media is a testament to all those delicacies. However, how many tried to adopt or cook meals the traditional way? For instance, a thali meal system is something that we should introduce into our daily lives. This time is also a good opportunity. A thali (plate) is a big round base that holds small bowls (also called *dunas*), carrying specified quantities of various food items. The first mention of *dunas* can traced back in the texts from the Vedic period, but the portions we see in today's thalis have changed drastically. Well, most of it would find its roots in the establishment of new social structures and modern lifestyles. The significance of this thali is that it offers the right amount of nutrients required to maintain a healthy body and lifestyle. It helps us ensure that we are consuming balanced meals. This situation of staying home has presented us with an opportunity to prepare and consume these balanced meals. A healthy diet can protect the human body against several diseases, especially non-communicable ones such as obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, some types of cancer and skeletal conditions. It also helps us maintain a healthy immune system, important to fight the fast-spreading viruses like COVID-19. For decades, it has been our culture to eat together as a family. This was another advantage of the lockdown with all family members staying at home. Indian culture encourages consumption of wholesome meals and has also passed on several combo recipes to us. It lays great emphasis on portion control to avoid problems like obesity, experiencing the variety of flavour and textures and sharing of food with everyone. Indian thalis have hence been a rich diet meal that does not only take care of the



tastebuds but also provides all the necessary nutrients. We should continue to carry our tasty and healthy food culture with us and use it in our daily lives. Here are some of the tips to prepare a healthy and balanced Indian thali at home: - Striking a balance in the proportions of carbohydrates, fats, proteins, vitamins, minerals, and water they consume, is important. 

- Including these items in your daily meals is crucial to follow a balanced diet — fruits, vegetables, grains, proteins, dairy and oils. Fruits and vegetables are rich in

 several nutrients, especially vitamins and minerals. Dark, leafy greens such as spinach, cabbage, broccoli, and green beans are also highly-nutritious ingredients that should not be skipped. 

- Consuming whole grains instead of refined grains since the latter lack the hull containing most of the grain's nutrition. Adding proteins to your meals in the form of meats and beans will aid in muscle and brain growth.
- The breakfast should contain a combination of complex carbs, proteins, and fibre. Experiment with different kinds of omelettes,

can opt for items like fish curry with rice and curd. 

- The dinner should always be the lightest meal. Bisibele rice with curd, dal rice and vegetable or soup with *pulao* are the best choices to end your day with. - Between these meals, one can have another round of fruits, a *chana chaat* or sprouts as a snack instead of caffeine-filled tea/coffee.
- Adding nutrient-rich ingredients like pepper, ginger, garlic, cumin, cloves, fenugreek seeds, turmeric to your everyday food regulates the healthy factor in the body. These spices carry chemical compounds which have antibacterial, anti-fungal, anti-microbial and anti-viral properties which help fight several kinds of infections.
- Hydrating beverages should not be missed out. Apart from drinking at least two litres of water every day, one can also consume healthy and tasty drinks like fruit juices, milk shakes, buttermilk, coconut water to beat dehydration.
- Other items which can be included are roasted *chana*, peanuts, *makhana*, *chikkis*, puffed rice, *bajra*, *jowar*, maize, *ragi* flour, wholegrain breads, wheat pizza bases and wheat pastas, tender coconut, green tea, olive oil, groundnut, soyabean and mustard oil in your kitchen pantry. These are some of the healthiest ingredients available in the local Indian markets. Following a healthy Indian thali system can play an instrumental role in not only enhancing the quality of your health but can also uplift your mental wellbeing. (The writer is the goodwill ambassador of MyThali programme.)

**Intelligent or just different**

Hyundai's latest gearbox is quite different but will buyers warm up to it?



A few years ago, Maruti had invited automotive journalists to the Umaid Bhawan Palace in Jodhpur to experience something completely new in the small car space. Well, ostensibly, the car was the new Maruti-Suzuki Celerio. The new was the fact that the car featured an 'Automated Manual Transmission' or AMT gearbox. While AMT was not a new technology, by bringing it into compact hatchbacks, Maruti had once again transformed the market and made automatics, in a manner of speaking, affordable. AMTs are not really 'automatic' gearboxes. After its clutch pedal has been removed, the headache of always moving your left foot in urban traffic conditions still remains.

As a few years went by, AMTs really began to feel a bit sluggish, particularly as engine power outputs went up. More often than not, you found yourself in a power band that felt totally inappropriate for the conditions on some cars. Not all, to be fair, but the fact was that somewhere down there as an automotive writer, you knew that AMT gearboxes were a cost compromise. They certainly didn't allow for any enthusiastic driving. Although they could be deadly efficient once you mastered the throttle pedal. This was an old technology and while it had its purpose in popularising automatic gearboxes among Indians, carmakers could do a bit better. Truth be told, several of them have done a lot better. There have been considerable efforts in making CVT gearboxes and regular torque converter gearboxes much more affordable. Lately, dual-clutch gearboxes are also coming down the value chain with Hyundai-Kia making it an option on their top-end Venue and on the forthcoming Sonet. However, both these cars will have something totally fascinating as an option, the 'Intelligent Manual Transmission' — a gearbox that the manufacturers claim will give you the thrill of changing gears while removing the clutch. Hyundai was first off the mark and celebrated the first anniversary of last year's ICOTY winning Venue by launching the IMT version of that car. There are a lot of sensors connected to a lot of software code that allow the driver to do this, but my first impressions of the car were very weird. As accustomed as I have become to driving automatic cars over the past few years, this felt like something had gone wrong to my poor brain. No clutch, so don't change gears it went and then you hear an alarm going off instructing you to change gears, wait, what? As the saying goes, you can't teach an old dog new tricks. Well, this was a new trick on the car, and it took me some time to get adjusted. I'm saying this after years of quite easily jumping from one car to the next without any problems, going from a 50 horsepower hatchback to a 500+ horsepower supercar, from a limousine longer than some boats to the Tata Nano. Been there, done that, but never done this. It took me a bit of time, but possibly this dog isn't ready for the pasture yet. Once I got the hang of it, the IMT was actually quite a bit of fun. Sure, it isn't quite as exhilarating as a manual is on the Venue turbo-petrol. The gear changes do feel a bit notchy at times, but only a couple of hours with the car and one can get used to this new feeling. If you do buy this car, I'm pretty sure you will also go through a learning curve that will require a few days. That said, what did concern me was — once used to such a car, how would a driver get back to a regular manual? I don't have an answer! But the way the market is evolving, manuals are increasingly a thing of the past. This is just a step to making them extinct.



KUSHAN MITRA



# Women's top seed tumble trend continues

## No 1 Pliskova suffers second round exit; Djoker extends winning streak

AP ■ NEW YORK

Under normal circumstances, Karolina Pliskova would not have been seeded No 1 at the US Open and so, while a second-round loss certainly would have been disappointing to her, and noticed by others, it wouldn't have been as newsworthy.

But what's normal in 2020? With the women who are 1-2 in the rankings choosing to skip the trip to Flushing Meadows because of the pandemic, No 3 Pliskova ascended to the top spot in the draw — and by Day 3, she was gone.

Pliskova, the 2016 runner-up at the US Open, made her mood clear during a 6-1, 7-6 (2) loss to 50th-ranked Caroline Garcia on Wednesday by throwing a racket, then again afterward with a series of clipped responses at her news conference.

Pliskova fidgeted with the microphone. Sighed. Shrugged her shoulders. Rolled her eyes.

When a reporter offered possible explanations for the defeat — a new, faster surface on the courts, a lack of atmosphere because there are no spectators, the pressure of her high seeding — Pliskova replied: "Nothing from what you said."



Novak Djokovic reacts during his second round match against Kyle Edmund AP

Her reasoning for the result? "I didn't play good," Pliskova said, "so that's it."

When another member of the media said this back-and-forth must be boring to Pliskova, she said, "Yeah, a little bit. Did you see the match or no?" and soon after remarked, "I don't know if you understand tennis well enough."

After a first round that went more to form than ever — 29 of 32 seeded women won their opening matches, a US Open record since the number of seeds was doubled from 16 in 2001 — the surprises started in the second round.

Three Americans turned in upsets of seeded women. Shelby Rogers, ranked 93rd, beat 11th-seeded Elena Rybakina 7-5, 6-1;

M Gasparian vs Serena  
Live from 4:30 am IST  
STAR SPORTS SELECT 1 & 2

## Sharan & Cacic bow out

PTI ■ NEW YORK

India's Divij Sharan and his Serbian partner Nikola Cacic fought hard before going down in three sets to eighth seeds Nikola Mektic and Wesley Koolhof in the first round of the US Open men's doubles event.

Sharan and Cacic lost 4-6, 6-3, 3-6 against Croatia's Mektic and Koolhof of the Netherlands in a tough contest that lasted one hour and 46 minutes on Wednesday.

Inconsistency in serves played a big role in Sharan and

Cacic not being able to cash in on their comeback in the second set on Wednesday. The pair made a poor start to the match but made up for it by forcing the game into a decider with a dominant 6-3 win in the second set.

The winners will next play Italy's Simone Bolelli and Maximo Gonzalez of Argentina.

The other Indian in the men's doubles draw — Rohan Bopanna — and his Canadian partner Denis Shapovalov will take on Ernesto Escobedo and Noah Rubin of the United States in the first round.

Unlike Pliskova, the No 1-seeded man, Novak Djokovic, only had a brief blip on his way to the third round and a 25-0 record in 2020. Going back to late last season, his winning streak is 28 matches overall.

"I'm actually glad I did drop a set and got tested the way I did today against Kyle. I expected it to be a tough, tough task," said Djokovic, who has won five of the past seven Grand Slam tournaments to raise his major trophy total to 17, three behind Roger Federer and two behind Rafael Nadal. "I'm really glad having an early kind of tough match in the tournament," Djokovic said, because it kind of serves me better, I think, for the rest of the tournament."

Next up for him is No 28 Jan-Lennard Struff, someone Djokovic dismissed 6-3, 6-1 last week at the Western & Southern Open.

Other winners on Wednesday included No 4 Stefanos Tsitsipas, No 5 Alexander Zverev and No 7 Davis Goffin.

Tsitsipas made it to the US Open's third round for the first time by withstanding the so-rare-these-days serve-and-volley style of his 168th-ranked American opponent, Maxime Cressy 7-6 (2), 6-3, 6-4 after two-time Grand Slam champion Naomi Osaka's 6-1, 6-2 win against Camila Giorgi.

Cressy's loss was part of a rough day for men from the US, who went 1-7.

## SINGLES

BUNDESLIGA TO KEEP 5 SUBSTITUTIONS

FRANKFURT: The Bundesliga and 2. Bundesliga will continue to allow five substitutions per team, per match in 2020/21. Clubs voted in favour of the rule at a DFL assembly on Thursday. The change from three subs was introduced last season as the league returned from its break enforced by the coronavirus pandemic. Each team will continue to be allowed up to three stoppages (excluding half-time) to make five subs per match.

BRAZIL FOOTBALL ENDS GENDER PAY GAP

RIO: Brazil's football federation announced on Wednesday it will pay men and women the same amount for representing the national team, one of the few countries to make such a pledge. "The CBF has equalled the prize money and allowances between men's and women's football, which means the women players will earn the same as the men," said the federation's president Rogério Caboclo. It means Brazil's female players such as Marta, Formiga and Leticia Santos will receive the same fees and allowances as global superstars such as Neymar, Gabriel Jesus and Roberto Firmino.

4 REMAINING PSL MATCHES IN NOVEMBER

KARACHI: The four remaining matches of the Pakistan Super League, which had to be suspended in March because of the Covid-19 pandemic, will take place in Lahore in November, PCB has announced. According to the revamped schedule, the two top teams — Multan Sultans and Karachi Kings — will face off in the qualifier, while Lahore Qalandars (third) and Peshawar Zalmi (fourth) will clash in the first eliminator in a double-header on November 14. The loser of the Qualifier and the winner of the first Eliminator will meet in the second Eliminator on November 15, followed by the final on November 17.

LANKA PREMIER LEAGUE FROM NOV 14

COLOMBO: The inaugural edition of the Sri Lanka Premier League (SLPL) T20 tournament will be held from November 14 to December 6 this year, the island nation's cricket board (SLC) said. The tournament will be played at three international venues — Rangiri Dambulla International Cricket Stadium, Pallekkele International Cricket Stadium and Suriyawewa Mahinda Rajapakse International Cricket Stadium. Five teams will compete in 23 matches over a 15-day period. The five teams are named after Colombo, Kandy, Galle, Dambulla and Jaffna districts.

AJAX'S DONNY VAN DE BEEK JOINS MAN UTD

MANCHESTER: Manchester United announced the signing of Ajax midfielder Donny van de Beek on Wednesday for a reported fee of 39 million euros, with potential add-ons to follow. Ole Gunnar Solskjaer made the 23-year-old Dutch international his first signing of the summer transfer window in a deal that could rise to 44 million euros (\$52 million, £39 million). Van de Beek, who has signed a five-year contract at Old Trafford with the option of a further season, played 175 times for Ajax, scoring 41 goals.

TKR CONTINUE WINNING STREAK IN CPL

TAROUBA: Opener Lendl Simmons blasted a 63-ball 96 as Trinbago Knight Riders put their night on display yet again, outplaying St Kitts & Nevis Patriots by 59 runs to secure their eighth successive win in the Hero Caribbean Premier League here. In the other match, Shimron Hetmyer (56) smashed an unbeaten fifty while the bowlers turned in another fine performance as Guyana Amazon Warriors outplayed St Lucia Zouks by seven wickets with more than six overs to spare to jump to the second place in the points table. Agencies

## Messi could stay at Barca after all

AFP ■ MADRID

Jorge Messi, father and agent of Lionel Messi, appeared to concede his son could remain at Barcelona this season, according to footage broadcast by Spanish media on Thursday.

Messi senior seemingly replied "yes" when asked by a reporter if he had considered the possibility of staying at the club for another season and then leaving for free next year, in a video recorded by Spanish TV station Cuatro.

The images were captured as Jorge Messi pulled into a parking garage reportedly for another day of meetings with the family's lawyers.

He had arrived in Barcelona on Wednesday, landing at the private terminal in El Prat airport on a flight from the Argentine city of Rosario.

Six-time Ballon d'Or winner Messi boycotted Barcelona's first pre-season training session on Monday, as he tries to force his way out of the club he joined as a 13-year-old.

He also failed to attend a coronavirus test at Barcelona's training ground on Sunday.

Messi's father was followed throughout the city by reporters and TV crews on Wednesday, and told reporters it would be "difficult" for his son to stay at Barcelona.

According to local reports, club directors met with Messi and his advisers for more than two hours on Wednesday, but neither party was willing to alter their stance.

Further negotiations are expected to be held in due course between Barcelona and Messi's entourage, which also includes his brother Rodrigo.

Barcelona insist their captain remains under contract until June 2021 and will only depart if his €700 million release clause is activated, a stance that has been backed by La Liga, which says that release clause still applies.

But Messi and his lawyers argue he should be allowed to go for free this summer according to another clause in his contract, which they claim was triggered on Aug 25 when a burafax stating Messi's intention to leave arrived at Camp Nou.

## 3 wrestlers test Covid +ve; federation says camp is on

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Three senior male wrestlers, including world champion Silver-medallist Deepak Punia, have tested positive for Covid-19, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) said on Thursday.

Besides the Olympic-bound Punia (86kg), the other two wrestlers who have tested positive for the virus are Navin (65kg) and Krishan (125kg). All three are part of a national camp at the SAI Centre in Sonapat ahead of which the wrestlers are in quarantine.

"Three senior men's wrestlers, who had reported

the National Wrestling Camp at SAI Centre in Sonapat, have tested positive for Covid-19 virus," the nodal sports body said in a statement.

They have been moved to a SAI empanelled hospital as a precautionary measure for further monitoring.

Punia said he is asymptomatic. "I don't have any symptoms and I don't feel anything unusual in my body. I am

perfectly alright, I don't know how I tested positive. I am just now waiting for another test after two days. I am not worried," Punia said.

All wrestlers were tested, upon arrival, as per the SAI SOP for resumption of sports activities.

As per protocol, all wrestlers along with the coaches and support staff underwent the mandatory RT-PCR test to detect Covid-19

on arrival.

When contacted, the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) Assistant Secretary Vinod Tomar said the camp will go ahead as planned.

"They (the three) will be tested again after two days and if they return negative tests, they will be brought back," he said

"There is no threat to the national camp. It will continue. The wrestlers will begin training only after they complete their quarantine period of 14 days," Tomar added.

All the wrestlers assembled for the camp on September 1.

## CSK squad undergoes second test, likely to train from today

PTI ■ CHENNAI

DUBAI: The Chennai Super Kings squad, barring the two players who tested positive for coronavirus last week, is likely to train from Friday subject to clearance after a second round of testing was conducted on Thursday.

"Tests were done today. Results will come late night or tomorrow morning," a CSK official told PTI. Earlier, CSK CEO Kasi Viswanathan had said that the team will start training from Friday after the second round of testing.

The coronavirus-free players were made to undergo two additional tests after 13 cases were confirmed last week, delaying the team's training.

## Labuschagne might have to wait for T20 debut: Finch

ENGLAND-AUSTRALIA IN T20IS				
Venue	Played	Aus W	Eng W	N/R
In Australia	8	7	1	-
In England	6	1	4	1
In South Africa	1	1	-	-
In West India	1	-	1	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>

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AFP ■ SOUTHAMPTON

Australia's Marnus Labuschagne may have to wait to make his T20I debut despite a dazzling start to the tour of England, according to captain Aaron Finch.

Labuschagne, a breakout star of last year's drawn Ashes campaign in England, scored 100 off 51 balls when opening in a T20 practice game on Tuesday.

But with Finch and David Warner established as an opening pair and star batsman Steve Smith a powerful presence in the top order, the 26-year-old may be unable to force his way into Australia's side to play England.

The first game in a three-match T20 series between the two top-ranked teams in the format takes place in Southampton on Friday.

"We're pretty settled with how we structure our T20 side at the moment," Finch told a conference call on Thursday. "He (Labuschagne) played nicely the other day, but I think he might have to wait a little bit longer in T20 cricket."

Wicketkeeper Alex Carey struck 107 in the same innings as Labuschagne, while all-



rounder Glenn Maxwell hit 108 in a 50-over warm-up match.

Top-ranked T20 side Australia also face England, the world champions in 50-over cricket, in three one-day internationals later this month.

"It's been a really good hit out the last few days," said Finch. "Obviously with Maxwell getting a hundred, Marnus,

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Alex Carey all getting hundreds in two different formats is really pleasing."

DESPERATE TO BEAT

England pacer Mark Wood has said the team is desperate to beat their Ashes rivals in the upcoming limited overs series.

"It's always good when you play for England — don't get me wrong — but there's an extra incentive when you play Australia — your biggest rivals," Sky Sports quoted Wood as telling reporters.

"They're desperate to beat you; you're desperate to beat them. It doesn't matter if it's Ashes, white-ball, T20; we'll be desperate to beat them."

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For and on behalf of the Managing Director JKPCCLtd., Jammu e-tenders are hereby invited vide E-NIT No: Mech./J/NIT/36 of 2020 Dated: 31-08-2020 for Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of minimum 320 KVA capacity silent DG set at KotBhalwal Hospital, Jammu. The details of e-NIT can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) from Dt: 01-09-2020 from 1800 Hrs to Dt: 10-09-2020 upto 1600 Hrs i.e. last date of submission of on line bid is 10-09-2020 upto 1600 hrs.

No.DIP/J-1488-P/20 Dated: 02.09.2020 Sd/- (Er. K. K. Padotra) Deputy General Manager JKPCCLtd., Mechanical Unit, Jammu.

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Tender Notice No.- 22, Date 02-09-2020

**Invitation of tenders through e-Procurement System**  
Principal Chief Material Manager, North Eastern Railway, Gorakhpur and on behalf of the President of India, invites tenders through e-procurement system for the supply of the following items. Complete description of the item and other condition are available on website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)

Item No.	Tender Number	Due on	Brief Description of Stores	Reserved to be procured from	Qty. Required	Earnest Money (Rs.)
01	22201107A	25-09-2020	Primary Vertical Damper etc.	RDSO	2500 Nos.	₹ 3,65,120/-
02	29191038A	25-09-2020	Set of Molding item etc.	---	586000 Set.	₹ 1,89,510/-
03	22190575	06-10-2020	Lower Spring Seat etc.	---	4180 Nos.	₹ 1,32,960/-
04	22200229A	07-10-2020	Double Acting Hydraulic etc.	RDSO	688 Nos.	₹ 1,11,110/-

CPRO/S-22 Principal Chief Material Manager, Gorakhpur  
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WORKS DEPARTMENT  
Tender call Notice  
E-mail: [rbcirclkhurda@gmail.com](mailto:rbcirclkhurda@gmail.com)

Bid Identification No. SE-Khordha (R&B) Circle-06/2020-21 Memo No - Dt. 25.08.2020

The Superintending Engineer, Khordha (R&B) Circle, Khordha on behalf of Governor of Odisha inviting percentage rate bid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for Building works as detailed in the table below:

1. Nature of Work	:	Building Works
2. No of Work	:	2 Nos
3. Tender Cost	:	Rs.10000.00 (On-Line)
4. Class of Contractor	:	'Special' Class, 'A Class & B Class
5. Available of Bid document in the Website	:	From Dt. 09.09.2020 10.00 AM to Dt. 23.09.2020 05.00 PM
6. Date of opening of Bid	:	Dt. 24.09.2020 at 11.30 AM
7. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the Website: <a href="https://tenderodisha.gov.in">https://tenderodisha.gov.in</a> . Any Addendum / Corrigendum / Cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.		

Superintending Engineer, Khordha (R&B) Circle, Khordha  
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**TENDER NOTICE NO. CPC-11/2020-21**

For and on behalf of OPTCL, the undersigned invites e-Tender under two part bidding system from the firms/Agencies having minimum three year experience in providing 200 Manpower in a year (Out of which minimum 100 Manpower in a single contract in Govt. Departments, PSUs, reputed corporate sectors, organisations and autonomous bodies) for deployment of Manpower service for a period of one year from the date of commencement of the Agreement on contract basis as per following details:

Description of Manpower	Cost of Tender Paper (Non-refundable in ₹)	EMD @1% of the estimated cost in (in ₹)	Period of Availability of Tender at OPTCL website	Last Date & Time of receipt of Tender
PROVIDING THE SERVICES OF RECEPTIONIST-CUM-CARETAKER (2NOS.)/DATA ENTRY OPERATOR (29 NOS.)/FEMALE NURSE (1 NO.)/GYM INSTRUCTOR (1 NO.)/CARETAKER (1NO.)/DRIVER (3NOS.)/ PLUMBER (2NOS.)/CUG ASST (1NO.)/ ATTENDANT (35 NOS.)/ MESSENGER (1NO.)/COOK (1NO.)/ GARDNER (3NOS.) & HELPER (PLUMBING) (1NO.) FOR OPTCL, BHUBANESWAR.	₹ 13,440/- (₹ 12000/- + GST@ 12%)	₹ 1,26,000/-	(10.00 Hrs.) of 04.09.2020 up-to 24.09.2020 (12.30 Hrs.)	24.09.2020 (13.00 Hrs.)

Bidders would be required to enroll themselves on the tender portal [www.tenderwizard.com/OPTCL](http://www.tenderwizard.com/OPTCL) for participation in the above tender. Complete set of bidding documents are available in [www.tenderwizard.com/OPTCL](http://www.tenderwizard.com/OPTCL) from (10.00 Hrs.) of 04.09.2020 up-to 24.09.2020 (12.30 Hrs.) Interested FIRMS/AGENCIES may visit OPTCL's official website [www.optcl.co.in](http://www.optcl.co.in) and [www.tenderwizard.com/OPTCL](http://www.tenderwizard.com/OPTCL) for detail specification.

N.B.: All subsequent addendum / corrigendum to the tender shall be hosted in OPTCL's Official Website [www.optcl.co.in](http://www.optcl.co.in) and [www.tenderwizard.com/OPTCL](http://www.tenderwizard.com/OPTCL) only.  
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## Bale open to PL return if Real sanction move

AFP ■ MADRID

Gareth Bale will consider a return to the Premier League if his current club Real Madrid allow him to end his stint in Spain, the Wales international has said.

The 31-year-old was on the verge of leaving for Chinese club Jiangsu Suning last year before the deal fell through, and he barely featured for Real in their run to the La Liga title when the campaign resumed after the Covid-19 stoppage.

Despite winning four Champions League titles with Real, Bale has divided opinion in Spain because of a perceived lack of commitment and poor injury record.

"If those options (interest from Premier League clubs) arise, it's something I'd look at for sure," Bale, who made 146 Premier League appearances for Tottenham Hotspur between 2007 and 2014 before moving to Madrid, told Sky Sports.

"We'll see what happens. We have plenty of time in this transfer window and a couple of others as well. Time will tell but mainly I think the reason is that the decision is in Real Madrid's hands."

Bale, who has joined up with the Wales squad ahead of their upcoming Nations League

games against Finland and Bulgaria, said he was happy to be back in an environment where he felt "a little bit more appreciated."

"I tried to leave last year, but (Real) blocked everything at the last second," he added.

"There have been other instances where we have tried to go but the club won't allow it or they've done something. It's down to the club. "I am only 31 still, but I feel I am in great shape still and feel like I have a lot to give. We will see what happens. It's in the club's hands, but they make things very difficult to be honest."





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