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China in no mood to disengage

China deploying troops on Pangong Tso, adds muscle to air power along LAC in Ladakh

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

After their unsuccessful bids to breach the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the last few days, China has started deploying more troops on the Pangong Tso (lake) indicating it is not ready for immediate disengagement.

The Chinese have also added muscle to their air power by deploying more than 150 aircraft and helicopters on their side of the LAC in Ladakh. Not willing to take any chances, the IAF has also deployed its front line fighter jets, including the SU-30, MIG-29, and Jaguars at forward bases all along the 4,000 km long LAC stretching from Ladakh in the west to Arunachal Pradesh in the east.

This ramping up of troops by China comes days after India, in a defensive move on August 29-30, occupied heights in the north bank of the lake near "Finger 4". This was a befitting reply to China, which dominates the area between Finger 4 and 8. The Indian Army also thwarted bid by the Chinese to gain a foothold on the south bank of the lake.

The deployment of additional troops by the Chinese in the north bank of the Pangong Tso has increased tension and may also cast a shadow on the meeting between External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi in Moscow on Thursday.

The luncheon meeting will



An IAF fighter jet flies in the Ladakh region amid the prolonged India-China stand off, in Leh, on Wednesday



Indian Army convoy moves on the Srinagar-Ladakh highway amid India-China stand off, at Gagangear, northeast of Srinagar, on Wednesday

take place on the sidelines of the conclave of foreign ministers of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation.

Elaborating upon the latest developments, sources said India will retaliate if the Chinese try to breach the Indian positions. In a swift proactive move, the Indian forces on August 29-30 night occupied the hilltops higher than the "Finger 4" area on the Indian side of the LAC.

Sources said India will not tolerate any transgression and,

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if the Chinese cross the "red line, retaliation will be swift. Defining the "red lines," sources said barbed wires are now

erected around all the Indian positions and, if the Chinese try to breach it, the local Army commander are free to take

suitable action, they said. The Indian troops may also open fire if the Chinese try to come close to the Indian positions.

These rules of engagement to fire were implemented in the wake of the June 15 incident when 20 Indian personnel, including the commanding officer were beaten and stabbed to death in a bloody brawl with the Chinese troops in the Galwan valley. Earlier, in a pact in the 1990s, the two sides decided not use firearms and conduct blasts for training

and infrastructure developments with 2 kms of the LAC. Mandarin-speaking Indian soldiers are now part of frontline troops on the LAC. In the past few days they have repeatedly warned the Chinese soldiers on the loudhailer, they said. As regards present troops strength, more than 5,000 to 7,000 Chinese troops are now present in the Eastern Ladakh region and more than 50,000 all over the 1,600 km long LAC in the entire region of Ladakh.

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Delhi relapses, 4K cases in day

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi registered a record 4,000 plus new cases on Wednesday as India's death toll crossed the 75,000 counts. The country recorded 89,706 positive cases of coronavirus disease (Covid-19), pushing the country's cumulative tally past 4.3 million-mark.

The country also saw 1,115 deaths in the last 24 hours, which logged the cumulative death toll at 73,890 due to the disease outbreak.

The national Capital had added just around 650 cases on August 16, but on Wednesday the figure stood at 4,039. With more than 2 lakh cases, Delhi is very close to replacing Pune as the worst affected Indian city.

On Wednesday, Delhi recorded as many as 20 deaths which took its fatality count to 4,630. The national Capital has increased the number of tests per day and also come out with the provision of "testing on demand". Now no medical prescription is required for testing.

Despite a sharp surge in Covid-19 cases in the national Capital over the last fortnight, the Delhi Government has ruled out the possibility of another lockdown, with Health Minister Satyendar Jain asserting that the economy "cannot be kept shut for eternity" as livelihoods of millions depend on it.

The Minister also asserted that "extreme caution and not

India's death toll over 75,000



panic" should be the response of the city, and people should exhibit greater alertness and responsibility in public places to deal with this health crisis.

In the first eight days of the month, Delhi registered 22,378 fresh coronavirus cases, including 3,609 fresh coronavirus cases on Tuesday, the highest single-day spike in 76 days, as the city moved towards two lakh-mark with over 4,618 deaths due to Covid-19 so far.

India's overall mortality rate has remained below two per cent of the total cases, but the total count is increasing with the country recording around 90,000 cases for the last several days. Such a huge daily caseload has also pushed up the death count to around 1,000 plus on a daily basis. On Wednesday, India's death count went past the 75,000 marks.

Maharashtra has so far recorded around 28,000 deaths, followed by Tamil Nadu 8,000 and Karnataka 6,800. On Tuesday, Maharashtra recorded 320 deaths, Tamil Nadu 78 and Karnataka 128.

SC stays Maratha quota in jobs, academic institutions

Maharashtra BJP calls order 'Black day' for Marathas, slams MVA Govt for not putting case strongly in SC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court Wednesday stayed the implementation of the 2018 Maharashtra law granting reservation to Marathas in education and jobs but made it clear that the status of those who have availed of the benefits will not be disturbed.

A three-judge bench headed by Justice LN Rao referred to a larger constitution bench, to be set up by Chief Justice of India SA Bobde, the batch of pleas challenging the validity of the law granting reservation to Marathas in education and jobs.

The apex court said that status of those who have already taken benefits of the 2018 law shall not be disturbed.

Meanwhile, the Maharashtra BJP said on Wednesday it is a "black day"



for Marathas as it attacked the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) Government for not ensuring that the quota held its ground before the apex court.

The Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC) Act, 2018 was enacted to grant reservation to people of Maratha community in Maharashtra in jobs and admissions.

The Bombay High Court, while upholding the law in June last year, had held that 16 per cent reservation was not justifiable and said that quota should not exceed 12 per cent in employment and 13 per cent in admissions.

The apex court passed the order on a batch of pleas challenging the HC order and the 2018 law.

On July 27, the Maharashtra Government had

assured the top court that it would not proceed with the recruitment process to fill up the vacancies on the basis of 12 per cent Maratha reservation till September 15, except for departments, Public Health and Medical Education and Research.

Advocates Amit Anand Tiwari and Vivek Singh, appearing for one of the petitioners, had earlier told the apex court that the last date for admission to PG medical courses should be deferred.

The high court, in its June 27 last year order, had said that 50-per cent cap on total reservations imposed by the Supreme Court could be exceeded in exceptional circumstances. It had also accepted Maharashtra Government's argument that the Maratha community was socially and educationally backward and it was duty-bound to take steps for its progress.

The high court had said though the quota was valid, its quantum — 16 per cent — was not justifiable and it should be reduced to 12 per cent and 13 per cent, as recommended by the State Backward Classes Commission.

Oxford varsity Covid vaccine trial paused as participant falls ill

PTI ■ LONDON

The human trials of one of the most promising Covid-19 vaccine candidates, being developed by the University of Oxford, has been put on hold after a UK participant had an adverse reaction to it.

AstraZeneca, the biopharmaceutical giant in tie-up with the university to produce the vaccine, described the pause as a "routine" one following what was "an unexplained illness".

The trials had moved into Phase III after successful Phase I and II testing had raised worldwide hopes of it being ready by early next year as results showed that it produced a positive immune response.

The vaccine moved to Phase III testing in recent weeks, involving around 30,000 participants in the US as well as in the UK, Brazil and South Africa.

"As part of the ongoing randomised, controlled global trials of the Oxford coronavirus vaccine, our standard review process was triggered



and we voluntarily paused vaccination to allow a review of safety data by an independent committee," said a spokesperson for AstraZeneca on Tuesday evening.

"This is a routine action which has to happen whenever there is a potentially unexplained illness in one of the trials, while it is investigated, ensuring we maintain the integrity of the trials.

In large trials illnesses will happen by chance but must be independently reviewed to check this carefully," the spokesperson said.

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Covid-19 IN INDIA

TOTAL

CASES: 44,62,965

DEATHS: 75,091

RECOVERED: 34,69,084

ACTIVE: 9,18,185

STATES	TOTAL CASES	DEATHS	RECOVERED
Maharashtra	9,67,349	27,787	6,86,462
Andhra Pradesh	5,27,512	4,634	4,25,607
Tamil Nadu	4,80,524	8,093	4,23,231
Karnataka	4,21,730	6,808	3,15,433
Uttar Pradesh	2,85,041	4,112	2,16,901
Delhi	2,01,174	4,638	1,72,763
West Bengal	1,90,063	3,730	1,62,992
Bihar	1,52,192	775	1,35,791
Telangana	1,47,642	916	1,15,072
Odisha	1,35,130	633	1,05,295
Assam	1,33,066	396	1,01,240
Gujarat	1,08,295	3,150	88,915
Kerala	95,918	385	70,917
Rajasthan	95,736	1,178	79,450
Haryana	83,353	882	65,143
Madhya Pradesh	79,192	1,640	59,850

BMC razes Kangana's office, actress threatens to expose CM

'Illegal' part pulled down before HC stay order came

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In a day of high drama witnessed in Mumbai's upmarket Pali Hill area, the demolition squad of the Shiv Sena-run Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) pulled down Kangana Raut's office at Pali Hill (illegal portions) by the time the Bombay High Court ordered a stay on the process, even as an aggrieved actress ranted and raved, came up with a "..... tujhe kya lagta hai?" dare for Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, whom she threat-

ened to expose.

After her air journey from Himachal Pradesh to Mumbai during which an angry actress took to twitter to reiterate "...Mumbai is PoK now #deathofdemocracy", "Pakistan" and termed the civic employees as "Babar and his army", Kangana arrived at her Bungalow 5, Chetak Row House located along Pali Hill's Nargis Dutt Road at Pali Hill (west) in north-west Mumbai to a virtual trial of destruction caused by a swift and elaborate demolition carried out by the BMC workers at her bungalow, which houses the office of her film production company, Manikarnika Films Pvt Ltd.

Kangana has come under fire from various quarters for controversial statements com-

paring Mumbai to "Pak-Occupied Kashmir" and saying "it seems Mumbai is addicted to blood" and dubbing Bollywood as an "Islam-dominated" film industry. Protests erupted in Mumbai and other cities against the actress. Shiv Sena activists burnt her effigy and pictures in Mumbai, Pune, Aurangabad, Thane, Palghar, Nashik. On its part, the BJP too has distanced from Kangana's "anti-Mumbai" comments.

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A view of Bollywood actor Kangana Ranaut's office after Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation demolition team arrived, at Pali Hill, in Pali Hill, Mumbai, on Wednesday

CAPSULE

ADDL DCP BOOKED FOR FORGERY IN SELECTION
New Delhi: The CBI has booked Delhi Police Additional DCP Sanjay Kumar for allegedly submitting forged credentials and documents for selection in the Delhi, Andaman and Nicobar Islands Police Service (DANIPS), officials said Wednesday.

DELHI METRO'S BLUE, PINK LINES REOPEN
New Delhi: Delhi Metro's Blue Line and Pink Line resumed services with interchange facilities at nine stations on Wednesday after being closed for 171 days due to the COVID-19 pandemic, officials said.

JAWAN HANGS SELF AT PREZ HOUSE BARRACKS
New Delhi: An Army jawan allegedly committed suicide in the barracks of Rashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi, a police official said on Wednesday.

Rhea, Showik move bail plea

Hearing in Mumbai Sessions Court today

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI



Narcotics Control Bureau officers take Bollywood actress Rhea Chakrabarty to Byculla Women Jail in Mumbai on Wednesday

A day after her arrest in a drug case related to the Sushant Singh Rajput death, actress Rhea Chakrabarty on Wednesday moved a bail plea before a sessions court.

"The bail pleas of Rhea and her brother Showik Chakrabarty will come up for hearing in the Mumbai Sessions Court on Thursday, their lawyer Satish Maneshinde said on Wednesday.

Rhea and Showik face similar charges of sourcing and procuring drugs for Sushant, who was found dead under mysterious circumstances in a closed room of his rented duplex flat in Mount Blanc at Bandra's Carter Road in north-west Mumbai on June 14.

In his application seeking bail for Rhea, Maneshinde said his client was "innocent," has

not committed any crime whatsoever" and that "she has been falsely implicated in the case".

In one of the several grounds cited by for bail to Rhea, Maneshinde said: "The application has been arraigned for an offence punishable under Section 8 (c) read with 20 (b) (ii)22, 27A, 28, 29 and 30 of the NDPS Act, 1985. Given that no drug and psychotropic substances have been seized from the applicant and the allegations. If any, would pertain strictly to small quantities, and given that though Section 27 A has been applied, the ingredients have thereof not been made out, the bar under Section 37(1) of the NDPS would not apply in the present circumstances. Thus the offence, if any, is bailable in nature, the Applicant ought to be enlarged on bail".

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14 kids trafficked from Bihar rescued in Delhi, 10 held

New Delhi: Fourteen children allegedly trafficked from different districts of Bihar to Delhi were rescued and 10 people were arrested by the Railway unit of Delhi Police, officials said on Wednesday.

As per protocol, the rescued children in the age group of 12-14 years have been taken to a quarantine centre in south Delhi's Lajpat Nagar, they said.

The matter came to notice after an information was received from an NGO on September 7 about 14 minors being brought to Delhi by Mahananda Express Train from different districts of Bihar. A joint operation was launched at the Old Delhi Railway Station by police along with NGO Bachpan Bachao Andolan, Salam Balak Trust and RPF personnel.

SC seeks Centre's reply on plea for opening places of worship

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Wednesday sought response from the Centre on a plea seeking to open all religious places of worship across

country which have been closed due to COVID-19 pandemic. A bench headed by Chief Justice S A Bobde issued the notice to the Ministry of Home

Affairs on the plea of Ahmedabad-based "Gitarth Ganga Trust" seeking opening of the places of worship in the country.

"We are issuing notice just to explore possibility," said the bench, which also comprised Justices A S Bopanna and V Ramasubramanian, in the pro-

ceedings held through video conferencing. The trust, a Religious Research Institute, filed the plea through lawyer Surjendu

Sankar Das. The plea said it has been filed with the "solemn and pious objective to protect the fundamental rights enshrined

and guaranteed under the Articles 14, 19(1)(a) and (b), 25, 26 and 21, in particular, of the residents of India pertaining to opening of the places of wor-

ship/religious places throughout India which have been prohibited/restricted at present by many of the states".

PTI

MAHA SEES ALL-TIME HIGH OF 23,816 COVID CASES

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The Covid-19 curve went up sharply once again on Wednesday, as Maharashtra recorded an all-time high of 23,816 infections, while as many 325 more people succumbed to the pandemic in various parts of the state.

Surpassing the earlier peak of 23,350 recorded on September 6, Maharashtra logged 23,816 cases on Wednesday, taking the total number positive cases 943,772 to 9,67,349.

With 325 fresh deaths, the total number of deaths mounted from 27,407 to 27,787.

Of the total deaths, Mumbai accounted for 43 deaths, while as many as 1,988 infections reported in the metropolis.

With the fresh deaths, the total number of deaths in Mumbai have risen to 7985, while the total positive cases have jumped to 1,60,744.

Pune district with 2,12,563 infected cases continued to be the worst-affected city-district in Maharashtra. The

number of deaths in Pune increased from 4538 to 4584.

Thane district remained on the third spot -- after Pune and Mumbai -- with 1,48,690 total cases, while the pandemic toll rose from 4008 to 4058

In a related development, as many as 13,906 patients were discharged from hospitals in the state after full recovery. As a result, the total number of patients discharged from various hospitals after full recovery since the second week of March this year,

touched 6,86,462.

The recovery rate stood at 70.96 per cent. The mortality rate in the state is 2.87 per cent. The state health authorities pegged the number of "active cases" in the state at 2,52,734.

Out of 48,83,006 samples sent to laboratories, 9,67,349 have tested positive (19.81 per cent) for COVID-19 until Wednesday.

Currently, 16,11,280 people are in home quarantine while 37,644 people are in institutional quarantine.

Oxford varsity...

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Stressing that the adverse reaction involved only a single patient, the spokesperson added that the team is working to expedite the review of the "single event" to minimise any potential impact on the trial timeline. "We are committed to the safety of our participants and the highest standards of conduct in our trials," the spokesperson said.

Phase III trials in vaccines often involve thousands of participants and can last several years. For ChAdOx1 nCoV-19, the so-called Oxford vaccine, clinical trial volunteers are located in countries across five continents, including India, the UK, Brazil, South Africa and the US. Given the urgency to control the spread of the novel coronavirus which has claimed thousands of lives around the world, it was hoped the trials would be speedier and that a vaccine may be ready as early

as January 2021.

The Oxford University's Jenner Institute team started working to develop a vaccine against the SARS-CoV-2, or the virus which causes Covid-19, in January this year and says it has been working with "unprecedented urgency" in a race against the coronavirus.

Phase I and II results had proved positive as they showed that the vaccine induced strong antibody and T-cell immune responses for up to 56 days after they were given. T-cells are crucial for maintaining protection against the virus for years.

"There is still much work to be done before we can confirm if our vaccine will help manage the COVID-19 pandemic, but these early results hold promise," said Professor Sarah Gilbert, co-author of the study, had said back in July.

"As well as continuing to test our vaccine in Phase III trials, we need to learn more about the virus -- for example, we still do not know how

strong an immune response we need to provoke to effectively protect against SARS-CoV-2 infection. If our vaccine is effective, it is a promising option as these types of vaccine can be manufactured at large scale," she said.

During the study, participants who received the vaccine had detectable neutralising antibodies, which have been suggested by researchers as important for protection, and these responses were strongest after a booster dose, with 100 per cent of participants' blood having neutralising activity against the coronavirus.

The next step in studying any vaccine is to confirm that it can effectively protect against Covid-19 infection. According to Oxford University scientists, of the hundreds of potential COVID-19 vaccines in development, six are in the final stages of testing, known as phase three clinical trials. One of these -- ChAdOx1 nCoV-

19 -- is the vaccine being developed at the university.

"The purpose of a phase three trial is to assess whether this vaccine-induced immune response is strong enough to actually protect people from COVID-19. Proving this would pave the way for the vaccine to become publicly available," an Oxford University statement explained.

AstraZeneca, the firm partnering Oxford to develop the vaccine, is overseeing a scaling up of manufacturing in parallel with clinical testing so that hundreds of millions of doses can be available if the vaccine is shown to be safe and effective.

The outcome of vaccine trials is being closely watched around the world. It is also seen as a strong contender among dozens being developed globally. The number of global coronavirus cases has surpassed the 27.5 million mark, with over 897,000 deaths, according to the Johns Hopkins University.

Delhi Govt forms committee to suggest steps to augment excise duty revenue

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia on Wednesday constituted a three member committee to suggest measures to augment revenues from excise duty.

As the committee will be headed by Excise Commissioner (Excise) Sandeep Mishra, it will look into simplifying liquor pricing mechanism and check malpractices and evasion of duty in liquor trader and will submit its report within 15 days to Finance

Minister Sisodia.

The primary objective of this committee will be to boost the restaurant and hospitality industry which will help in the recovery of jobs lost due to Corona pandemic and will work on revenue generating models.

Besides to develop business of hotel industry keeping job opportunities amid Corona pandemic, the committee will also look into changes in excise duty structure that will aid in ease of doing business for the restaurant and hospitality industry in Delhi.

Additional Commissioner (T&T) Anand Kumar Tiwari also a committee member.

Due to Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic, millions of people working with hotel industry lost their jobs.

"Millions of people work in this industry and this industry produces about 8 per cent of the jobs in Delhi. But the pandemic has devastated this industry. The situation has not only affected the employment but also reduced the revenue of the Delhi government," government official said.

BMC razes Kangana's...

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By the time Bombay High Court stayed the demolition of the process of Kangana's bungalow, the BMC employees - who had come armed with big drill machines, hammers, sledgehammers and crowbars and a JCB machine - pulled down the allegedly illegal portions involving at the bungalow.

Going by the clinical manner in which the BMC undertook demolition on Wednesday, the die had been cast on Monday when it served a notice on Kangana about the alleged "illegal" constructions at the bungalow. The BMC followed it up by rejecting the reply provided by the actress' lawyers and pasting a response at 10.35 am on Wednesday at the door of Kangana's bungalow.

The notice - served under section 354A of the Mumbai Municipal Corporation Act - had among other things had stated, "There is ongoing renovation and finishing work to the unauthorised portion at the premises which is beyond the approved plan which includes - toilet unauthorisedly converted into office cabin on ground floor, unauthorised kitchen is constructed in store room on ground floor, new toilets are unauthorisedly constructed beside staircase inside store and another in parking area on ground floor. Unauthorised pantry is constructed on the ground floor. Unauthorised room/cabin with wooden partition made in the living room on the first floor. Unauthorised meeting room/cabin with wooden partition made in a pooja room on the first floor."

"Unauthorised construction of toilets in an open chowk area with brick masonry walls and slab on first floor. Unauthorised horizontal extension of slab at front side admeasuring 2' 6" on first

floor, staircase orientation is changed on second floor and balcony found enclosed in habitable area by removing partition walls on second floor. Unauthorised horizontal extension of slab at front side admeasuring 3' on second floor, bedroom of adjoining bungalow no. 4 is merged into bungalow no. 5 by removing the partition wall on the second floor. Toilet of adjoining bedroom (i.e., bungalow no. 4) is found removed and the same area is used as a habitable area on the second floor, position of main entrance gate is found changed," the notice had stated. The demolition began at 11 am. As the demolition was going, Kangana who was on way from Himachal Pradesh took to twitter. In the first of her many tweets put out during the day, Kangana said, "I am never wrong and my enemies prove again and again this is why my Mumbai is POK now #deathofdemocracy". She followed it up with tweets like "Pakistan #deathofdemocracy" and Uddhav Thackeray and civic employees as "Babar and his army #deathofdemocracy".

Referring to Uddhav as "tujhe", Kangana launched an all out war against the Maha Vikas Aghadi Government. "Uddhav tujhe kya lagta hai? (what do you think?)... coluded along with the film mafia, demolished my home and took revenge on me? My home was demolished today, your arrogance will crumble tomorrow," Ranaut said in a video message on her arrival in Mumbai.

As the BMC was in the midst of the demolition of alleged illegal structures in her bungalow, Kangana -- who

was on her way from Himachal Pradesh to Mumbai, compared her office to Ram mandir and said Babar is demolishing it. She compared BMC officials to "Babar army" and said that history would repeat itself and she will reconstruct her 'mandir'.

"This is the wheel of time, remember, it never stays the same," she said, adding that she could sense as to what could have happened with Kashmiri pandits. "Today, I promise that I will make a film on Kashmir like Ayodhya....Uddhav ...I feel good that it has happened to me...it has a meaning," he said.

In some more tweets out during the day, Kangana said, "Come Udhav and Karan Johar gang you broke my work place come now break my house then break my face and body, I want world to see clearly what you anyway do underhand, whether I live or die I will expose you regardless."

"My office was suddenly declared illegal in the last 24 hours, they have destroyed everything inside including furniture and lights and now I am getting threats they will come to my house and break it as well, I am glad my judgement of the movie mafia's favourite world's best CM was right," she tweeted.

"There is no illegal construction in my house, also the Government has banned any demolitions in Covid till September 30, Bullywood watch now this is what fascism looks like," she tweeted.

Soon after the demolition began, Kangana's lawyer Rizwan Siddiqui moved the Bombay High Court and got a 24-hour reprieve against

the demolition. The court has sought a reply from the BMC, which it would hear on Thursday.

"The action of the BMC is illegal, arbitrary, mala fide and without application of mind, in violation of principles of natural justice, unreasonable and improper," he told a HC division bench comprising justice SJ Kathawalla and justice RI Chagla.

Earlier, as she landed at the Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport, a huge crowd of Shiv Sainiks was seen raising slogans, while on the other said RPI and a faction of Karni Sena had assembled to support her.

Kangana, who has been accorded Y-plus category security by the Centre and who had earlier been seen on TV channels by people across the country through visuals walking within a security cordon with 11 personnel, was whisked away from the VIP gate of the city airport by her security personnel to prevent her coming face to face with the crowd.

Slamming the actress for her frequent criticism of Mumbai and the Mumbai police, Mumbai Mayor Kishori Pednekar said, "The demolition was done as per law". In a related development, differences arose within the ruling Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) Government over the manner in which the demolition of portions of Kangana's bungalow were carried out earlier in the day.

Making no bones about his displeasure over the issue, NCP chief Sharad Pawar - who played a key role in the formation of the MVA Government in November

last year - said, "We are giving undue importance to those making such statements. We will have to see what influence such statements have at people at large. In my opinion people do not take (such statements) seriously," said while the BMC acted "as per rules", the timing of the demolition drive had sent out a wrong message to the public.

In the current situation, such actions raise doubts in the peoples' minds... By taking the action, she has got the opportunity to speak out. It needs to be checked why the action was taken by BMC now," Pawar said.

Shiv Sena's chief spokesperson Sanjay Raut chose not to comment on the demolition. "It is the BMC that has undertaken the demolition. Its officials must have done home before undertaking the action".

Kangana's is not the first Bollywood personality to have been acted against by the BMC for an alleged illegal construction. Earlier, on January 9, 2018, the BMC's anti-encroachment department officials had pulled down some allegedly unauthorised portions in yesteryear actor and then BJP MP Shatrughan Sinha's eight-storied bungalow "Ramayan" at Juhu in north-west Mumbai.

The BMC had earlier pulled down illegal structures constructed by several other Bollywood personalities, including Shah Rukh Khan and Kapil Sharma. In October last year, the BMC had served notices on some others like Amitabh Bachchan and Rajkumar Hirani for alleged violations at their Goregaon bungalows.

China in no mood...

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India has matched the force levels evenly in the entire region in terms of personnel and weaponry, they said.

China intruded into the north bank of the Pangong Tso in the first week of May and obstructed an Indian Army patrol. 6This led to fisticuffs between the soldiers of the two sides leaving several of them injured. A stand-off is on since then with the Chinese refusing to withdraw its troops from the area between 'Finger 4' and 'Finger 8'. These two 'fingers' or mountain spurs are five to six km apart and the presence of the Chinese there poses a grave threat to Indian securi-

ty interests, they said.

China has also erected more tents and constructed makeshift bunkers for the troops thereby indicating that it will be a long haul to restore normalcy.

Asserting that the Indian forces are now nowhere "under-prepared" to deal with the Chinese military buildup, they, however, did not rule out some action by the Chinese in the coming days to regain lost ground.

Officials also said the recent moves by the Chinese in north and south of the lake are not carried by some "local exuberant commanders. In fact, their action is being controlled by their top commanders.

Central Govt's 'Seekho Aur Kamao' free job training for minority community youths

New Delhi: With an aim to upgrading the employability of the youth of minority communities, including Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Parsis and Jains, in various traditional skills to help them earn a decent and respectable livelihood, the Central Government is running "Seekho Aur Kamao" scheme, where free training is imparted to candidates. The scheme, implemented through selected expert project implementing agencies, ensures placements of minimum 75 per cent trainees, of which at least 50 per cent is in the organised sector.

"For the Seekho Aur Kamao scheme, we offer a free-of-cost 12-month training programme wherein 18 years or older 'minority' candidates having passed Class 12 in science stream will be made job ready for roles such as para-medicals, lab technicians and sterile service providers. Interested candidates can approach our NGO at A-198, Ramprastha, Ghaziabad, UP or call us 0120-4133400, 9811833914," said Development Services International director Annapoorna.

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Second Call

Tender Ref. No.-2019206660/WS/Water Work/2020 Date 08.09.2020

Tender for online submission are invited on website <https://mptenders.gov.in> under "Live Tender" and Department Name "Bhopal Municipal Corporation" for following works. Document can be purchased on website from 08.09.2020 and online submission till 12.10.2020 at 17.30 hrs.

Corrigendum for above NIT shall not be issued separately in newspapers. Corrigendum regarding correction can be seen on the website. Detailed NIT and other information can be seen on the website. <https://mptenders.gov.in>

S. No.	System NIT No.	Details of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money (EMD)	Cost of Tender Document	Completion Period
1.	2020_UAD_106048_1	SHIFTING OF 100MM. 150MM. 200MM 250MM. 300MM. 350MM AND 400MM D.I. PIPE LINE AT DIFFERENT PLACES COMMING UNDER PROPOSED PWD ROAD FROM KALIYASOT DAM TO BARRAI. Estimate based on:- -MPUADD Water supply Sewerage and tube well Works. 2012 Value Rs. 3,16,21,971.37 -MPUADD Building Works. 2012 Value Rs. 82,231.20 Non Sor Value Rs. 29,48,842.41 Total Rs. 3,46,53,044.98	3,46,53,045.00	3,46,530.00	15,000.00	9 Month Including Rainy Season

City Engineer (Water Works) Municipal Corporation, Bhopal

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, BALANGIR (R&B) CIRCLE: BALANGIR

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BID IDENTIFICATION No: SE(R&B) BGR / 02 / 2020-21

No. 1493 // Dtd. 01.09.2020

- The Superintending Engineer, Bolangir (R&B) Circle, Bolangir on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE for the construction of works detailed in the table below from B/A/ Special Class Contractors registered with the State Governments and contractors of equivalent Grade/ Class registered with Central Government/ MES/ Railways for execution of Civil works. The proof of registration from the appropriate authority shall be enclosed along with the bid.
- Nature of Work : Building work
- No. of tender : Building : 09 Nos.
- Tender Cost : Rs.10, 000/-
- Class of Contractor : B/A/ Special Class.
- Date & Time of sale & Receipt of Bids : From Dt.11.09.2020, 10.00 A.M. to Dt.25.09.2020 up to 05.00 P.M.
- Date of opening Bid : Dt.28.09.2020 at 11.00 A.M.
- The bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: <http://tenders.orissa.gov.in>. All future corrigendum will be available on ONLINE MODE only.

Superintending Engineer, Balangir (R&B) Circle, Balangir

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Rhea, Showik move bail plea

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Maneshinde, who has also moved a bail application for Showik, said Rhea and her younger brother had cooperated with the investigations. "The allegations against the applicants would at the most make out a case of purchasing of drugs which is a bailable offence. There is no shred of evidence to connect the applicants with financing of any illicit traffic or harbouring any offenders," he said.

Rhea and Showik are among 10 accused arrested in connection with the drug case related to Sushant Singh Rajput's death. The other arrested accused are: Abbas Lakhani, Karan Arora, Zaid Vilatra, Abdel Basit Parihar, Anuj Keswani, Kaizhan Ibrahim, Samuel Miranda and Dipesh Sawant.

The NCB's case is based on 59 grams of curated marijuana seized from alleged drug peddlers Abbas Lakhani and Karan Arora who were arrested earlier, and have now been granted bail.

More seizures were made from Anuj Keshwani based on the disclosure from Kaizhan Ibrahim, who according to the

NCB is another drug peddler who supplied marijuana to Showik Chakraborty and Samuel Miranda through Abdel Basit Parihar.

Keshwani, whose role has made the investigations more complicated, is under examination for questioning. In a statement detailing the drugs seized from Keshwani, the NCB has said: "In continuation of operations against the drug syndicate, a raid was conducted in Mumbai by Mumbai Zonal Unit, NCB. The following drugs were seized: 590 grams of hashish, 0.64 gm of LSD sheets, 304 gms of marijuana, including imported marijuana joints and capsules, Rs 1,85,200 in cash and 5,000 Indonesian Rupian".

The quantity of LSD that has been recovered is commercial quantity under NDPS Act.

Rhea -- whose brother Showik was arrested along with late actor's house manager Samuel Miranda by the NCB on Friday night in connection with the Sushant death-related drug case - was questioned about the WhatsApp exchanges between Rhea and others that the Enforcement Directorate

(ED) had shared with the CBI and NCB alleging "procuring and usage" of drugs.

It was on the basis of this WhatsApp message trail that the ED had joined the investigations on August 26 into the allegations that Sushant's girlfriend Rhea Chakraborty used to procure banned drugs illegally from dealers and administer them to the late actor.

It may be recalled that in the messages accessed by a few television channels on August 25-26, Rhea talks about drugs and in a chat between her and Gaurav Arya who is allegedly a drug dealer, Rhea writes: "In case we speak about hard drugs, I haven't been doing too much. Tried MDMA once". In another message sent to Gaurav Arya, she asks: "You have MD?"

In the first chat message, Miranda writes to Rhea "Hi Rhea, the stuff is almost over". In the next message, Jaya Saha tells Rhea: "Use 4 drops in tea, let him sip it Give it 30-40 mins to kick in. Then, there emerges a message in a chat between Rhea & Jaya Saha: "I have asked him to coordinate with Shruti (Modi) & reach it. In yet another message,

Rhea writes to Jaya Saha "Thank you so much" Reply from Jaya: "No problem bro, hope it helps".

In the seventh and last accessed chat message, Miranda writes to Rhea: "Should we take it from Showik's friend? But he has just hash & bud".

The WA chat messages hint at the fact that Rhea was allegedly procuring drugs for use by the actor.

On her part, Rhea had earlier denied consuming drugs and said that she was prepared for a drug test anytime. She, however, admitted that Sushant used to take marijuana and despite her efforts, she could not control him.

During the 19-long hours of grilling carried out during a span of three days, Rhea reportedly admitted that she had procured drugs for Sushant through her currently arrested brother Showik Chakraborty, that she had acknowledged that she knew about Samuel purchasing drugs for the actor from drug peddler Zaid Vilatra and that she had accepted that she had accepted drug-related WhatsApp chats between her and others.

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WESTERN RAILWAY

CORRIGENDUM TO e-AUCTION SALE PROGRAM

MATERIAL MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

Please refer to this office e-Auction Sale Notification No SIII/Auction Programme-1/September-2020 Dt 14.08.2020. Corrigendum to above mentioned E-auction programme as follows:-E-Auction Sale Program scheduled to be held in the month of September, 2020 at RTM Division on 09/09/2020 has been rescheduled and now it will be held on 16/09/2020. All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged. Please visit Western Railway Website of Material Management Department www.wr.indianrailways.gov.in as well as on www.irps.gov.in e-auction portal for further information.

(SIII/Auction Programme-2/September-2020 dt.09/09/2020)

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TACKLING CORONAVIRUS

Take steps to prevent spread of Covid, CM directs officials

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

With Delhi registering an increase in corona cases, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal reviewed meeting with senior health officials and Medical Superintendents (MSs) of Government hospitals and directed them to take all possible measures to prevent corona spread.

Setting a target of 'zero corona death' in Delhi, Kejriwal announced that for corona tests in Delhi there is no requirement of a prescription from a qualified medical practitioners.

Taking to social media, Kejriwal tweeted, "Had a review meeting with Health Minister, Chief Secretary, senior officials and MS of govt hospitals. I have directed all MS and authorities to take all possible steps to pre-



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vent the spread of Corona and assured the hospitals of full support in this regard."

The review meeting was attended by Health Minister Satyendar Jain, along with the Chief Secretary and senior officials of the health department and medical superintendents of the government hos-

Delhi, it will be able to do this again with everyone's support.

Addressing the officials present in the meeting, Kejriwal said, "The Delhi Model of controlling Corona is being discussed widely across the country. We have been able to contain the spread of Corona in Delhi after the efforts of the two crore people of Delhi. I am sure that we will be able to do it this time as well with the people's support. In the last few days, we have doubled the testing in Delhi and are encouraging everyone to get tested since a doctor's prescription is no more required to get tested. The tests have been increased from 20000 to 40000 per day. I request everyone to encourage as many people as possible to get tested without any delay. If any hos-

pital is experiencing any issues, they can directly reach me and I will extend all possible help in this regard."

Kejriwal also directed the secretary and all officers concerned that all state and central government's SOPs should be strictly enforced and there should be no complacency regarding the same. He also directed the heads of the private labs in Delhi to not deny tests for anybody who wants to get tested.

He also directed the ambulance services that no calls from patients should be refused and the patients should be transferred to the hospitals if needed as soon as possible. The Corona App should display all information regarding the number of beds and ventilators well-within time to prevent panic among patients.

Govt: Doctor's prescription not needed for Covid test

SAPNA SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

Amid a spike in corona cases, the Delhi Government on Wednesday issued an order stating there will be no requirement of a prescription from a qualified medical practitioner for Covid -19 test.

Special secretary, Health and Family Welfare, Udit Prakash Rai issued the order mentioning that "Test - Track - Treat strategy has been adopted to ensure early detection and containment of Covid -19 pandemic".

"In continuation of various measures undertaken by Delhi



Tests will be conducted in accordance with the strategy and advisory issued by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and as per orders issued by Delhi government from time to time", it clearly stated.

It is important to mention here that corona cases have increased many folds in the National Capital. According to the data of the State (Delhi) Health Department, 20 deaths with 4039 cases were recorded during last 24 hours. With this total tally has gone upto 201174 cases with 4638 deaths. The fatality rate also increased to 2.31 per cent.

Delhi ex-Chief Secy Spolia dies of Covid

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The IAS Association of Arunachal Pradesh-Goa-Mizoram-Union Territories (AGMUT) cadre has expressed condolences on sudden demise of Deepak Mohan Spolia, former chief secretary of Delhi. Spolia, a 1979 batch IAS officer died of coronavirus on September 6. "The sudden demise of former Chief Secretary of Delhi, Deepak Mohan Spolia, on September 6, has left the AGMUT Cadre fraternity shocked and the Delhi Chapter of the IAS Association of AGMUT Cadre has expressed its sincere condolences on his sudden demise to the bereaved family," the IAS association said in a statement.

Spolia was chief secretary of Delhi between December 31, 2012 and January 9, 2014 and August 28, 2014 and February 28, 2015. He was removed as Delhi Chief Secretary by the

Aam Aadmi Party government in January, was reappointed to the post in August, replacing S K Srivastava. Spolia was finance secretary in the government of Delhi when then Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit had decided to elevate him as Chief Secretary.

Spolia, being as divisional commissioner of Delhi, had played a major in distribution of provisional regularization certificates to 1600 unauthorised colonies residents. This had helped the Dikshit to win the Delhi assembly elections third time. He was instrumental in land reforms introduced by the Sheila Dikshit government. When Arvind Kejriwal came to power in 2014, Spolia had prepared a road map of 70 points agenda of the government to implement it. After the retirement, Spolia had researched Civil Lines area in Delhi and was planning to bring a book.

53K travelled on Blue, Pink lines, people without Aarogya App returned

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

With the Delhi metro services resuming with curtailed operations on Blue and Pink lines with strict safety and social distancing measures being in place, approx 53,400 passengers traveled on Wednesday.

However, those passengers who had not installed Aarogya Setu mobile App in their phone were not allowed to enter station premises by staff deployed at entry gate of metro station despite the guidelines issued by the metro authorities stated that the app is advisable.

Trains are being operated in two batches of four-hour each from 7-11 AM and 4-8 PM in the first stage. Several commuters on Wednesday arrived at the stations of the Delhi Metro which started the services after a break of 171 days but many of them were forced to return back by staff deployed at gate.



software professional in Gurugram.

There were many like Sudhir who were denied entry at various stations of Delhi metro. "I had no option to accept coming out after being denied entry. I downloaded the app and again returned back at Laxmi Nagar station to access entry," Rahul Ashana, a student of Delhi University said, adding that it means that poor cannot board the train as they usually do not have smartphones.

Rahul further said that he

saw people downloading the app before entering the premises. "How difficult it is for a person to reach at the metro station during the pick of Covid-19 and be denied entry because they have not installed an app. If it is compulsory then authorities should have informed people about it. Why did they say the app is advisable," he said.

However, Anuj Dayal, Executive Director of the DMRC said "In these times of Corona pandemic, it is the duty and responsibility of

everyone to ensure that no one's safety and health is compromised while travelling by the Metro. Use of Aarogya Setu App is one such step to ensure that and it is advisable that those who can have Aarogya Setu App in their phones must use it while heading for the Metro. DMRC is not stopping anyone from travelling without the App but, in the larger public interest it is advisable to use the App"

"Use of Aarogya Setu app is only advisory in nature and there are clear cut directions to

staff in this regard. We would reiterate the same to staff to avoid any such occurrence," he added.

"With the services available on multiple lines from (Yellow, Blue and Pink Lines), the total ridership was approx 33,300 (Yellow Line: 21,900, Blue Line: 9,600, Pink Line: 1,800) in the morning hours of 7 AM to 11 AM," he said.

"However, it is clarified that actual utilisation of a metro system is reflected from the number of journeys performed by a passenger in completing a journey by using one or more lines (line utilisation) and not by ridership alone. Therefore, provision of sharing ridership figures is an interim arrangement till all Lines are re-opened by 12th September," he added.

To reflect the true utilisation of Delhi Metro's network by passengers, DMRC will revert to line utilisation (passenger journeys) figures after 12th September, he said.

"DMRC will be running 35 trains on Red Line (Rithala-Shaheed Sthal New Bus Adda) performing around 413 train trips during morning and evening hours on 10th September 2020. Similarly, 40 trains with approx. 344 trips will be put into service on the

Violet Line (Kashmere Gate-Raja Nahar Singh). On the Green Line (Kirti Nagar/Inderlok-Brig. Hoshiar Singh), 20 trains with 268 train trips will be put into service," he said.

The trips will be subsequently increased as the operational timing of services get extended on 11th & 12th September with the opening of other lines in a graded manner," he said.

As the day began, some riders wearing face masks were seen entering the premises of key stations like Rajiv Chowk, Noida Sector 15 and Anand Vihar on the Blue Line, which connects Dwarka Sector 21 in Delhi to Electronic City (Noida) and Vaishali (Ghaziabad). The Pink Line connects Majlis Park to Shiv Bihar.

According to DMRC, the Blue and Pink lines will ensure availability of nine of the existing 28 interchange Metro stations, including Rajouri Garden (Blue Line and Pink Line); INA Delhi Haat (Yellow and Pink Line); Mayur Vihar Phase - I (Blue Line and Pink Line); Rajiv Chowk (Blue Line and Yellow Line); Anand Vihar ISBT (Blue Line and Pink Line) and Sikanderpur (Yellow Line and Rapid Metro).

Cops told to use precautions while maintaining law & order

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Following the surge in the Covid-19 cases in National Capital, the Delhi Police on Wednesday issued order and directed personnel to use necessary precautions while maintaining law and order situation in the city. Meanwhile, in another order, the Delhi Police stated that the Delhi Traffic Police shall not challan any person for violating Covid-19 protocol - be it for not wearing masks or spitting in public places and shall concentrate on regulating the traffic.

According to order issued by Chimmoy Biswal, the Deputy Commissioner of Police on Wednesday, in view of the spread of Coronavirus in Delhi, each police station shall detail one dedicated team comprising of an upper subordinate and one lower subordinate to report to one location in their respective district to prosecute persons who violate protocols such as, not wearing of masks, not maintaining social distancing, spitting etc.

Hundreds of party workers and leaders of various unions also participated in the dharna. The party also demanded that the Rs 1 crore compensation announced by the Delhi Government for the Corona warriors, should be given to the sanitation workers also who

Safai workers protest, demand release of salary

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Congress along with the Safai Karamchahi Unions held a dharna outside the Keshav Puram zone office of the civic body, demanding that the salary pending for months be released immediately.

delivered on Covid duty.

The Congress, in association with the Safai Karamchahi Unions, has been holding Nyay March dharnas outside MCD zonal offices demanding justice for the MCD workers and payment of their pending salaries.

Delhi Congress president Anil Kumar said that it was strange that the BJP and AAP, who are responsible for the plight of the MCD employees for the non-payment of their salaries, have been working in tandem to fool the MCD workers.

Kumar said that only the Delhi Congress has been highlighting the grievances and

demands of the MCD employees, while the BJP and AAP have been busy trading charges against each other, instead of addressing the problems of the MCD workers.

Party vice-president and former MLA Jai kishan said that both the BJP and AAP have failed in delivering promises to people. "The AAP has done nothing on ground except fooling people on the name of freebies and on the other hand the BJP- rules Corporation have made the lives of their employees miserably by holding salary for months. Both the parties are busy in passing the buck on one another," Jai Kishan said.

including Delhi Haat.

The announcement came in a meeting chaired by Deputy CM with the Board of Delhi Tourism and Transport Development Corporation (DTTDC) at the Delhi Secretariat.

Sisodia said, "Due to the Corona epidemic and lockdown, artists and artisans who cannot buy expensive stalls at Delhi Haat and other places will be provided stalls at a very economical rate."

He said that a person had to spend thousands to take a stall on usual day but now these will be available for only 500 to 600 rupees.

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Sisodia said, "At present, the economic situation is facing a huge challenge due to the Pandemic all over the Globe and the markets especially the tourism and hospitality industry are badly affected. DTTDC

Govt to offer rebate on stalls on tourism dept campuses

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi Manish Sisodia announced to provide stalls at a very discounted rate to artists and artisans at all the campuses of the tourism department

is of the view this at this point, it is necessary to retain those vendors/operators who have been associated with DTDC for a long time by giving relation to them".

This will not only enable these operators to consolidate their business activity in the given time but also for DTDC in getting regular revenue for a longer period, he added.

Due to the lockdown caused by the COVID-19, all the properties leased by the Delhi Tourism and Transport Development Corporation had to be closed from March 20. Later, each institution was allowed to reopen at different stages of unlocking. These include all Delhi Haats (INA, Pitampura, and Janakpuri), Garden of Five Senses, Nature Bazaar, etc. Among them, many entrepreneurs requested a concession under Force Major in the light of the epidemic and today the committee has given its nod to provide those concessions.

In Delhi Haat INA, 166 craft stalls were allotted to the artisans across the country. It was also decided to distribute the remaining stalls among the local craftsmen on a first-come, first-served basis. Food stall vendors of Delhi Haat INA have been given considerable relief in paying their rent. Concessions are also provided to the car parking vendor of Delhi Haat INA as the backside parking space is not currently being used.

Sisodia expressed his hope that these concessions will provide the much-needed relief to the people associated with the tourism development of Delhi and with their help, the tourism activities in Delhi will soon be back on track.

74 fresh cases of vector-borne diseases reported in city in past 1 week

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Seventy four fresh cases of vector-borne diseases were reported in the National Capital in the last one week, taking the total number of people infected with dengue, malaria and chikungunya to 350 this year till September 5.

According to the municipal report, 25 fresh cases of dengue, 41 cases of malaria and eight cases of chikungunya reported in Delhi. The total number of dengue cases has reached 153 this year while 146 people have been infected with malaria. The number for chikungunya is 51.

Mosquito-breeding has been reported in at least 51498 households and 40224 legal notices have been issued this year. The dengue breeding checkers have checked 13346579 houses and also issued challans to 2264 numbers of office and residential premises," according to the latest report by the SDMC, which compiles data after taking inputs from three other corporations: south Delhi, East Delhi and North Delhi municipal corporations.

The Government has launched the '10 Hafte 10 Bajje 10 Minute' awareness campaign on Sunday which is a 10-week mass awareness campaign against vector borne diseases. The CM started the campaign Sunday at 10 am for 10 minutes by inspecting his own residence for stagnant clean water inside his home or his surroundings, which can lead to the breeding of mosquitoes that spread diseases.



Land registry starts: Gurugram Revenue staff trained for e-appointment process

STAFF REPORTER ■ GURUGRAM

To simplify the process of e-appointment of registration of the properties in Gurugram district, a training program was organised for the officials and employees of the tehsil office at the Mini Secretariat on Wednesday.

During the training session, detailed information was given about the process of taking e-appointments.

The officials and employees present also raised queries about the e-appointment related modifications.

The registries resumed on September 1 after a gap of 40 days following several complaints of illegal registries across the state.

"To bolster familiarity with the new process about registra-

tion of property a training programme was conducted for the officials and the employees of the Revenue department. During the two hour training session the officials understood the process of the e-appointment system so that they do not face any kind of problem in future," said Basti Ram, district revenue officer (DRO).

He informed that under this process, new software has already been simplified for e-appointments. People can take e-appointment from home via "https://jamabandi.nic.in/web portal of the Revenue department.

"People can come to the tehsil office according to the given time slot and get the property registered. This will save their valuable time and in a single visit their property will

be registered at the tehsil office," Gupta said.

The Revenue officials further informed that the registration work has been started in all the 6 tehsil and 3 sub tehsil offices of the district.

"The special thing about this software is that unless all the dues of the property belonging to different departments will not clear, people will not get e-appointments and with this process the buyer will get required information about the status of the property.

"Besides the revenue department staff, all the registrars and joint sub-registrars and other staff associated with e-appointment like computer operators, junior programmers, and all stamp vendors participated in the training program," the DRO said.

14 kids trafficked from Bihar to be employed at factories rescued

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police has rescued 14 children who were allegedly being trafficked from different districts of Bihar to Delhi. Police said that they have also arrested 10 people in this connection.

The arrested accused persons have been identified as Mohammad Akbar (35), Mohammad Manzoor Alam (25), Naushad (36), Tasvill (30), Md. Naseem (35), Aman Kumar Sharma (21), Noor Alam (32), Mohammad Mehraj (24), Maskhur Alam (23) and Mahesh Lal Kewat (33), all residents of Bihar.

Police said that as per protocol, the rescued children who are in the age group of 12-14 have been taken to a quarantine centre in south Delhi's Lajpat Nagar. According to Harendra Kumar Singh, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Railways, the matter came to notice after an information was received from an NGO on September 7, about 14 minors being trafficked and brought to Delhi by Mahananda Express Train from different districts of Bihar. "A joint operation was

laid at Old Delhi Railway Station by police along with NGO Bachpan Bachao Andolan, Salam Balak Trust and RPF personnel. The team kept a sharp vigil on movement of passengers when the train arrived and closely monitored the CCTV cameras to see any suspicious movement," said the DCP.

"Ten persons were detained and 14 children accompanying them were rescued. These children were medically examined and taken to the quarantine centre, Lajpat Nagar. They were produced before the Child Welfare Committee through video conferencing. Based on their statements before the committee, the case was registered and the ten accused persons were arrested," said the DCP.

"During interrogation, the accused disclosed these children belong to different districts of Bihar. Among those rescued, nine children were from Kathihar, two from Begusarai, two from Kishanganj and one from Purnia. They had planned to take these children to different places, four to Azadpur in Delhi, two to Seelampur, another two to Faridabad and six to Punjab," said the DCP.



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Modi urges street vendors to go digital

Plan afoot to provide online delivery platform to street food vendors

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said efforts are being made to provide an online delivery platform to street food vendors on the lines of big restaurants while interacting with beneficiaries of PM SVANidhi scheme. Modi also urged the street vendors to adopt the digital payment system on a large scale. Meanwhile, several Bollywood actors and celebrities including Ajay Devgan, Varun Dhawan, Sonu Sood, Karishma Khair, Gobind Namdev, Mary Kom and cricket commentator Sushil Doshi have appreciated PM Modi's initiative under the scheme to make street vendors self-reliant.

Interacting virtually with beneficiaries of PM Street Vendors' Aatmanirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) scheme, PM Modi lauded vegetable vendor Dalchand from Sanchi in Raipur district of Madhya Pradesh for using the QR code digital platform for receiving payments. He also suggested him ways to



improve his vegetable business.

After his interaction with the street vendors, PM Modi in a televised address said, "A scheme has been prepared to provide an online platform to street food vendors by using technology. This means, the street food vendors will be able to make online delivery like big restaurants. Efforts are being made to provide this kind of facility." He told the street vendors that if they come forward, the govern-

ment will take this effort further.

"The use of digital payment has increased during the past three-four years. Its importance was realised during the corona (Covid-19 outbreak) period. Now customers avoid making payment in cash and pay directly through mobile phone," he said.

In a tweet, Bollywood actor Ajay Devgan said "PM SVANidhi is a special initiative for empowering India's #AatmanirbharVendor". The

initiative is likely to benefit over 50 lakh street vendors. Power to our Honourable PM and Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs". In his tweet, actor Sonu Sood said "PM SVANidhi, a special initiative by our Honourable @narendramodi for empowering street Vendors for Self Reliant India. As per the Housing and Urban Affairs ministry data, over 10 lakh applications from street vendors have been received across the country and loan amounts have been disbursed to over 1.5 lakhs.

Appealing street vendors to come forward to adopt the digital system, Modi said, "A new beginning has been made by the banks and digital payment system providers." Modi told the street vendors that representatives of banks and such organisations will reach out to them, provide the QR code and inform them about its use.

"Whenever there is a pandemic, it hits the poor brothers and sisters hard. They always suffer whether it is excessive heat, rainfall or cold

and these create problems for their employment and food, Modi said. "They (the poor) faced it the most during the pandemic and were even forced to return to their native places.

During the interaction with Chaganal and his wife from Sanver in Indore district, PM Modi advised him how to enhance his business by asking customers to return the pipe used in making broomsticks to reduce the cost of making a broomstick. Chaganal also told PM Modi that he wanted to enhance his business. The PM advised him to use an earthen pitcher instead of a single-use plastic bottle for drinking water to save the environment. Interacting with Gwalior's Archana Sharma, PM Modi asked whether she would serve him "tikki" (patties) that she sells at her joint. He also asked her about the SVANidhi scheme and how it benefited her. PM SVANidhi is a scheme for street vendors to provide affordable working capital loans to them.

Rafale fighter jets to be inducted into IAF today

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The first five Rafale fighter jets will be formally inducted into the IAF on Thursday at the Ambala air force station. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his French counterpart Florence Parly are the chief guests. These jets arrived in Ambala from France on July 27.

Besides Rajnath and Florence, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Bipin Rawat, Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria, Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar, Dr G Satheesh Reddy, Secretary Department of Defence R&D and Chairman Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) along with other senior officers of Ministry of Defence and Armed Forces will be present to mark a very important milestone in the history of the IAF.

The French delegation will be represented by French ambassador Emmanuel Lenain, Air General Eric Autellet, Vice Chief of the Air Staff of the French Air Force and other senior officials.



A large delegation of senior functionaries of French Defence Industries which includes Eric Trappier Chairman and Chief Executive of Dassault Aviation and Eric Beranger, CEO, MBDA will be present during the ceremony.

The French minister will be given a ceremonial Guard of Honour on arrival at Delhi. At Ambala, the programme will include ceremonial unveiling of the Rafale aircraft, a traditional 'Sarva Dharma Puja', air display by Rafale and Tejas aircraft as well as by 'Sarang Aerobatic Team'. Afterwards, a traditional water cannon salute will be given to the Rafale aircraft.

The programme will culminate with the ceremonial induction of Rafale aircraft to 17 Squadron. After the ceremonial events the Indian and French delegation will have a bilateral meeting, the IAF said here on Wednesday.

Centre has ruined unorganised sector: Rahul

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi who has been continuously attacking the Centre and Prime Minister Narendra Modi in particular, on Wednesday said the BJP led NDA Government has completely "destroyed the unorganised sector" which is the backbone of the Indian economy. Rahul blamed the "sudden" nationwide lockdown imposed to check the spread of the coronavirus has devastated the people and economy of the country and hence emphasised that the government must introduce a "NYAY-like scheme" - the minimum wage social welfare scheme proposed by the Congress in its 2019 election manifesto.

"The poor, those in small and medium businesses, are daily wage earners. They eat with what they earn each day. When you (PM Modi) announced a lockdown without a notice, you attacked them. The Prime Minister said the fight will be for 21 days, the backbone of the unorganised sector broke in 21 days," Rahul Gandhi said in his latest series of video.

India's Covid-19 death tally reaches 74K mark

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Despite higher recoveries from Covid-19 infection in the past few days with as many as 74,000 cases on Wednesday itself, deaths due to the deadly pathogen have been more than 1,000 for eight straight days. This is ahead of the US which added 801 deaths, and Brazil which reported 797 deaths on an average in the last one week. India reported 1,115 deaths linked to the virus, taking the total number of fatalities to 73,890.

The country has registered 89,706 coronavirus infections in 24 hours, taking tally past the 43-lakh mark, as per the Union Health Ministry data.

Rising number of cases in the Northeastern States too are becoming a matter of concern for the Government. In view of the worsening Covid-19 situation in Tripura, a two-member Central experts' team has been rushed to the northeastern State on a 10-day visit to take stock of the situation and suggest measures to curb the spread of the virus.

Till Tuesday night, Tripura reported 16,157 Covid-19 cases,



of which 9,653 persons have recovered while 160 people have succumbed to the dreaded disease since June 9, when the first death was reported.

Tripura's mortality and recovery rates are 0.99 per cent and 59.83 per cent, respectively, worst among the eight northeastern states.

The team members are Daisy Panna, Consultant Epidemiologist, National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), and PK Verma, Assistant Professor, Respiratory Medicine, Lady Harding Memorial College (LHMC).

The number of cases in the country now stand at 43,70,128. In the 24-hour period, India,

which is now the second worst-hit country.

About 33 lakh patients have recovered from the infection in the country, pushing the recovery rate to 77.32 per cent, said a senior official from the Ministry.

On the day when India has registered the highest single day recoveries of nearly 75,000, it continues to set a record in testing too. More than 11.5 lakh COVID samples have been tested in the last 24 hours.

The daily testing capacity has already crossed 11 lakh. With 11,54,549 tests conducted in the last 24 hours, India has further strengthened the national diagnostic capacity, said the official.

Coronavirus: Plasma therapy not beneficial in reducing mortality, shows ICMR study

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Use of convalescent plasma therapy in coronavirus-infected patients does not help in cutting down mortality or progression to severe Covid-19, a multi-centric study funded by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has found. The study has not yet been peer-reviewed and has now appeared on medRxiv, a preprint server.

There was however some minor benefit in terms of alleviation of some symptoms though for those who received the therapy.

The trial, called PLACID, which was carried out from April 22 to July 14 this year in 39 hospitals across 14 states and Union Territories involved 464 moderately ill patients with breathing difficulties and oxygen saturation level of less than 93 per cent, of whom 235 were given convalescent plasma with antibodies against SARS CoV2 received from donors who had recovered from the virus, while 229 received only standard care.

The trial was registered with the Clinical Trial Registry of India (CTRI) for the purpose, it said.

Those in the intervention group were transfused with two doses of 200 ml plasma 24 hours apart. Both the intervention and control groups were compared after 28 days.

The findings, released now on a preprint server of health research, have shown that 34 patients or 13.6 per cent who received plasma therapy died while 31 patients or 14.6 per cent who did not receive it, succumbed to the infection. Also, 17 patients in each group progressed to have severe disease. "CP was not associated with a reduction in mortality or progression to severe COVID-19," noted the authors led by ICMR scientist Dr Aparna Mukherjee who led the trial.

The findings have come at the time when various State Governments have been pushing the therapy and have set up plasma banks after the national Covid-19 clinical management protocol allowed it as an investigational therapy.

Bihar poll: PM to launch several schemes under PM Matsya Sampada scheme

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Ahead of the Bihar Assembly Polls, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch the Fish Brood Bank at Sitamarhi, and of Aquatic Disease Referral Laboratory at Kishanganj, for which assistance has been provided under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) on Thursday, PM will also launch several schemes which include the e-Gopala app, Semen Station with state of the art facilities, in Purnea, IVF lab established at Animal Sciences University in Patna and use of sex sorted semen in artificial insemination by Baroni Milk Union in Begusarai and fish feed mill at Madhepura.

According to the Ministry of Fisheries, Fish Brood Bank at Sitamarhi, and of Aquatic Disease Referral Laboratory at Kishanganj will help in enhancing production and productivity of fish by ensuring timely availability of quality and affordable fish seed for the fish farmers and address the

need for disease diagnosis as well as water and soil testing facilities.

PMMSY in Bihar envisages an investment of ₹1,390 crore with Central Share of ₹535 crore and the additional fish production target pegged at 3 lakh tons.

During the current financial year, the Centre has sanctioned the proposal to the tune of ₹107.00 crore which include establishment of Re-circulatory Aquaculture System (RAS), construction of Biofloc ponds for aquaculture, finfish hatcheries, construction of new ponds for aquaculture, Ornamental fish culture units, installation of Cages in reservoirs/wetlands, Ice plants, refrigerated vehicles, motor cycle with ice box, three wheeler with ice box, cycle with ice box, fish feed plants, extension and support services (Matsya Seva Kendra), establishment of a Brood Bank.

PMMSY is a flagship scheme for focused and sustainable development of the fisheries sector in the country.

Swamy seeks outster of BJP IT cell head Malviya

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Indignant over the alleged campaign by his own party men, BJP's senior leader and Rajya Sabha MP Subramanian Swamy on Wednesday sought the party to remove its information and technology (IT) cell head Amit Malviya by Thursday.

Swamy had charged the party IT cell with running a campaign against him using fake tweets.

"By tomorrow if Malviya is not removed from BJP IT cell (which is my five-villages compromise proposal to Nadda), it means the party brass does not want to defend me. Since there is no forum in the party where I can ask for cadre opinion, hence I will have to defend myself," Swamy tweeted.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Smt Asha Sethi W/o Late Sh. Manjit Singh Sethi R/o H. No. 469, Sector-31, Gurgaon have disowned and debarred her sons Harmeet Singh Sethi (living abroad and married with his own wish, not knowing her name) and Prajot Singh Sethi & his wife Shriya Tyagi from all her moveable and immovable properties with immediate effect and severed all relations. Anybody dealing with them in any manner whatsoever will be doing so at his/her own cost, risk and responsibilities. Mohinder Dhawan (Advocate) Bar Room 3, Civil Side Tis Hazari, Delhi-54

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public is hereby informed that my client Smt. Kamlesh Kaur W/o Late S. Manohar Singh R/o WZ-F-11, Gali No. 8, Sant Garh, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018, hereby sever all their relations from their sons and daughter-in-law namely S. Gurmukh Singh & Smt. Satinder Kaur (Rinky) W/o S. Gurmukh Singh and S. Nirmal Singh & Smt. Prajot Singh Kaur (Bhawna Dogra) W/o S. Nirmal Singh all R/o WZ-F-11, Gali No. 8, Sant Garh, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-18, due to their disobeying, misbehavior and hereby disowned and debarred them from their all moveable and immovable properties forever. Any person dealing with them shall be doing so at his own risk and responsibility in future my client will not be responsible for any act and deeds done by them. DAYA NAND (Advocate) RZ-H, 694 Gali no.15, Raj Nagar, Palam Colony, N.D.-77

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General public is hereby informed that we Rameshwar Dayal s/o Late Shri Leela Dhar and Smt. Muni Devi w/o Shri Rameshwar Dayal both R/o L/1186-A, Ground Floor, DDA LIG flats, Kalkaji New Delhi-110019 have disowned and debarred our sons Mr Budh Rattan along with his family and Mr. Nagratn with his family from all our movable and immovable properties. We are not responsible for their actions in future.

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDER
E-Tender Notice No. CE/2020/05 Date 07.09.2020 (e-open tender No. -022064959P)
SN. 1. Name of the work with its location : Manufacture & Supply of Level Xing Fittings as per their specified RDSO Drawing Nos. for use on Wder PSC Sleepers with 60 Kg (LUC) rails for 25T axle load to RDSO Drawing No. T-8671, with latest alteration and Specification as amended upto date (Fittings list as per Annexure-A) (quantity-7965 sets)
2. Approx. cost of the tender : Rs. 10626684.05
3. Earnest Money to be deposited : Rs. 212540.00
4. Date & Time for closing of tender : 11.30 Hrs on 28.09.2020
5. Website particulars, where complete details of tender can be seen : Related tender documents can be seen or downloaded from website <http://www.ireps.gov.in>
Dy. CE/TSP
E.C. Railway, Hajipur
PR/0596/HQ/ENGG/T/20-21/28

China develops seven airports in Pak to neutralise India in case of conflict

RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

Amid the lingering Indo-China tensions along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh, Beijing has developed seven airports in Pakistan across India's frontiers in the Western sector in Rajasthan and Gujarat to engage New Delhi in case of a conflict between the two Asian giants.

China's all weather ally, Pakistan has been ramping up development of fighter bases along its frontier with India with funding from Beijing.

One of these air bases has been equipped with a night landing facility and another one is on the verge being readied with the facility.

Estimates here suggest Pakistan could undertake misadventures through the Gujarat border due to its network in the Kutch region and through a certain NGO radicalising youth in

the garb of providing mainstream education. After the 26/11 hit in Mumbai, Gujarat could be a possible choice for terror hits, sources said.

China has developed these airports in the garb of facilitating its engineers and other personnel for undertaking oil exploration activities in the desert region of Pakistan. However, China's overseas oil exploration firms have shareholding of PLA and Chinese Communist Party members.

As per its textbook tactics, China will ultimately take control of these bases for military use in the case of Pakistan failing to service the Chinese debts and use these facilities in the event of a conflict with India. China has taken control of the Hambantota port in Sri Lanka after Colombo failed to repay the Chinese investments for its development, the sources further said.

ED attaches assets of CSITA

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate has issued an attachment order under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act to attach assets worth ₹59.52 crore.

The attached assets are in the form of fixed deposits maintained and available with State Bank of India, Sudhannagar Branch in the name of Church of South India Trust Association

(CSITA).

Investigation under the provisions of the PMLA was initiated on the basis of an FIR registered at Ashoknagar Police Station, Bengaluru against CSITA for dishonestly entering into an arrangement for transfer of title of Defence Land measuring 7426.886 square meters (which was earlier leased to All Saints Church) with Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRL), a Government of Karnataka undertaking.

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE						
SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT / EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	UHBVN	HIRING OF 1 NO. VEHICLE (MAHINDRA BOLERO) FOR THE OFFICE USE OF XEN OP DIVISION UHBVN, PANCHKULA	OPENING DATE 25.09.2020	6000/-	www.uhbvn.org.in	93160-65971 xenopanchkula@uhbvn.org.in
2	HARYANA LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT BOARD PANCHKULA	MIST FAN FOR BULL SHEDS + 1 OTHER WORK	08.09.2020 22.09.2020	EMD 2.60 LACS	http://pashudhanharyana.gov.in	9416127558 hldb-hry@nic.in
3	HFDC, AMBALA	SUPPLY OF BARBED WIRE MAKING MACHINE ALONGWITH STANDARD ACCESSORIES	CLOSING DATE 14.09.2020	5 LACS	www.hfdc.gov.in	0171-2551567 gm.ambala@hfdc.gov.in
4	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE KHARKHODA (ULB)	CONST OF PARK SITUATED AT NEAR THANA KALAN CHOWK, MC KHARKHODA	CLOSING DATE 30.09.2020	298.00 LACS	etenders.hry.nic.in	secymckd2018@gmail.com
5	(HARTRON)	RFP FOR SELECTION OF SYSTEM PARTNER FOR STUDY, DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT, IMPLEMENTATION, OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF CHATBOT SOLUTION FOR HARPATH APPLICATION.	11.09.2020 05.10.2020	40 LACS	https://hartron.org.in	9815738877 mukesh.hartron-hry@gov.in
6	HVPNL HISAR	AUGMENTATION OF 220KV SUB-STATION HUKMAWALI FROM 1X100MVA/132KV +1X100MVA 200/33 KV TRANSFORMERS TO (1X100+1X160)MVA 220/132KV +2X100MVA 220/33KV TRANSFORMERS IN FY 2017-18	CLOSING DATE 16.09.2020	20.28 LACS	https://www.hvnpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvnpn.org.in
7	HVPNL, PANCHKULA	PROCUREMENT OF 33KV LIGHTENING ARRESTERS(POLYMER HOUSING)	10.09.2020 09.10.2020	15.85 LACS	www.hvnpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvnpn.org.in
8	MC SONIPAT	BEAUTIFICATION & IMPROVEMENT OF EXISTING PARK NEAR H. NO. 1 TO 22 SECTOR -14 MC SONIPAT. + 2 OTHER WORK	OPENING CLOSING DATE 30.09.2020	75.44 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	semcsonapat@gmail.com
9	H.S.A.M.BOARD, ROHTAK	CONSTRUCTION OF VILLAGE NIGANA PHIRNI WHICH CONNECTS THE FOUR OTHER VILLAGE NAMEDY GUDHAN, KATESRA, SANGAHERA & PILANA DISTRICT, ROHTAK	OPENING CLOSING DATE 22.09.2020	As per approved DNIT	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01262-270274 xenroh.hsamb@gmail.com
10	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL BAHADURGARH	CONST OF RAILWAY PARK IN FRONT OF PARNALA, CHHOTURAM NAGAR SITUATED AT M. C. BAHADURGARH (NO. J) + 2 OTHER WORK	CLOSING DATE 17.09.2020	EMD 15.99 LACS	ETENDERS.HRY.NIC.IN	9350496582 NAVEENDHANKHAR.ME@GMAIL.COM
11	H.S.A.M. BOARD FARIDABAD	SPECIAL REPAIR OF VARIOUS LINK ROADS I.E. ROAD ID H-733, 780, 759& 819 , GROUP-I CONSTITUENCY - PAWAL, DISTT.-PALWAL, WORK PLAN 2020-21 PHASE - I. TIME LIMIT 9 MONTHS. + 5 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 21.09.2020	EMD 14.24 LACS	http:// etenders.hry.nic.in	9971730975 xenfaridabad.hsamb2019@gmail.com
12	UHBVN	2 NOS. VEHICLE FOR SDO 'OP' M/TOWN S/DIVN, UHBVN, SONIPAT & SDO 'OP' S/DIVN, UHBVN, RAI FOR COMPLAINT CENTER.	OPENING DATE 18.09.2020	Rs 6000/- (each vehicle)	http://www.uhbvn.org.in	9315609666 xenopubhvcnitysonapat@gmail.com
13	UHBVN PANCHKULA	RENOVATION OF MODEL TOWN COMPLAINT CENTRE BUILDING AT KARNAL	CLOSING DATE 17.09.2020	2.48 LACS	www.uhbvn.org.in	9356063248 xenciviluhbvnpanchkula@gmail.com
14	UHBVN PANCHKULA	REPLACING GI SHEET ROOFING IN M&T LAB AT KARNAL	CLOSING DATE 17.09.2020	2.27 LACS	www.uhbvn.org.in	9356063248 xenciviluhbvnpanchkula@gmail.com
15	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE KALANAUR	DOOR TO DOOR COLLECTION, SEGREGATION, TRANSPORTATION AS WELL AS PROCESSING OF WASTE IN MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE, KALANAUR.	09.09.2020 21.09.2020	As per DNIT	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01258223180 municipalcommitteekalanaur@gmail.com
16	DHBNV FATEHABAD	E-TENDER INVITED FOR PROVIDING 1 NO. VEHICLE FOR I&P POLICE STAFF FOR DIVISION FATEHABAD CONTROLLING BY SDO CITY S/DIVN. DHBNV FATEHABAD NIT NO. 10/XEN/OP/FTBD/ 2020-21	07.09.2020 14.09.2020	Rs. 498000/- Annual	www.dhbnv.org.in	9812201244 xenofatehabad@dhbnv.org.in
17	HPGCL, PANIPAT	(NIT NO.02/2020-21/CMDP-II/912) SUB- DE-SILTATION OF FEEDER CHANNELS NO. 1 & 2, PATROLLING AND REGULATION OF RAW WATER FOR THE YEAR 2020-21 AT PTPS, PANIPAT.	CLOSING DATE 06.10.2020	28.44 LACS	www.hpgcl.org.in	0180-2566015 xenmtcplg1@gmail.com
18	HARYANA LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT BOARD PANCHKULA	FOOT & MOUTH DISEASE AND HAEMORRHAGIC SEPTICAEMIA COMBINED OIL ADJUVANT VACCINE	09.09.2020 22.09.2020	EMD 2 LACS	http://pashudhanharyana.gov.in	9416127558 hldb-hry@nic.in
19	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, KATHAL	TENDER FOR DISPLAYING OUTDOOR ADVERTISEMENTS IN AREA FALLING UNDER THE LIMITS OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, KATHAL + 1 OTHER WORK	04.09.2020 11.09.2020	16.80 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	96717-90078 himanshu_jatka@gov.in

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J&K sees 1,617 new infections

PNS ■ JAMMU

Seventeen patients of Covid-19 died in Jammu & Kashmir while the highest ever number of 1,617 fresh cases of coronavirus were detected in one single day taking the total tally of cases to 47,542 on Wednesday.

Due to fresh surge in the total number of active positive cases across Jammu division the health department authorities are facing lot of criticism for failing to provide assistance to asymptomatic patients currently staying at their homes.

To highlight their grievances several patients have started posting videos on various social media platforms.

According to the media bulletin, "the active positive cases on Wednesday stood at 12839 while a total number of 832 patients have

12 die, 3,402 infected in Kerala on Wed

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Twelve patients succumbed to the pandemic while 3,402 new persons were diagnosed with Covid-19 in Kerala on Wednesday. This is the highest number of persons diagnosed with Covid-19 on a single day till date. What has caused concern is the number of patients who contracted the pandemic through local contact-3,120. Out of the total positive cases diagnosed on Wednesday, 235 patients could not furnish details like from where and when they contracted the virus.

The death toll reached 384 by Wednesday evening. Except in Wyanadu (77) and Idukki (24) districts, all the remaining 12 districts registered high number of Covid-19 patients. As on Wednesday evening, there were 24, 549 Covid-19 patients across the State.

died so far."

Out of all the districts, Jammu district continues to report more than 500 cases on a daily basis.

Out of 12839 active positive cases, Jammu district alone accounted for 4399 cases while active positive cases in Srinagar stood at 1526.

According to the media bulletin, out of 1617 new positive cases, 894 were reported from Jammu division and 723 from Kashmir division.

In addition, 17 COVID-19 deaths have been reported; 10 from Jammu division and 07 from Kashmir Division.

On a recovery front, 620 more COVID-19 patients were fully recovered and discharged from various hospitals, 52 from Jammu Division and 568 from Kashmir Division.

IISc test for masters programmes on Feb 14

Bengaluru: The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) would conduct the Joint Admission Test for Masters (JAM) 2021 on February 14, director of IISc Govindan Rangarajan said on Wednesday. The portal for applying for the test would be open to aspiring candidates from September 10 to October 15, 2020, a statement from IISc said here. JAM is a qualifying examination for candidates seeking admission to various masters programmes.

The programmes are: MSc (two years), Masters in Economics (two years), Joint MSc-PhD, MSc-PhD Dual Degree, MSc-MS (Research) or PhD dual degree, and other post-bachelor degree programmes at IITs (Bhilai, Bhubaneswar, Bombay, Delhi, ISM Dhanbad, Gandhinagar, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Indore, Jodhpur, Kanpur, Kharagpur, Madras, Mandi, Palakkad, Patna, Roorkee, Ropar, Tirupati, and BHU Varanasi), THE STATEMENT said. The test score would be used by IISc Bangalore for admission to integrated PhD programmes.

It would also be used by other centrally funded technical institutions such as NITs, IIEST Shibpur, SLIET Punjab, and IISERs for admission to their programmes. JAM 2021 is open to all nationals and there is no age restriction.

The score is valid for only one year. The test would have seven papers - Biotechnology (BT), Chemistry (CY), Economics (EN), Geology (GG), Mathematics (MA), Mathematical Statistics (MS), and Physics (PH).

A new paper on EN was added this year and the purview of JAM is extended to social sciences to provide admissions to masters programmes in Economics at the IITs. To reflect this, the name of the exam is changed to Joint Admission Test for Masters (JAM) from 2021.

The examination would be conducted as a computer-based test (CBT) in online mode only. **PTI**

Bengal awaits UGC clearance to hold UG, PG exams in October

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

With the University Grants Commission yet to respond to a letter sent by the Bengal Government regarding holding of final year undergraduate and post graduate examinations in the month of October the Bengal universities have decided to put on hold the scheduling of the examination days the vice chancellors of a number of universities said.

Citing rising number of corona cases Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had last month declared that her Government would not hold examinations in the month of September as directed by the UGC. Instead, she said that her Government was game for holding examinations in the month of October.

Accordingly the State Government had sent a letter to the UGC seeking its directions on holding the examinations in the month of October.

"We have our entire set up ready to hold the examinations and are only waiting for the UGC not to the State Government," said Jadavpur University Vice Chancellor Professor Suranjan Das.

Woman files complaint against her late hubby's friend

PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH

A woman of Delhi Gate area complains to SSP about a sexual harassment and physical assault by her husband's friend after intoxicating her.

The victim met SSP along with former mayor Shakuntala Bharti and narrated her case of molestation on which SSP has directed to file a case against the accused. Former mayor, Shakuntala Bharti, in a written complaint to the SSP informed that the husband of the woman, who lived in the Delhi Gate area, was an employee of the Municipal Corporation who had died in 2016. One of his friends frequently visited home. After the death of her husband, the accused sexually assaulted the woman after giving her intoxicating pills and made a video.

Suicide case of rape victim reaches NHRC

PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH

The National Human Rights Commission has taken cognizance of the teenager's case who took her life after being raped in the Harduaganj area six months ago. In this case, the SSP was asked to appear in person.

Ghaziabad advocate Aamir Hussain is a human rights activist who raised this issue to the Human Rights Commission. He said that this incident shocked society. It involved the rape of a 17-year-old teenager in which the Panchayat sentenced the accused to be slapped with shoes five times and then set them free.

This insult and injustice compelled the teenager to end her life. He said that everyone has the right to live. It is the biggest crime to make life-ending situations for anyone.

2 JeM underground workers held in J&K

Jammu: A joint team of the security forces on Wednesday busted a network of underground workers of a banned terror outfit Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) by arresting their two associates along with a huge consignment of arms and ammunition near Jawahar tunnel on the 300 km long Jammu Srinagar National Highway.

According to a Jammu & Kashmir police spokesman, "during intervening night of 08/09 September Kulgam police along with other security agencies arrested two terrorist associates of banned organization JeM and recovered live arms and ammunition from their possession".

The duo has been identified as Bilal Ahmad Kuttay S/O Ghulam Mohammad Kuttay R/O Chotapora Shopian and Shah Nawaz Ahmad Mir S/O Zahoor Ahmad Mir R/O Mandujan, Shopian.

Addressing a press conference a senior police officer said, "preliminary investigations of these two OGWs clearly revealed they were involved in terror crimes and provided support to terror organisations". **PNS**

PM-Kisan norms eased, TN Govt slams Centre

Chennai: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi Palaniswami lambasted the Centre for eased guidelines that helped ineligible farmers to avail financial succour from the Prime Minister-Kisan samman Nidhi Yojana (PM-KISAN). According to department of agriculture officials in Chennai, crores of rupees have been swindled from PM-KISAN scheme by ineligible persons masquerading as farmers.

In Thiruvannamalai district alone 32,000 persons joined the scheme and availed crores by furnishing fake documents. Thanks to the intervention of district collector KS Kandasamy, this fraud was detected and an amount of ₹2.25 crore has been recovered. **PNS**

ED questions Kerala CPM Secy's son

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Bineesh Kodyiyer, son of CPI(M) secretary Kodyiyer Balakrishnan, is being interrogated by the Enforcement Directorate official at Kochi in connection with the gold smuggling scam, drug trafficking and money laundering that rocked the State recently.

The marathon questioning that began at 11 hrs on Wednesday morning was continuing even at the time of going to Press at 8 pm.

Bineesh reached the ED's zonal office at Kochi by 10 30 and was immediately ushered into the reception by the sleuths.

SALE NOTICE	
The under mentioned Assets will be sold through auction on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for recovery of dues as per court orders, in the following cases:-	
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CS NO 2301/17, ICICI Bank Vs SAURABH SINGH RANA	Vehicle no -DL9CZ4500, Manu yr-2009, Make and Model-BMW 5 SERIES 520 D
CS 900/2019, ICICI Bank Vs PUNIT.	Vehicle no -HR55AA9780, Manu yr 2016, Make and Model-KUV 100 K4 PLUS D
CS (COMM) NO 8/19, ICICI Bank Vs VIKAS AHUJA	Vehicle no -HR26CV0202, Manu yr 2016, Make and Model-MARUTI CELERIO ZXI
CS NO.68/2020 (1934/19), ICICI Bank Vs RAM SEWAK	Vehicle no -JP14FT7944, Manu yr-2016, Make and Model-GENERAL MOTORS PS PETROL
CS (COMM) NO.647/19, ICICI Bank Vs VED PRAKASH AGGARWAL	Vehicle no -UP14CQ0593, Manu yr 2015, Make and Model-I 20 ELITE MAGNA
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CS SCJ 2317/18, ICICI Bank Vs KARAN THAPA	Vehicle no -DL4SCS8383, Manu yr-2017, Make and Model-TVS JUPITER
CS SCJ 283/18, ICICI Bank Vs KULDEEP SINGH	Vehicle no -UP16BM6572, Manu yr-2017, Make and Model-TVS SPORT

Auction Date : 25-Sept-2020
Venue: Godara Yard, Khewat No: 166/1, Near Atul Katania Chock, Behind Gyan Devi School, Sec-17, Sukhrail, Gurugram-122022.
Contact Person- Rajeev Ranjan (8584874809)/Jitendra Kumar (7304914763) And auction of below mentioned two vehicles will be conducted at Shriram Automall- Narela.

Case Detail	Asset Details
2221/19, ICICI Bank Vs GUDDU	Vehicle no -DL1MA0762, Manu yr-2018, Make and Model-EICHER PRO 1095 HSD CNG
2611/19, ICICI Bank Vs MARUF	Vehicle no -DL1MA0762, Manu yr-2018, Make and Model-EICHER PRO 1095 HSD CNG

Auction Date : 25-Sept-2020
Venue: Shriram Automall, Vill-Mamurpur, Pio Maniyari Road Narela, New Delhi, Narela, Delhi, 110040.
Contact Person- Rajeev Ranjan (8584874809)/Jitendra Kumar (7304914763)
Terms of Sale
The particulars of the said asset specified herein above have been stated to the best of the information and knowledge of the undersigned, who shall however not be responsible for any error, misstatement or omission in the said particulars. The interested participant/s are therefore requested, in their own interest, to satisfy himself/themselves/itself with regard to the said asset and other relevant details pertaining to it before submitting the bids.
Successfully approved bidder shall have to deposit sale amount within 5 days from the auction date by the way of pay order/demand draft/RTGS/NEFT.
The intending bidders may visit at ICICI Bank Ltd, 1st Floor, SD Tower, Community Center, Plot no-7, Rohini Sector-8, New Delhi-110085, for details and inspection of the said hypothecated vehicle.

186 new Covid cases in Aligarh

PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH

The corona is now taking a grisly form. A 40-year-old Junior Engineer of Kasimpur Tehramod Substation died of corona while 186 people including former SDM of Kol have been infected and 152 recovered. The number of infected people has now reached 5668 in the district while 4035 people recovered so far.

On wednesday, JN Medical College, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Joint Hospital, Private Lab and Antigen & TrueNat test reported 186 positive cases. This is the second highest number of a day to date. Earlier, 188 people were infected a day. Among the infected, there are 96 youths and 58 women in the age group of 18 to 40.

India pledges to cut emissions intensity by 35% by 2030

New Delhi: The Government on Wednesday said that targeting 35 per cent emission reduction by 2030, India has reached 21 per cent and hope to achieve its goal within the stipulated period.

Similarly aiming 220 GW renewable power targets, a total of 87 GW including solar and wind has been achieved, Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar said here addressing the special session on Action Agenda for Sustainable and Self Reliant India during the 15th Sustainability Summit 2020 organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) here.

He expressed hope that India will achieve the target of reducing carbon emissions by 35 percent in the next ten years. "Targeting 35 per cent emission reduction, we have reached 21 per cent and in 10 years we will achieve the required 220 GW renewable power targets, of which a total of 87 GW including solar and wind has already been achieved", he said. **PNS**

Yogi raps Aligarh admin for sluggish development work

PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH

In the review virtual meeting under the chairmanship of CM Yogi, the CM expressed his dissatisfaction at the lethargy of construction and development works in all the four districts of Aligarh division.

At the same time, he instructed to work towards developing a pilgrimage town along with the possibilities of employment and tourism in the area and he directed the departments to prepare a proposal for this. CM took serious notes on the incomplete bridge of Hathras and asked to speak to the concerned officials. He said that Aligarh should develop new technology for locks included in One District One Product (ODOP).

CM reviewed all the district one by one in the two-and-a-half-hour-long video conferencing, and expressed his dissatisfaction over the delay in the construction of 100 Bed Maternity Wing at the District Women's Hospital in Etah and warn to recover the loss from the salary and property of the executive staff of the working organization if the project will not be completed within the deadline. He said that the work of a smart city in Aligarh is not commendable and it needs improvement. On completion of 80% construction work, the administration must submit his consumption certificate to the government so that the quality can be checked. He further suggests having better coordination between public representatives and officers.

Naidu takes stock of special arrangements during mock session

New Delhi: Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu on Wednesday took stock of the special arrangements made for the monsoon session of Parliament from September 14 and conducted a mock session with him in the chair.

During the exercise, the chamber and the four galleries were occupied by the staff of the Rajya Sabha Secretariat according to the new seating arrangement to ensure physical distance.

Staff members were also made to sit and participate from the Lok Sabha Chamber, which becomes a part of the upper house for the entire session. Due to social-distancing norms, members will be seated in the chambers of both the houses and their galleries. While audio and video signal transmission from one chamber of the house to the other was thoroughly checked, the interpretation signals were also found to be working well.

People who sat in the Lok Sabha Chamber were asked to participate in the discussion and a sample voting process was also conducted by distribution of slips in all three places. Chairman Naidu expressed satisfaction over the arrangements, an official release said.

Naidu advised senior officials of the Secretariat to ensure that all guidelines issued by the Ministries of Home and Health & Family Welfare are followed scrupulously. He also directed the officials to remind members through an advisory about the health protocols to be observed by them before and during the session. **PNS**

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Bids for work of O&M of Main Pump Houses, Including Electrical Mechanical & Instrumentation installation, switch yards, valves etc. and DIAC/UPVC pipe lines of various diameters, under the 120 villages cluster of Matsukh Project, District Nagaur for 3 Years are invited from Interested bidders upto 19.09.2020. Other particulars of the Bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state.

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Public Notice

Delhi Ladli Scheme, 2008

Beneficiaries of Delhi Ladli Scheme 2008 and their guardians are hereby informed as under:-

Beneficiaries, who are registered under Delhi Ladli Scheme, 2008 and have cleared class 10th but have not continued their further education or have enrolled in class 12th and have not claimed maturity benefit under the scheme after attaining age of 18 years.

For filing the maturity claim they have to visit concerned District of Department of Women & Child Development with the below mentioned documents:-

1. Copy of certificates and mark sheets of class 10th and 12th.
2. Copy of acknowledgement receipts /letters issued by SBIL.
3. Copy of Aadhaar Card of the girl child.
4. Copy of SBI Bank passbook of the girl child with latest transaction entry.

Above mentioned beneficiaries can apply for maturity claim in the concerned District Office of Department of WCD on any working day i.e. Monday to Friday between 10:00am to 5:00 pm before 31st October 2020. The contact details of District Office of Department of WCD are as under:-

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1.	District Office (Central) Department of WCD, GNCTD GLNS Complex, Delhi Gate, New Delhi - 110002, Ph.- 011-23724054	6.	District Office (West) Department of WCD, GNCTD Nirmal Chhaya Complex, Jail Road, Hari Nagar, New Delhi- 110064, Ph.-011-28520952
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Not just about Rhea

Celebrities make news but we need to map the extent of drug abuse among young Indians and address systemic flaws in curbing it



For the large consumers of salacious news and celebrity scandals, there may be a sense of comeuppance about Rhea Chakraborty's arrest for supplying drugs to late actor Sushant Singh Rajput. The conspiracy theory that she might have pushed him to addiction, swindled him, could have diverted funds and in the process pushed him over the edge by entrapping him in a world of debt and drug cartels, has become a credible story that the nation is devouring hungrily. Simply because legal evidence and cold facts of the actor's mysterious death are too dry to be juiced out for news cycles. Simply because a glamorous star-

let allows the masses to project their sinful obsessions, aspirations and high crimes to a certain societal strata and claim moral righteousness by exclusion. So Rhea going to jail becomes a visual that is more satisfying as a portrait of instant justice. Just as the arrest and subsequent police custody of Karnataka actor Ragini Dwivedi in relation to a drug bust is representative of how the State film industry is addicted. Or actor Kangana Ranaut's campaign to clean up the Hindi film industry of narcotics, as she challenged its youth icons to take the drug test, made substance abuse a headline point. Fact is, film industries everywhere have had celebrity drug users for years, the likes of lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD) and methylenedioxy-methamphetamine (MDMA) common in the circuit. Many film personalities have been involved in the drug racket either in the capacity of a consumer or supplier. That by no means should normalise their behaviour or exempt them from punishment. But a top-notch arrest makes a seething urban sub-culture a sensational discovery. The fact is the drug menace exists in the corporate sector, among high fliers, students and the next door neighbour in Indian cities. Rave parties, often funded by drug syndicates themselves, have not left any of our cities untouched. Still, urban India justifies its self-denial by projecting its ills on to others and condemning them.

So nobody talks of this year's biggest drug seizure by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) in July when its officials recovered 234 kg of opium in Rajasthan. It seemed some legal cultivators, especially those in Mandasaur, Neemuch and Ratlam districts of Madhya Pradesh and Chittorgarh and Jhalawar districts of Rajasthan, diverted opium through illegal channels and sold it to intermediaries for profit. Drugs have become a societal epidemic, affecting generations and percolating through all strata, presenting a much larger problem than the faces we might try to attach to it. According to an AIIMS report, *Magnitude of Substance Use in India*, which it submitted to the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in February 2019, around five crore Indians had used cannabis and opioids at the time of survey. About 8.5 lakh people injected drugs. About 60 lakh people were estimated to need help for their opioid use problems. More than half of these numbers came from Punjab, Assam, Delhi, Haryana, Manipur, Mizoram, Sikkim and Uttar Pradesh. But the most shocking discovery was that of alcohol being the most abused substance in India. Disturbingly, more and more children are taking to alcohol consumption and the highest percentage has been reported from Punjab followed by West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh. Even more disturbing is the fact that students, particularly those in harshly competitive disciplines like medicine and engineering, are routinising drugs as a stress-buster. So drugs, more than an aberration, have now become the commonest relaxant among the young. Ignoring their destructive aspect, students see them as a coping strategy as they battle performance pressures. Then there are the usual triggers like peer pressure, which make drug consumption almost like a rite of passage. People in the lower income group or the jobless seek the same kind of escapism. And the police system has failed to plug the loopholes that allow for easy availability of drugs. With smuggling rampant among porous border States, it is indeed difficult to track every consignment that moves rapidly along a well-established traffickers' network. There is a need to strictly implement the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, which provides for care and legal rights of the drug user. But our de-addiction and rehabilitation centres are ill-equipped to rescue the youth. Counselling should be institutionalised in schools and colleges, with physicians and psychologists holding workshops from time to time. Community-level interventions through self-help groups, that are at the forefront of many corrective campaigns, should be prioritised. Also, there is a need to define addiction strictly in the Act. Otherwise, it equalises hardcore addicts with recreational users, the former diseased by dependency and helplessness, the latter making a conscious choice by design. Drug users are a vulnerable lot and we shouldn't stigmatise them as criminals. That defeats the purpose. Similarly, many experts have suggested legalising the use of cannabis as that would lead to a regulated economy and use. You can certainly punish Rhea Chakraborty for smoking weed but how many young people will we put into jail by that logic? So let us get off our high hobby-horse, effect systemic changes and stop looking for scapegoats to expiate our collective guilt.



RANVIJAY SINGH

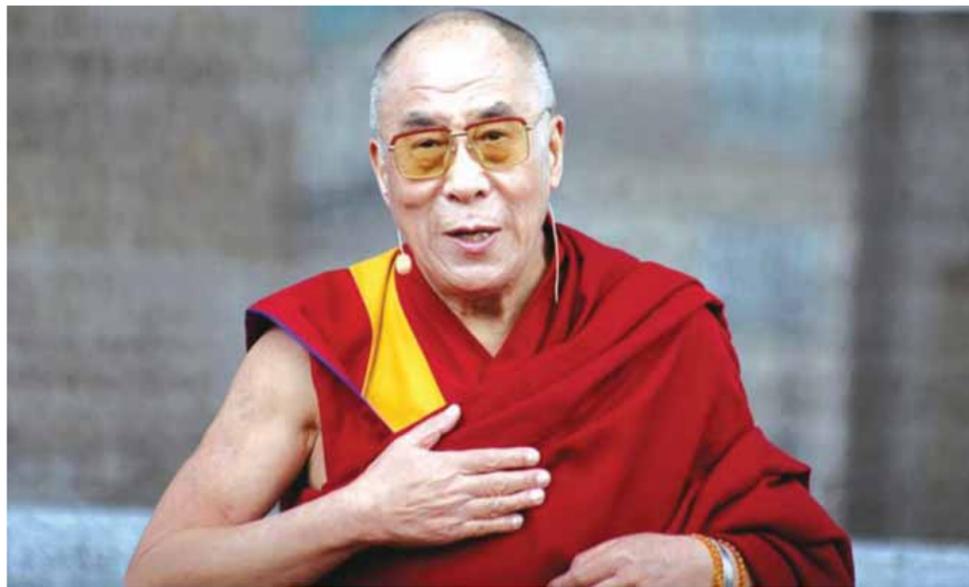
The recent deployment of the mostly Tibetan Special Frontier Force along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), to counter manoeuvres from China's People's Liberation Army (PLA), has renewed attention towards the Free Tibet movement. On most social media platforms and in multiple columns, many commentators had a sudden resurgence of conscience towards the aspirations of the Tibetan community and an equal surge in respect for its place in Indian polity. This was accentuated when news broke out about the death of SFF Company Leader Nyima Tenzin, who stepped on a stray landmine while patrolling the LAC. Images of Tenzin's body, draped in the Indian and Tibetan flags, only accentuated solidarity with the Tibetan community. Yet for all this show of sentiment, India's ambivalence towards the Tibetan cause greatly weakens its legitimacy on the issue. Such retrospective reawakening can only be seen as highly superficial.

After its illegal annexation by China in 1950, a series of aggressive and iconoclastic policies executed in Tibet led to the Dalai Lama taking refuge in India in 1959. Ever since, more than one lakh Tibetans have come to call India their home. While the Cultural Revolution in China attempted at eradicating Tibetan identity, India not only became a physical refuge for its people, but a sanctuary for its rich cultural and religious traditions. During a period when the Communist Party imposed assimilation, India allowed for the integration of the Tibetan community into Indian society at large while aiding it in maintaining its distinct identity. The support provided to Tibetan schools, libraries, cultural institutions and many monasteries are examples of this.

On the political front, however, India has vacillated between occasionally lukewarm to outright apathetic. The fact of the matter is that India has never considered the autonomy of Tibet as a significant objective. Its proximity to the Dalai Lama, and to the Central Tibetan Administration (the Tibetan Government in Exile) based out of Dharamshala, is dependent exclusively on its relations with China. This is the harsh truth. The most recent

The right thing to do

If India wants to hold moral high ground along the LAC and counter China, it must aim to be a reliable partner of Tibetans



demonstration of this was in 2018. At a time when India was trying its best at mending frayed relations with China, the 60th anniversary celebrations of the arrival of the Dalai Lama in India were rather coldly shifted from Delhi to Dharamshala. An internal memo circulated within the Government prohibited senior functionaries and ministers from attending any of the events. Such unresponsive behaviour is just one example out of many, spanning multiple governments in power, when India postures itself according to what is satisfactory to China with regard to Tibet.

Although realpolitik does have its time and place, it is imperative to give permanent credence to the Tibetan community and its aspirations. While one can debate about the exact legitimacy of Tibet being a separate State (a highly convoluted historical question), what cannot be questioned is the existence of a national identity, which most certainly merits a certain degree of autonomy. India's support for this notion is integral at a time when China is not only flexing its ambitions across the border but also redoubling its efforts in Tibet. During the 7th Central Symposium on Tibet held on August 29 — the highest working body for Tibet — Chinese President Xi Jinping called for "sinicizing" Tibetan Buddhism and the building of a "new modern socialist" Tibet. He also stated that Tibet must eventually develop into an "impregnable fortress" of stability. Responding to Xi's remarks, Lobsang Sangay, the president

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of the Tibetan government-in-exile, said: "China has been quietly militarising the Tibetan plateau for over 60 years under the pretext of development and modernisation. For Tibet, this has only led to an influx of soldiers, Han (Chinese) settlers, and weapons. For its neighbours, this militarisation of the Tibetan plateau has led to a military build-up on its borders, jeopardising the already contentious border regions as evidenced by the recent Galwan incident."

Keeping in mind the recent events along the LAC and the timing of this symposium, such a policy outline for Tibet must not be seen independently. China's renewed attempt in crushing any form of Tibetan dissent is complementary to its advances along the Indo-Tibetan border. Combined, these thrusts aim to validate Chinese rule in Tibet and further encroach upon Indian territory. Both efforts have very little legitimacy. China's control over Tibet is not only highly questionable, the vast number of cultural, socio-political, and humanitarian atrocities it has carried out has made it constitutionally immoral. To counter China, India must not only strengthen its own borders, but also reinvigorate its support for the Dalai Lama and the Central Tibetan Administration.

Historically, Indo-Tibetan relations date back nearly 2,000 years. Deeper ties can be found in religious texts such as the *Mahabharata*, which mentions the existence of a realm beyond the Himalayas. Buddhism in

Tibet originated from India, and places such as the Kailash Parbat and Manasarovar have a mutual place in the national imaginings of India and Tibet. Shared religious traditions, a common heritage and cultures that are heavily intertwined are just some aspects that have led to historically close relations with the two peoples.

The 60-odd years of Chinese imposition pale in comparison to the shared Indo-Tibetan traditions that have lasted through millennia. This relationship only furthers India's prerogative to aid the Tibetan people in reclaiming their homeland.

The past few months have demonstrated China's intentions and have rather graphically illustrated its perception of the border issue. In response, India must adopt a two-pronged approach, one that involves the strengthening of its borders for tactical superiority whilst furthering the aspirations of the Tibetan people; those that are represented by the Dalai Lama and the democratically elected Central Tibetan Administration. What exactly this might entail will have to depend on what is conceivable in the present strategic situation, but this posturing has to be for the long haul. If India wants to hold moral high ground along the LAC, it must aim to be a reliable partner to the people of Tibet. And do so not out of geo-political convenience but because it is the right thing to do.

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To drink or not to drink

As the Delhi Government allows bars and restaurants to open, are we taking the Coronavirus threat too lightly?



Several things about life have changed during the Coronavirus pandemic. One of the more obvious ones has been the near-complete absence of nightlife and entertainment. In several countries, bars, nightclubs and restaurants turned out to be major vectors of the disease, most particularly in South Korea. Yet, wherever bars and restaurants have re-opened across the world, many people have flocked to them after weeks of being locked up with nary a concern for social distancing or hygiene, leading public health officials to tear out whatever few strands of hair they had left. The enclosed spaces, loud conversations and people taking off their masks have made them hotspots in themselves. But then again, millions of people whose livelihoods depended on nightlife — from chefs and waiters to even the parking attendants of popular hotspots — have seen their lives collapse. They could not join those fortunate souls who could work from home. Some of them have seen their workplaces, some of them open for decades, shuttered permanently. Even those restaurants and bars fortunate to remain open and which have pivoted to the home delivery model have dramatically reduced their staff levels. With no service charge, income levels for staff have dropped significantly. Opening bars and restaurants will give such staff members hope for the future even if patronage takes some months, maybe even a few years to build back to pre-COVID levels.

The world has changed and the way we spend our lives has changed. Large parties and impromptu drinks after work are a thing of the past. Small gatherings at home are, at least for the time being, the only way most people will entertain. Sure, young people will want to go out but in India the fear levels have seen even usage of the Delhi Metro being limited. We should not kid ourselves, the Coronavirus has infected close to 45 lakh Indians so far and claimed the lives of 75,000. This number is only going to rise, particularly as the winter sets in, and if history is any guide from the 1919 pandemic, the cold weather will only worsen things. This quandary of how to cope with the virus while ensuring livelihoods aren't also ruined is not one that anyone begrudges this Government for.

SOUNDBITE

Contrary to stories planted in the media last year, I received no notice to vacate my government accommodation in Srinagar and have chosen to do so of my own accord.



NC leader — Omar Abdullah

I call on governments still providing finance for fossil fuel-related projects in developing countries to shift that support toward clean energy and sustainable transport.



UN Secretary-General — Antonio Guterres

I will say that when one is in power, one should have an open mind. I always have given huge importance to the media as it acts like a corrective force.



Former Kerala CM — Oommen Chandy

On the advice of doctors, I have decided not to meet anyone for the next one month. However, I will participate via video conference for matters to discuss good governance.



Rajasthan CM — Ashok Gehlot

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Great achievement

Sir — It is great to know that India is moving towards developing a new class of ultra-modern weapons that can travel six times faster than the speed of sound and penetrate any missile defence. The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) carried out a successful flight test of the hypersonic technology demonstrator vehicle (HSTDV). Given that only the US, Russia and China have developed technologies to field hypersonic weapons, India should be proud of this impressive and tremendous achievement.

This will pave the way for India to develop hypersonic weapons that are powered by scramjet engines that operate efficiently at hypersonic speeds. It is an improvement over the ramjet technology whose engines are efficient at supersonic speeds but their performance is badly affected when the vehicle travels at hypersonic speeds. Such vehicles become unpredictable in an attack and it is difficult to detect them with a radar. Such advancements and highly sophisticated technology in defence will definitely help India to be on an

India and China must defuse LAC tension

It is evident from the "disowned" firing of warning shots in Ladakh, where Indian and Chinese troops are stationed in their thousands, that a highly volatile situation is prevailing along the Line of Actual Control (LAC). It is a serious matter in that a conflict could develop anytime. The possibility of escalation adds a new urgency to talks to defuse the situation. It is to India's credit that it has maintained restraint and chosen not to respond in kind to China's provocations. China started it all with its incursions made with the intention to alter the status quo. That the abrogation of Article 370 and bringing Jammu and Kashmir under Delhi's direct control may have prompted China to act on its territorial claims in the Ladakh region is one explanation.

The denial of the People's Liberation Army's (PLA's) intrusion by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to protect his strong leader image gave some advantage to Beijing. But it has been subsequently remedied by the Foreign Ministry's statement that it "cannot be business as usual," obliquely admitting to Chinese incursions. A peaceful resolution to the standoff is in the interest of both India and China. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar holds that diplomacy is the only way out and his is indeed a voice of reason and sanity.

It is to be hoped that in his scheduled meeting



with his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi, Jaishankar will succeed in prevailing upon him to agree to settle disputes by diplomatic means. Any act that is not mutually acceptable will only result in an aggravation of conflicts and frictions. We live in pandemic times and we should easily see the futility of thinking in terms of military strength or superiority. Both India and China must be actuated by good neighbourliness so that they are better placed to use their resources to unlock their full human potential.

It is axiomatic that cooperation is better than confrontation. It should not be difficult for New Delhi and Beijing to make the right choice between peace and war. Two neighbouring countries making up one third of humanity cannot live in perpetual hostility. They have no option but to live in peaceful co-existence.

G David Milton
 Maruthancode

equal footing with developed countries in terms of defence. Moreover, employing advanced technologies will make India a force to be reckoned with at a

time when it is facing a threat from its traditional enemies and staring at a two-front war.

Venu GS
 Kollam

Suicide is no solution

Sir — The world is a hard and unfair place and not many people can cope with the vagaries

of life. Hence some people commit suicide, which is usually considered a desperate attempt to escape suffering that has become unbearable. Blinded by the feeling of self-loathing and hopelessness, a suicidal person can't see any way of finding relief except to die. According to the World Health Organisation, more than eight lakh people commit suicide every year.

In the last few decades, the numbers have reached alarming levels and it is for this reason that the World Suicide Prevention Day began being held from September 10, 2003. This has been done to raise awareness that suicide is a major preventable cause of premature death. That it is not a solution to any problem. We have to go through the thick and thin of life bravely. If you kill yourself, you are also going to kill the people who love you. So before anyone tries to take the extreme step, s/he must be made aware of the value s/he can create in everyone's lives.

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Embrace tech realism

It is incumbent upon us to create a harmonious existence to align technology and its use with human values



SANJAY SEHGAL

We indulge in techlash every day even as we go on increasing our dependence on and interactivity with technology — at times knowingly, and at other times unknowingly. The rush to shrink is increasing and this translates into added whiplashing of all things technology has introduced us to. However, ironically, even to vent out our frustrations with technology, we tend to fall back on it. You could be reading this article on your device which is also a manifestation of technology. The data you are using to run the device, too, is a product of technology. By wiring our brains to treat technology as a pariah and simultaneously upping its use in our lives, we have thrown ourselves into a situation where we are living with the enemy. There is no way this situation can be healthy for our mental and physical well-being. The early greying of hair, the constant body fatigue, the migraines, the sinus, and the joint pains are not always part of the body's degenerative processes. The early onset of many of these symptoms and ailments is a result of us forcing ourselves to live with that which we despise or think we dislike.

Many of us were working towards decoupling ourselves from technology when the pandemic struck. But what happened is that the Coronavirus brought us even closer to it than before. Right from the online ordering of essentials to managing our businesses and work from home, to declaring our presence through Zoom calls, we went back to technology in a major way. Our social interactions, too, became dependent on technology with both parties and party poopers moving online. Visits to markets and movie halls stopped, as did the visits to yoga centres and gymnasiums. From shopping, to exercise, to watching movies, to talking to friends, technology became a medium for everything. Yet we have not been able to make peace with the technological world and therein lies the problem.

Until we accord technology its due importance, we will remain at perpetual war with that which is indispensable. This is not about accepting the prowess of technology, it is about realising our innate untapped potential to not become a slave, instead master moderation in our use. I can assure you that it is not as far-fetched an idea as it seems to be. Many people these days are becoming aware of the intrusive nature of the technology that surrounds us and take time out for exercise, meditation or reading, by keeping devices at bay. Some couples make their dining area a no-entry zone for computers and smartphones, particularly if they have teenagers or young adults in the family. It is possible to enjoy technology-free evenings with peaceful walks or long drives with the spouse or family. It will all begin by accepting technology as a part of our life, just like a life partner or a friend we consider indispensable.

Use technology for the right reason. I see people doing it these days. Festivals and family gatherings are also happening online, across nations. That curbs the need to fly thousands of miles, yet brings families and hearts together, without polluting the environment. Isn't it the same technology that we are lashing out against, which is helping us minimise expenses, save the environment and allowing us to stay at peace with our environment? Being a heartfulness practitioner and trainer, I can vouch for that because technology has helped us conduct online meditation sessions. It has become the source that is helping us connect with so many people even during the lockdowns necessitated by the pandemic. Technology has made us believe in the concept of a one-world family.

As individuals, we are not the centre of the universe. Our holistic well-being should however be at the centre of all things we do, and this includes living with technology. Therefore, it is about time we replace techlash with tech realism. This is the reality and it is here to stay. But it is not here to replace us. It is incumbent upon us to create a harmonious existence to align technology and its use with human values. This will help us enjoy better control over our present and future.

Appreciate the positives and work on the negatives while not allowing dependence to take over at any time. Allow yourself an occasional break from the technological world just as you allow yourself a break from people by retiring to your room or taking a solo vacation. Technology is our ally but the quick advancements have overwhelmed us and made us fear change. Despite the certainty of change in human life, we have barely managed to overcome the fear of it. It became a cliché to say technology is a double-edged sword. But we never say the next, most obvious line: The handle is in your hand. If you do not turn it on, there is nothing to fear. So embrace technology without fear and be its master. Not the other way around.

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HAD TO REJECT A FILM AS IT HAD KANGANA RANAUT AS THE LEAD. DEEP DOWN I FELT UNEASY AND EXPLAINED IT TO THE MAKERS AND THEY WERE UNDERSTANDING.

—CINEMATOGRAPHER
PC SREERAM

POINTCOUNTERPOINT



I MISSED THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH A LEGEND LIKE YOU. I DON'T KNOW WHAT MADE YOU UNEASY ABOUT ME BUT I AM GLAD YOU TOOK THE RIGHT CALL.

—ACTOR
KANGANA RANAUT

Tame the mind

India, like the rest of the world, is now confronted with a brewing pandemic of mental sickness. But we are almost as ill-equipped to handle this crisis as the outbreak



SURAVI SHARMA

The battle against the Coronavirus, fought with social distancing and enforced isolation, is taking a psychological toll on many of us. India, like the rest of the world, is now confronted with another brewing pandemic of mental sickness. But we need to be aware that we are almost as ill-equipped to handle this crisis as we have proved to be in the handling of the outbreak. As the world commemorates the World Suicide Prevention Day today, it is imperative to understand mental health issues and their impact. Anne Harrington, the pre-eminent historian of neuroscience, says that the medicine and science related to the mind and brain have not come as far as we all would like to imagine or wish.

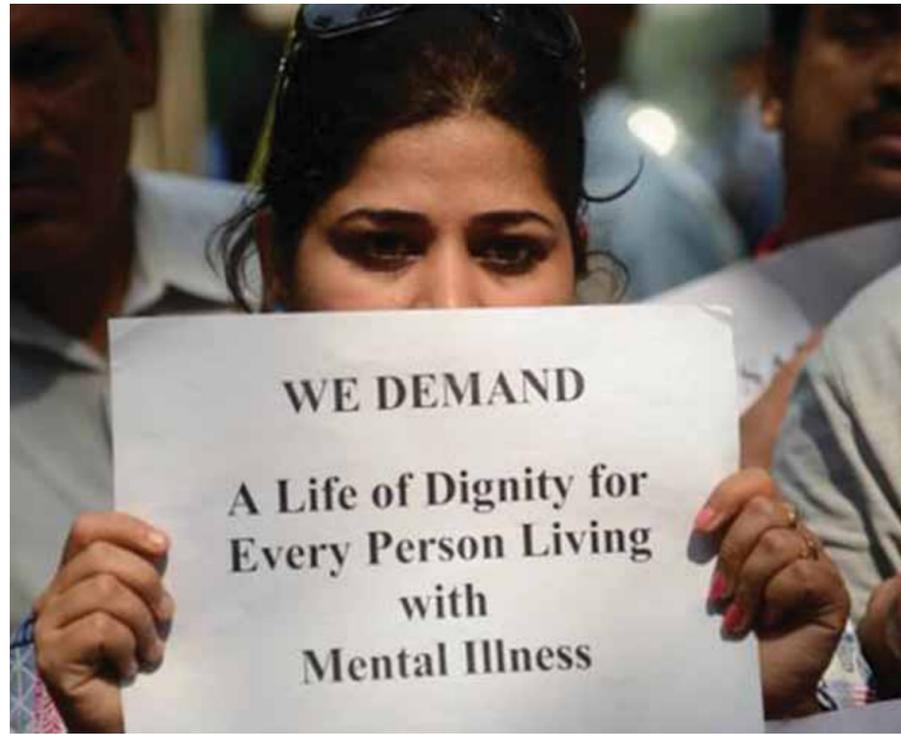
The death of ambitious actor Sushant Singh Rajput (SSR) in the middle of a pandemic that shattered his professional life and schedule, shook us all, making us realise that we need to work on inner fitness as much as we do on physical well-being. It is a well-known fact that the actor had been on medicines for his mental health issues. At the end of the Central Bureau of Investigations (CBI) probe, if a murder is excluded, then the next question that arises in our minds is: Who killed SSR, the depression or the medicines/drugs he was on? Many of the psychiatry medicines, the "mind fixers", have side effects that may precipitate or aggravate the very symptoms/disease they are meant to relieve or cure.

For over half a century, renowned psychiatrist Thomas Szasz insisted that illness, in the modern, scientific sense, applies only to bodies, not to our minds, except as a metaphor. A body part or an organ, say, the heart, can be diseased, but to be heart-sick or homesick, though real enough, is not to be medically, but only metaphorically, ill. Equally metaphorical, said Szasz, were such supposed mental illnesses as hysteria, obsessional neurosis, schizophrenia and depression. Unlike surgeons and oncologists, psychiatrists don't have the privilege to peer into a microscope to see the biological cause of their patients' suffering, which arose, they assumed, from the brain. They are stuck in the pre-modern past, dependent on the apparent mental condition as judged from the outward manifestations to devise diagnoses and treatments.

Challenges to the legitimacy of psychiatric diagnosis forced the profession to examine the fundamental question of what did and did not constitute mental illness. Homosexuality, for instance, had been considered a psychiatric disorder until the seventies, but now it's accepted as a natural phenomenon in humans and animals. In the late 19th century, researchers explored the brain's anatomy in an attempt to identify the origins of mental disorders. Such studies ultimately could find no specific anatomical location causing such disease. Researchers those days analysed autopsies of patients, who had suffered from mental illness, but the brain anatomists found that the mental illnesses left no trace in the solid tissue of the brain. Anne Harrington frames this outcome in the Cartesian terms of a mind-body dualism: "Brain anatomists had failed so miserably because they focussed on the brain at the expense of the mind."

The pathological basis of almost all mental disorders remains as unknown today as it was in the 19th century. It's unsurprising, given that the brain is one of the most complex objects in the universe. When you follow evolution of psychiatric disorders, you'll see that in every disease, the treatment came first, often by accident, and the explanation never came at all. Psychiatrists prescribe a range of treatments, though none of them can be sure why any of these biological therapies actually work. Antipsychotic drugs are routinely prescribed to

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depressed people, and antidepressants to people with anxiety disorders. However, one needs to be aware that the medications have risks that outweigh the benefits for more patients than you probably realise. As antidepressants became more commonly prescribed for anxiety and obsessive compulsive disorder, the reports of patients' suicidal thoughts and actions became more worrisome to physicians and family members.

In 1990, Harvard researchers reported that six patients had developed intense and violent suicidal preoccupations soon after starting to take fluoxetine (Prozac), which had been approved for the treatment of depression only two years earlier. The warning adds that patients and families must be advised of the risk, and that the patients taking antidepressants must be closely observed for worsening symptoms. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) admitted in 2007 that the SSRI (selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors) group of drugs (common names used Prozac, Zoloft) can cause madness and that the drugs are very dangerous. "Families and caregivers of patients should be advised to look for the emergence of such symptoms on a day-to-day basis, since changes may be abrupt," stated the report. Researchers in a few other studies also found evidence that individuals taking antidepressant medication seem to be at even higher risk of suicide than individuals whose depression is easing for other reasons. That controversy has not yet been completely resolved.

Psychiatry remains an empirical discipline, its practitioners as dependent on their (and their colleagues') experience to figure out what will be effective or not. Sigmund Freud commented that there was an intimate connection between the story of the patient's sufferings, his upbringing and social conditions, the severity and type of mental trauma undergone and the symptomatic manifestation of his/her illness. Freud also stated that case histories

of a psychiatric patient should read like short stories without the serious stamp of science. In 1954, the FDA, for the first time, approved a drug as a treatment for a mental disorder: the antipsychotic chlorpromazine (marketed with the brand name Thorazine). The pharmaceutical industry vigorously promoted it as a biological solution to a chemical problem. By 1964, some 50 million prescriptions had been filled in the US. Next approved were the sedatives in 1955. Meprobamate was hailed as a "peace pill" and an "emotional aspirin." Within a year, it was the best-selling drug in America, and by the close of the fifties, one in every three prescriptions written was for meprobamate. An alternative, Valium, was introduced in 1963 and became the most commonly prescribed drug in the US until 1982.

One of the first drugs to target depression was Elavil, introduced in 1961, which boosted available levels of norepinephrine, a neurotransmitter related to adrenaline. Then the focus shifted from norepinephrine to the neurotransmitter serotonin, and in 1988, Prozac appeared, soon followed by other SSRIs. In America, the final decade of the 20th century was declared the "Decade of the Brain." But, in 2010, the National Institute of Mental Health reflected that the initiative hadn't been able to move the needle in reducing suicide rates or overall recovery of mental illnesses. Anne Harrington calls for an end to triumphalist claims on treatment of mental illnesses and urges a willing acknowledgement of our limitations in diagnosing and treating the mentally diseased.

Having stated the above, it's important to reiterate that although psychiatry is yet to find the pathogenesis and specific medicines of most mental illnesses, it's useful to know that medical treatment is often beneficial even when pathogenesis remains unknown. This is very comparable to the case of peptic ulcers where we now know that stress doesn't cause ulcers

but it can exacerbate the symptoms and hence controlling stress can help a patient. This was seen in other pathological conditions where medical advice and treatment of a disease helped patients much before the discovery of the cause/pathogenesis; for example in AIDS, advisories of safe sex practice had helped even before the causative agent HIV was discovered and drugs developed.

The search for pathogenesis in psychiatry continues. Geneticists may one day shed light on the causes of schizophrenia, but in all likelihood, it would take years for therapies to be developed. Recent interest in the body's microbiome has renewed scrutiny of gut bacteria; it's possible that bacterial imbalance alters the body's metabolism of dopamine and other molecules that may contribute to depression.

More importantly, we'd do better not to set so much store by the idea of a single key solution to mental sickness. It's more useful to think in terms of cumulative advances in the field by being more knowledgeable about the range of treatments available and lifestyle recommended. Plus there have been other approaches such as cognitive-behavioural therapy, which was propounded in the seventies by psychiatrist Aaron Beck. He posited that depressed individuals habitually felt unworthy and helpless, and that their beliefs could be "unlearned" with training. An experiment in 1977 showed that cognitive behavioural therapy outperformed one of the leading antidepressants.

Words are another powerful tool in healing of the mind as they can alter, for better or worse, the chemical transmitters and circuits of our brain, just as drugs or electro-convulsive therapy can. We still don't fully understand how this occurs. But we do know that all these treatments are given with a common purpose based on hope, a feeling that surely has its own therapeutic biology.

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Fight 'lockdown hunger' for the sake of our children

With the closure of schools, India's underprivileged students are missing out on mid-day meals and are on the verge of malnourishment



PRATIBHA PANDEY

ing food consumption by children during a crisis, like a drought.

While MDMs saved the day for children during other crises, the outbreak has disrupted services due to prolonged closure of schools for a whopping 115 million children dependent on school lunches for their daily dietary requirements. Of these, 59.6 million are aged between five to 13 years and study in primary and upper primary classes.

When the pandemic hit, schools shut down, effectively ending access to MDMs, thereby leading to an increase in hunger, putting many of these children on the verge of malnourishment, according to a report published in the journal *New Scientist*. These meals, in remotely-located schools, were the only source for a wholesome meal for these children in a day. The unavailability of these MDMs, even temporarily, may have serious health implications for school-going children like acute malnourishment. Already, the scenario for children's health in the coun-

try is dismal, as at least one in five children, under the age of five, is wasted, which means they have extremely low weight for their height, reflecting acute undernutrition, according to the Global Hunger Index 2018. Research shows that when schools are closed for long periods, such as during the lockdown, 30 per cent households struggle for food security. The Coronavirus is pushing already hungry communities over the edge as the March shutdown and call for social distancing has caused job losses for unskilled, daily wagers and caregivers. As the economy moves towards normalcy at glacial speed, gainful employment for this sector seems unlikely. This means an uncertain future, no income on an everyday basis and no food in their homes. In such a scenario, depriving them of school meals will prove catastrophic for the health of children. They do not get meals comprising different types of food groups to fulfil required dietary diversity. Since the shutdown of schools, children and their

families have eaten lesser food. And that which they do eat is poor in nutrition, a phenomenon known as "lockdown hunger." The absence of school meals even during holidays has been found to contribute to reduced academic performance by five per cent. According to the United Nations, 10,000 more young lives will be lost in a month as small farms are cut off from markets, villages are isolated from food and medical aid and MDMs are stopped for children.

Protecting children from the pandemic is necessary. However, proper care needs to continue for the most marginalised so that they can continue to participate in educational opportunities in the future. Children are unable to learn optimally when they are hungry, undernourished or unwell and this affects their future. Collective efforts across governments, organisations and communities need to be scaled up to ensure that due diligence will be shown towards providing nutrition to our children. We need to look

towards creating a holistic solution which addresses the nutrition and health of kids through healthy meals and the introduction of well-trained social workers, counsellors and community involvement into the schooling system. Through the MACHAN (Mother And Child Health And Nutrition) programme, the poorest children have been prioritised for food and social security initiatives during the lockdown and the subsequent months in over 200 Anganwadi Centres, active in 24 districts across 15 States. A scientific approach was used towards identifying the beneficiaries, analysing wealth quintiles, school gender disparities and communities which typically suffer from food insecurity. The beneficiaries were provided dry rations, health support and linkages with Government schemes as a stop-gap measure. Thankfully, quite a few governments have already recognised the need to address the gaps in food provisioning in the absence of school meals and have facilitated

transfer of the cash value of school lunches to families.

In several States, dry rations have been delivered to the homes of children and volunteers are working as a catalyst to ensure smooth distribution through the Public Distribution System. In many locations schools are acting as feeding centres providing take-home rations and intensifying pre-positioning (with a minimum buffer stock of two months) of essential commodities for the prevention and treatment of child wasting (e.g. ready to use supplemental foods, multiple micronutrient powders, and micronutrient supplements) and routine medicinal supplies. While continuing to support the nutrition requirement of the families along with Iron, Folic Acid and Calcium tablets, we must ensure that to reduce the gap between health and malnutrition for children, the solutions need to include the family's economic stability which ensures a child's food security. A steady economic source will also ensure that a child will

be able to join school when the time arrives, and not be pushed into labour due to monetary hardships. Therefore, there are increased efforts for long-term rehabilitation of small farmers and migrant, daily wage-earning families for assured livelihood through skill building and entrepreneurship opportunities. They are being supported through provisions of seeds, manure and appropriate training to create an alternative income source. The focus is on empowering women migrant workers, too, by including them in poultry farming interventions. This enables them to become financially educated entrepreneurs who set up collectives to engage with external businesses. Until MDMs start again, we must collectively work towards innovative solutions to provide economic and nutrition security to marginalised families and only then will India be able to lessen the burden of malnourishment.

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GOP portrays Kamala as anti-Catholic

Washington: Soon after Joe Biden tapped Kamala Harris as his running mate, some conservatives began trying to portray her as anti-Catholic — a line of attack that President Donald Trump's campaign continues to amplify as Democrats court Roman Catholic voters.



As Biden's campaign launched its Catholic voter outreach effort last week, the Trump campaign blasted Harris' questioning as "anti-Catholic bigotry" and said the Democrats' stance on abortion "clashes strongly with Catholic pro-life beliefs." It used similar language to refer to Harris

alongside an online ad it rolled out last month.

The criticism of Harris, who attends a progressive Black Baptist church — and by extension, criticism of Biden — is a sign that Republicans see his leftward shift on abortion as a vulnerability with some devout swing voters who might otherwise be lukewarm on Trump, particularly Catholics and evangelicals.

It also plays upon the fact that Harris' approach to religious outreach is less fully formed than that of Biden, whose lifelong Catholic faith is a touchstone of his political identity.

"We hope that Biden and

Kamala Harris talk a lot about these issues," said Richard Mouw, president emeritus at Fuller Theological Seminary, who signed a July letter from Christian leaders urging Democrats to take a friendlier stance toward abortion critics. "Because even though some of us disagree about

Biden's policies related to these positions, we think he understands us." Mouw praised Harris' selection, adding that he hopes to see signals from her that she's ready to "keep talking" and "keep listening" to evangelicals and conservative Catholics disillusioned with Trump. AP

In 3 big states, Biden looks to rebuild Democrats' Blue Wall

Lansing (US): In 2016, Donald Trump tore down Democrats' "blue wall," winning the White House with surprise victories in Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

This year, Joe Biden is trying to rebuild.

The Democratic presidential nominee's first pandemic-era campaign trips beyond his home in Delaware are taking him to all three states, an indication of how closely Biden's electoral prospects are tied to his ability to flip those political battlegrounds.

Last week, Biden traveled to Wisconsin and was followed quickly by running mate Kamala Harris, who held her own events there on Labor Day. On Wednesday, Biden heads to

Michigan to tout a plan for boosting US Manufacturing. He also has two stops scheduled this week in Pennsylvania.

Though the Biden campaign often emphasises that it sees multiple ways to secure the 270 Electoral College votes they need to win in November, the quickest path runs through Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. "If Biden wins any two, with some of the other states that are in play — it's pretty impossible for Trump to win the Electoral College," said veteran Democratic strategist Joe Trippi. "It makes tremendous sense to make those three states the base foundation of any strategy to win. If Biden wins all three, it's over." AP

Kabul bomb targets V-P, kills 10 civilians, say Afghan officials

Kabul: A bombing in the Afghan capital on Wednesday targeted the convoy of the country's first vice president, killing 10 people and wounding more than a dozen others, including several of the vice president's bodyguards, the Interior Ministry said.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the bombing and the Taliban quickly denied they were behind the attack.

First Vice President Amrullah Saleh suffered minor burns in the blast. Saleh, who is also Afghanistan's former intelligence chief, said in his first television appearance immediately after the attack that he was fine and had sustained only slight burns. He appeared in the TV footage with bandages on one hand.

"Me and my younger son who was also with me are fine," Saleh said in the footage.

"I have slight burns on my face and hand from the wave of the blast. I don't have exact details right now, but I apologise to those who suffered

casualties and those who lost their property in the attack." His spokesman, Razwan Murad, called the attack a "vicious terrorist attempt" on Saleh's life. The roads in the vicinity of the bombing were closed off.

The Interior Ministry says the bomb went off as Saleh's convoy was passing through a section of Kabul with shops that sell gas cylinders for use in heating homes and cooking. The blast ignited a fire that set ablaze a number of the shops.

The explosion left behind a scene of destruction — at least 10 shops were smoldering in the aftermath of the explosion that had also shattered windows of dozens of nearby homes, some with doors hanging off their hinges. Cars were wrecked and debris was scattered around.

The Interior Ministry's spokesman, Tariq Ariani, confirmed to The Associated Press earlier that the bombing targeted Saleh's convoy. Initially, Ariani said at least two civilians died but the death toll later rose to 10. The ministry said at least 15 people were wounded. AP

General says US cutting troops in Iraq to 3K this month

Washington: The United States is reducing its troop presence in Iraq this month from 5,200 to 3,000, the top American commander for the Middle East said Wednesday, as President Donald Trump tries to make good on his campaign promise to get the United States out of "endless wars."

During a visit to Iraq, Marine Gen. Frank McKenzie, the commander of US Central Command, said the reduction in Iraq reflects US Confidence in the ability of US-trained Iraqi security forces to handle the militant threat from the Islamic State group, which entered Iraq from Syria in 2014.

Late Tuesday, a senior Trump administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, told reporters aboard Air Force One that such an announcement was coming and that an announcement on the withdrawal of additional troops from Afghanistan also could be expected in the coming days.

Trump has been trying to make the case that he has fulfilled the promises he made four years ago as he campaigns for a second term. AP

Postal chief under fire over alleged campaign law violations

Washington: Postmaster General Louis DeJoy is facing increased scrutiny as House Democrats investigate allegations that he encouraged employees at his former business to contribute to Republican candidates and then reimbursed them in the guise of bonuses, a violation of campaign finance laws.

DeJoy's former company, New Breed Logistics, say they were urged by DeJoy's aides or by DeJoy himself to write checks and attend fundraisers at his mansion in Greensboro, North Carolina, The Washington Post reported. Two former employees told the newspaper that DeJoy would later give bigger bonuses to reimburse for the contributions. AP

Donald Trump nominated for Peace Prize

Oslo: A Norwegian lawmaker has nominated Donald Trump for the Nobel Peace Prize for 2021 for helping broker a deal between Israel and the United Arab Emirates, the second time he has put forward the US president for the honour.

Thousands of people are eligible to nominate candidates for the Nobel Peace Prize, including members of parliaments and governments, university professors and past laureates.

The Norwegian Nobel Committee, which decides on the award, declined to comment. AFP

Australian Journalists flee China fearing arrest

Sydney: Two Australian journalists fled China Tuesday under diplomatic protection amid rapidly deteriorating relations between Beijing and Canberra, as the United States warned that the situation for foreign reporters in the country could get worse.

Their dramatic overnight exit came following days of secret wrangling that had seen both men holed up in Australia's diplomatic missions to escape the clutches of China's feared security police.

Bill Birtles and Michael Smith had to consent to questioning before they were allowed to leave China, shepherded out

of the country on a late-night flight by Australian diplomats.

Both men were quizzed about fellow Australian journalist Cheng Lei, who has been detained since last month.

Beijing acknowledged Tuesday for the first time that she was being held on national security grounds — a broad category that can include crimes resulting in lengthy prison sentences.

Birtles, who works for public broadcaster ABC, said Tuesday his "interrogation" in a hotel room had touched on Cheng's case, but that he did not think that was its primary objective. AFP

CHINESE POLICE DENY USE OF FORCE, DETENTION OF US REPORTER

PTI ■ BEIJING

Local authorities in China's Inner Mongolia region have denied they used force or detained an American reporter when she was questioned at a police station last week.

The Los Angeles Times said Thursday that one of its reporters was grabbed by the throat and pushed into a cell and held for more than four hours before being forced to leave the area in northern China.

Trump to host Israel-UAE deal-signing ceremony on September 15

Washington: U.S. President Donald Trump will hold a September 15 signing ceremony for a groundbreaking Middle East agreement normalizing relations between Israel and the United Arab Emirates, a senior White House official said on Tuesday.

As part of the deal, announced at the White House on Aug. 13 following what officials said were 18 months of talks, the Gulf state agreed to normal relations with Israel, while Israel agreed to continue with plans to suspend its annexation of the West Bank.

The senior White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and UAE Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed al-Nahyan would lead the two delegations to the ceremony.

"I am proud to embark next week to Washington, at the invitation of President Trump, to take part in this historic ceremony at the White House for the foundation of the peace treaty between Israel and the United (Arab) Emirates," Netanyahu wrote on Twitter. AFP

Sharif files plea against immediate return to Pak to face corruption charges

Islamabad: Pakistan's former prime minister Nawaz Sharif on Wednesday filed a petition in the Islamabad High Court (IHC) stating that his health condition would not allow him to return home from London and surrender in a corruption case by September 10.

Last week, the IHC gave a "last chance" to the former premier to surrender and appear before it on September 10 for hearing in the AL-Azizia corruption case. The court had warned of legal action for

absconding. Sharif, 70, has been in London since November last year after the Lahore High Court granted him permission to go abroad for four weeks for treatment.

The three-time premier, his daughter Maryam and son-in-law Muhammad Safdar were convicted in the Avenfield properties case on July 6, 2018. Sharif was also sentenced to seven years in the AL-Azizia Steel Mills case in December 2018. PTI

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section U/S 82 Cr. P.C.
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Kartik Rajora, S/o Vijay Kumar Rajora, R/o 5742, Gali No. 81, Regarpura, Karol Bagh, Delhi**, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 193/19 U/S 302/323/34 IPC & 25/27/54/59 Arms Act, P.S. Prasad Nagar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Kartik Rajora** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Kartik Rajora** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).
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Nobel laureate warns arrests won't stop Belarus protests

Kyiv: Belarusian authorities on Wednesday detained one of the last leading members of an opposition council who remained free, moving methodically to end a month of protests against authoritarian President Alexander Lukashenko.

Lawyer Maxim Znak, a member of the Coordination Council created by the opposition to facilitate talks with the country's leader of 26 years on a transition of power, was taken out of the council's office by unidentified people in ski masks, associate Gleb German said.

Znak only had time to text

message "masks" before they took the phone away from him. German said.

Unidentified people were also trying to enter the apartment of writer Svetlana Alexievich, the winner of the 2015 Nobel Prize in literature and now the only member of the council's executive presidium still free in Belarus.

Last month, Alexievich was questioned by Belarusian investigators, who have opened a criminal investigation into members of the Coordination Council, accusing them of undermining national security by calling for a transfer of power. AP

Clashes in Portland erupt again, police make 11 arrests

Portland: Protesters in Portland and police clashed near City Hall in Oregon's largest city early Wednesday and police in a statement said that they made 11 arrests.

Protesters hurled what police described as "projectiles" at officers during the demonstration that started late Tuesday night and stretched into Wednesday, the statement said.

Officers started to disperse the protesters after they refused to do so and used crowd control munitions that were not described in the statement, though tear gas was not used. AP

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Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Regulation 47 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (the "Listing Regulations"), a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday, September 15, 2020** to, inter-alia, to consider and approve the Unaudited Financial Result for the quarter ended 30.06.2020; as per Regulations 29 & 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

A copy of the said Notice and the Financial Results shall also be available at the Company's website at www.cosco.in and the website of the Stock Exchange - BSE at www.bseindia.com

For Cosco (India) Limited
Sd/-
(Pankaj Jain)
Whole Time Director and CFO
DIN:00190414
Place : Delhi
Date : September 09, 2020

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that a boy namely **Deepak, S/o: Ram Dev, R/o: H No. D-1/210, 1st Floor Sector-20, Rohini, Delhi** has been reported missing since 03.07.2020 from the area of P.S. Begumpur, Delhi. In this regard FIR No. 555/17, dated 07.09.2020 has been registered at P.S. Begumpur, Delhi.

The description of missing boy is as under:
Name: Deepak, Age: 14 Years, Height: 5', Complexion: Shallow, Face: Oval, Hair: Black, Wearing: Green colour T-shirt and golden colour pant.

If anyone have any information about this missing boy please inform P.S. Begumpur, Delhi.

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

DP/371/RD/2020

Appeal for Identification



General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body **Name: Unknown, S/o Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: about 50 years, Height: 155 cm, Complexion: Wheatish, Eyes: Black, beard white and black, Face: Oval, Built: Normal, Wearing: Black and White Lining Shirt, Brown Banyan and Grey Colour Pant**, was found in unconscious condition at Roadside near Punjabi Bagh, Gol Chakar on 30.08.2020 at about 2 AM. He was shifted to Acharyashree Bhikshu Govt. Hospital and Later on Referred to Safdarjung Hospital, where he expired during treatment on 30.08.2020. In this regard, a DD No. 9A, Dated 30.08.2020 has been lodged at PS Punjabi Bagh, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far.

Any, person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.

SHO
P.S., Punjabi Bagh, Delhi
Ph.: 011-25224162, 25225616
8750871124

DP/196/WD/2020

Over 300 groups urge more scrutiny of China on human rights

Geneva: More than 300 civil society groups including Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International and the International Service for Human Rights are urging the United Nations to set up an international watchdog to address human rights violations about the Chinese government.

In an open letter published Wednesday, the groups say they are seeking greater scrutiny of and response to

violations in places like Hong Kong, Tibet and Xinjiang, as well as beyond — such as through censorship, development that hurts the environment and the targeting of rights defenders.

The call for the creation of an "independent international mechanism" to focus on China's rights violations adds to recent international pressure on Beijing over its handling of issues like protests in Hong Kong and detention

centers — what the government calls vocational or training centers — for Uighur Muslims and others in western Xinjiang region.

"China has systematically persecuted rights defenders in reprisal for their cooperation with UN human rights operations — torture, enforced disappearance, imprisonment, and stripping licenses from lawyers," said Renee Xia, director of Chinese Human Rights Defenders, in a statement. AP

SEARCH FOR MISSING MALE

General Public is hereby informed that one male (depicted in the photo) namely **Nitish Kumar S/o Sh. Phool Chand R/o Village Mahrtha, P.S. Saharsa, Distt. Saharsa, Bihar Aged- 17.5 Years** has been reported missing since 02.08.2020 at 8.00 AM from Ajmeri Gate, Kamla Market Bus Stand, Delhi from the area of P.S. Kamla Market, Delhi vide FIR No 212/2020, U/s 363 IPC Dated 04.09.2020 has been registered at Police Station Kamla Market, Delhi. His physical description is as under:
Complexion: Fair, Height: 5'5", Built: Medium, Face: Round, Wearing: Red coloured t-shirt, blue coloured shirt and grey coloured pant and slippers in feet.

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

Sd/-
Tel. No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641
SHO, Kamla Market, Delhi
FAX No. : 011-24368639
Tel. : 011-23230623, 23233743
Mob.: 8750870424
DP/338/CD/2020



SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a man namely **Amit, S/o Vijay Pal R/o Moalla Gandhi Nagar, Jalalabad, Shahjahanpur, U.P.** has been missing from tea shop in front of Old Delhi Railway Station, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 28-A dated 12.12.2019 has been registered at P.S. Kotwali, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing man but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing man is as under:

Name: Amit, Gender: Male, Age: 23 years, Height: 5'3", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Long, Built: Thin, Wearing: White shirt, light blue colour jacket and blue jeans pant.

If anyone has any information regarding this missing Man, kindly inform SHO/ Kotwali, Delhi.

E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax : 011-24368639
SHO
P.S. Kotwali, Delhi.
Ph. No. 011-2395 3442
DP/491/N/2020



RLF LIMITED

Regd. Office : 14Kms, Gurugram Pataudi Road, Village Jhund Sarai Veeran, Distt. Gurugram, Haryana
CIN : L74999HR1979PLC032747, Website: www.rfltd.com.
Email id: investorrelations@rfltd.com, Phone:011-49075251.

Extract of Unaudited Financial Results for the First Quarter Ended June 30, 2020. (Rs. In lacs, except per share data)

Sl. No.	Particulars (Refer Notes below)	Quarter Ended			Previous Year Ended
		30.06.2020 (Unaudited)	31.03.2020 (Audited)	31.06.2019 (Unaudited)	
1	Total Income from Operations	1.50	23.64	1.23	46.06
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax and exceptional items	(16.29)	22.99	(10.90)	(55.43)
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax after exceptional items	(16.29)	22.99	(10.90)	(55.43)
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax	(16.29)	22.99	(10.90)	(55.43)
5	Total Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
6	Paid-up equity share capital	980.08	980.08	980.08	980.08
7	Earning Per Share of Rs.10/- each (not annualised)	(0.17)	0.23	(0.11)	(0.57)
a)	Basic	(0.17)	0.23	(0.11)	(0.57)
b)	Diluted	(0.17)	0.23	(0.11)	(0.57)

Notes:
The above is an extract of the detailed format of Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter ended June 30, 2020 filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter ended June 30, 2020 are available on the Bombay Stock Exchange website www.bseindia.com and on Company's website www.rfltd.com.

For RLF Limited
Sd/-
Aditya Khanna
Managing Director
DIN: 01860038
Place: New Delhi
Date: 09/09/2020

CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

OPEN TENDER

No. COS/CRJ/PUB/e-Tender/19/0162 Date: 05/09/2020.

The following e-Tenders can be accessed under the link www.ireps.gov.in. Offers for such e-Tender can be submitted only electronically by accessing the link www.ireps.gov.in → login → E-Tender Stores/Supply. Vendors may also contact the following officials to obtain clarification regarding particular tender or IREPS related information if any, Dy.CMM/HQ/CLW/Chittaranjan, 0341-2525594 or SMM/CON/HQ, 0341-2535631. Sl. No.; Tender No.; Brief Description of Item; Qty.; Earnest Money Deposit (₹); Tender Closing Date & Time (IST); [1]; 75203737; PROCUREMENT OF LOCK ASSEMBLY FOR MACHINE ROOM DOOR FOR WAG-9, W A P - 7 & W A P - 5 LOCOMOTIVES; 275 set; 81130; 05/10/2020 at 11:00am; OFFICE ADDRESS: Dy.CMM/ S/CLW/Chittaranjan, 9163340711. or SMM/HQ, 9163340712.

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EPF to get 8.5 per cent interest for FY 2019-20

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Retirement fund body EPFO on Wednesday decided to provide 8.5 per cent rate of interest on employees' provident fund (EPF) for 2019-20 as committed earlier.

In March this year, Employees' Provident Fund Organisation's (EPFO) apex decision making body Central Board of Trustees headed by Labour Minister Santosh Gangwar had approved 8.5 per cent interest rate on EPF for last fiscal.

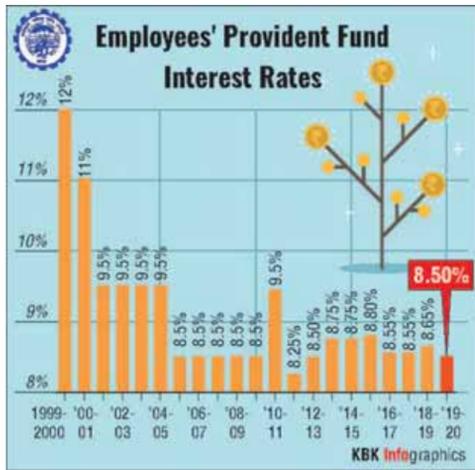
In a virtual CBT meeting on Wednesday, the EPFO has decided to provide 8.5 per cent rate of interest, a labour ministry statement said.

"In view of exceptional circumstances arising out of COVID-19, the agenda regarding interest rate was reviewed by the Central Board and it recommended the same rate of 8.50 per cent to the Central Government.

"It (8.5 per cent interest) would comprise of 8.15 per cent from debt income and balance 0.35 per cent (capital gain) from the sale of ETFs (exchange traded funds) subject to their redemption by 31st December, 2020," the statement said.

The board has recommended accounting such capital gains (from sale of ETFs) in the income of the financial year 2019-20 as being an exceptional case.

According to a source, the EPFO will provide 8.15 per cent interest on EPF soon and the remaining 0.35 per cent rate would be credited into the subscribers' account by December 31, after proposed liquidation of ETFs. The EPFO



had earlier planned to liquidate some of its investment in ETFs to provide 8.5 per cent interest for the last fiscal.

However, it could not do so because of the choppy market conditions amid the lockdown, induced by Covid-19.

Now after reassessing the situation, the CBT found that the EPFO can provide 8.5 per cent interest rate on EPF for 2019-20. Besides, the CBT also decided to hike the maximum sum assured payable under Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme 1976 to ₹7 lakh from existing ₹6 lakh.

"The Central Board accorded approval for amendment of paragraph 22(3) of Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme (EDLI), 1976 to enhance the maximum assurance benefit to ₹7 lakhs from the present maximum assurance benefit of ₹6

lakhs," the statement said. This amendment will provide additional succour to families and dependents of members of the scheme in case of their unfortunate death while in service.

The CBT was also informed that the actuarial valuation of EDLI Fund has allowed for continuation of minimum assurance benefit of ₹2.5 lakh beyond February 14, 2020, and extension of minimum assurance benefit of ₹2.5 lakh to the family of those deceased members who were employed in multiple establishments during the 12 months preceding the month in which they died, as approved by the board in its 226th meeting.

During the meeting, Gangwar also launched virtual hearing facility in quasi-judicial cases under EPF&MP Act, 1952 through video conferencing.

Banks catalysts of economic revival: FM

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday said banks are going to be the catalysts for economic revival and also urged them to adopt digital technologies for efficiency and growth.

Applauding lenders for their contribution towards the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), she, however, added that banking services have still not reached certain areas. "At this stage, the cata-

lysts for this economic revival, the catalysts who have the pulse of every one of their customers, are banks," the Finance Minister said.

She was speaking at the launch of PSB Alliance-Doorstep Banking Services, a customer outreach initiative by state-run lenders.

The catalysts are going to play a very active role in making sure that every gap in the expectations of businesses which are struggling to get back to normalcy is adequately addressed,

Sitharaman emphasised.

"How much ever you can, using your prudential norms, fill that gap and expectation and make sure that economic revival is facilitated very efficiently by using digital technologies," she said.

The minister said easy access and efficiency in providing banking services will help in revival of businesses which are restarting operations after the lockdown.

"This is where if I have praised you for the wonderful

service that you did during the lockdown. Now, it is incumbent on all of us to make sure that facilitation for the revival is going to be even better served by you all," she said.

The finance minister said it will make a huge difference if banks are able to provide services to customers through feature phones and not just smartphones.

"The 40 crore (beneficiaries of PMJDY) that you are able to talk about today, cannot be a laurel on which we can

afford to live any further. Yes, we achieved that. Kudos to everyone who achieved.

"But what I still feel is that there is still a gap even in the most developed states. There is a gap in some pockets of a district, some pockets of forested remote areas, some pockets which are hilly," she said.

Sitharaman urged banks to make special efforts to reach out to people through 'bank mitras' so that no one feels excluded in the current digital revolution in the banking sector.

BPCL bid: Prior security clearance may be required to end Chinese links

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

New Delhi: The Government has decided to get prior security clearance of entities placing a price bid for Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. as it looks to prevent any last leg disruption in the bidding process while eliminating any chance of bidders with even any indirect Chinese linkage from being declared the winner.

Sources privy to the development said security clearance of all bidders before placing the financial bid or simultaneously with the price bids has been made mandatory to weed out unwanted entities and allow only companies or consortiums passing muster, to qualify in the process.

Also, such process would prevent delays in the event a winning candidate fails to get security clearance. In such a scenario, the next best candidate with proper security clearance could be declared the winner if it matches the bid of the disqualified winning candidate.

Silver Lake picks 1.75% stake in Reliance Retail for ₹7,500 cr

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

US private equity firm Silver Lake Partners will buy 1.75 per cent stake in billion-dollar Mukesh Ambani-run Reliance Industries Ltd's retail arm for ₹7,500 crore and may be followed by KKR & Co.

Silver Lake will invest ₹7,500 crore in Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd, a subsidiary of Reliance Industries, for a 1.75 per cent stake, the Indian firm said in a statement.

"This investment values RRVL at a pre-money equity value of ₹4.21 lakh crore," it said. This marks the second billion-dollar investment by Silver Lake in a RIL subsidiary after the USD 1.35 billion investment in Jio Platforms announced earlier this year.

The world's largest tech investor picking up a stake in Reliance Retail cemented belief that the firm is set to lead a dis-

ruptive, technology-led transformation of the Indian retail sector particularly relevant in post-pandemic India.

Reliance Retail Limited, a subsidiary of RRVL, operates India's largest, fastest-growing and most profitable retail business spanning supermarkets, consumer electronics chain stores, cash and carry wholesale business, fast-fashion outlets, and online grocery store JioMart. It operates almost 12,000 stores in nearly 7,000 towns.

The investment will add fire to Ambani's battle for dominance in the retail market that is also being eyed by Jeff Bezos' Amazon.com and Walmart Inc's Flipkart.

In May, Reliance launched an online grocery delivery service JioMart. It has tied up with WhatsApp to connect customers with local kirana stores.

After monetising Jio Platforms — which houses the firm's telecom arm and digital

I-T Dept issues refunds worth ₹1.01L-cr to 27.55L taxpayers till Sept 8

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Income Tax Department on Wednesday said it has issued refunds of over ₹1.01 lakh crore to 27.55 lakh taxpayers between April 1 to September 8. This includes personal income tax (PIT) refunds amounting to ₹30,768 crore issued to 25.83 lakh taxpayers and corporate tax refunds amounting to ₹70,540 crore issued to over 1.71 lakh taxpayers during this period.

"CBDT issues refunds of over ₹1,01,308 crore to more than 27.55 lakh taxpayers between April 1, 2020, to September, 2020. Income tax refunds of ₹30,768 crore have been issued in 25,83,507 cases & corporate tax refunds of ₹70,540 crore have been issued in 1,71,155 cases," the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) tweeted.

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Markets extend losses despite RIL show; bank stocks weigh

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The BSE Sensex languished for the second straight session on Wednesday, largely in tandem with Asian markets as a rout on Wall Street and AstraZeneca pausing its Covid-19 vaccine trials spooked investors.

A strong showing by index heavyweight Reliance Industries — which rallied after announcing 1.75 per cent stake sale in its retail arm to US private equity firm Silver Lake Partners for ₹7,500 crore — was not enough to offset the weakness in banking, IT and finance counters.

After slumping 430.09 points during the day, the 30-share BSE benchmark recovered some lost ground to end at 38,193.92, down 171.43 points or 0.45 per cent.

In similar movement, the NSE Nifty settled 39.35 points or 0.35 per cent lower at 11,278.

SBI was the top loser among the Sensex constituents,

tumbling 4.46 per cent, followed by Bajaj Finserv, Axis Bank, ONGC, ITC, Bajaj Finance, ICICI Bank, Kotak Bank and HDFC Bank.

On the other hand, Tata Steel, Reliance Industries, Sun Pharma, Bharti Airtel and Asian Paints were among the major gainers, climbing as much as 3.04 per cent.

Asian markets spiralled lower after technology stocks continued to witness heavy selling on Wall Street. Risk appetite was further jolted after AstraZeneca said it is pausing trials of its COVID-19 vaccine candidate following a recipient developing a "potentially unexplained" illness.

"After opening with losses and drifting lower, the benchmark indices recovered towards the latter half of trading but still ended the day with losses. With Asian markets all ending in losses, the slight recovery seen in the Indian markets mirrored... the positive opening in the European markets.

Delhi set to receive Kisan Rail

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

New Delhi: South India's First "Kisan Rail" was flagged off from Anantapur (Andhra Pradesh) to Adarsh Nagar (New Delhi) on Wednesday. Speaking on the occasion, Narendra Singh Tomar said it is the first Kisan Rail from South India connecting to national Capital for the benefit of the farmers.

"It was the guidance and inspiration by Prime Minister Narendra Modi that Indian Railways have started Kisan Rail with a motive to encourage the villages and farmers. It is a great day for farmers. Kisan Rail was announced in the budget. Agriculture produce needs best possible distribution and returns. Indian farmers have proved that they would never be deterred by any calamity or challenge. Kisan Rail will ensure that agro products reach from one corner to another corner of the country," Tomar said.

Suresh C Angadi stated

that Prime Minister's vision and the pronouncement made in the budget materialised in introduction of Kisan Rail with the aim of doubling the income of farmers.

As "lifeline of the nation Indian Railways is committed to the facilitation of marketing the farmer's produce". He also said electrification of railway lines has been taken up in a big way in the State of Andhra Pradesh and its benefits will be enjoyed by the people of Andhra Pradesh. Narendra Singh Tomar, Minister of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Government of India and YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh flagged off the Inaugural Run of Anantapur-New Delhi Kisan Rail.

The programme was presided over by Suresh C Angadi, Minister of State for Railways, Government of India.

Darbhanga Airport to connect with Delhi, Mumbai and B'uru soon

New Delhi: Airports Authority of India, in its continuous endeavour to link under-served and un-served airports through RCS routes, is developing the civil enclave at Darbhanga for commencement of civil flight operations for Delhi, Mumbai and Bengaluru under Regional Connectivity Scheme.

The Darbhanga airport belongs to the IAF and land was handed over to AAI for development of the interim civil enclave which includes construction of Pre-fab terminal building along with associated facilities car park, connecting road network,



strengthening of runway and dispersal area to cater to the intended aircraft and construction of a link taxi track at the cost of ₹92 Crore. Construction of the

Interim Terminal Building of the airport with an area of 1400 sqm. is completed. The terminal building with six check-in counters will be able to handle 100 passengers in peak hours with all required passenger amenities. The work for strengthening of runway for accommodating Boeing 737-800 type of aircraft, construction of new Apron with connecting taxiway and connecting road is in full swing and soon airport will be ready for civil operations.

The Foundation for the Interim Civil Enclave at Darbhanga was laid by Hon'ble

Chief Minister of Bihar in the presence of Hon'ble Minister of Civil Aviation and Hon'ble Minister of State, Civil Aviation on December 24, 2018.

Darbhanga, in north Bihar is the fifth largest city in Bihar and is considered as the cultural capital of Bihar with its rich musical, folk art and literary traditions of centuries. It is also known as "Heart of the Mithilanchal" and is abound with fertile land and greenery. With the operationalization of Darbhanga Airport, the long pending demand of air connectivity of the people of the region will be fulfilled.

INDIAN RAILWAYS
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR)
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRALAYA)
(RAILWAY BOARD)

No. 2020RS1743TC New Delhi, dated 09.09.2020
E-TENDER NO. 2020RS1743TC
CORRIGENDUM NO.2

1.0 Description and Specification indicated in Clause 2.0 (Schedule of Requirement) of Bid documents of tender No. 2020RS1743TC for procurement of Constant Contact Side Bearers (CCSB) for BG wagons is modified as under:

(a) For **BOXN type wagons**: Procurement of Constant Contact Side Bearers (CCSB) for BG wagons to RDSO specification No. WD-62-MISC-17 with latest revision, CCSB variant B to drawing No. WD-12008-S/1.

(b) For **BOBRN type wagons**: Procurement of Constant Contact Side Bearers (CCSB) for BG wagons to RDSO specification No. WD-62-MISC-17 with latest revision, CCSB variant C to drawing No. WD-12007-S-01.

2.0 Tender will be closed at 15:00 hours on 01.10.2020

3.0 All other terms and conditions of the tender will remain unchanged.

Director Railway Stores (Wagon),
Ministry of Railways, Railway Board, New Delhi
for and on behalf of President of India.

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Punjab Water Resources Department
<https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) No.02/2019-20
Tender ID:- 2020_WR_52630_1

E-tenders are hereby invited by the undersigned for and on behalf of Governor of Punjab for the disposal of 8.88 MT Scrap Material of Truss type Water Course Crossing lying in a private store located near Bibi Viala Chowk Bathinda, Punjab pertaining to Drainage Construction Division, Faridkot at Giddarbaha on, "As is where is Basis" through our website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from eligible, registered firms/ agencies as per following schedule:-

Sr. No.	Item	Date	Time
1	Submission of tender form	Upto 12-10-2020	Up to 3:00 P.M.
2	Opening of Technical bid	13-10-2020	At 11:00 A.M.
3	Opening of Financial bid	16-10-2020	At 11:00 A.M.

Note:-
1. Detailed terms and conditions of NIT, and other relevant information can be acknowledge/ downloaded from the above said website or in the office of undersigned.
2. Corrigendum, if any, will be uploaded on website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

Executive Engineer,
Workshop Division, I. B. P.,
S.C.O. 38/3, Sector-17E,
Chandigarh. 0172-2702559
Email:- workshopdivisionibpb@gmail.com

RO NO. DIPR-I/74996/2020 Dt. 09-09-2020

CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

E-TENDER NOTICE

[A] E-Tenders are invited for and on behalf of the President of India for the following works: a) Tender No.ELE/T/17(part) b) Name of the work-Repairing of Loop Box & Logic Box of 02(Two) Loco sets for Three (three) Locomotives as per CLW Spec No. CLW/ES/3/0538ALT A. c) Tender Value (GST inclusive) Rs.-Rs.8,21,850.00 (Rupees eight lakh twenty-one thousand eight hundred fifty only). d) Cost of tender Document Rs.-Rs.2000/- (Rupees Two thousand Only).e) Earnest Money Rs.-Rs.16,400 (Rupees sixteen thousand four hundred only). f) Period of completion (In Months) - 03 (Three months) g) Date of closing - 29.09.2020 at 11:00hrs. Note: Complete details can be seen in the Railways website www.ireps.gov.in and www.clw.indianrailways.gov.in DW.CEE/LOCO

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WESTERN RAILWAY

NOTICE FOR INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PROVIDING INTEGRATED LOGISTICS SOLUTION IN MUMBAI SUBURBAN AREA FOR MOVEMENT OF PARCELS

Divisional Railway Manager, Mumbai Central, Western Railway invites interested parties to express their interest for providing Integrated Suburban Logistic Solution for pickup and delivery of parcels in Mumbai Suburban Area. Mumbai Central Division, Western Railway will facilitate storage, movement and distribution of the parcel across the Mumbai suburban network to start with. The Division will provide state of art covered warehousing floor area of 6000 Square meters area in Virar Car Shed and will induct EMU rakes of 6 coaches each for the purpose of transporting parcels from and to the aforesaid rail side warehouse on a timetable frequency and operate both fast & slow parcel services, as per mutually agreed terms and conditions. The Division will also provide space at prominent stations at convenient locations for distribution and collection of packages from and to end customers. This will ensure quick and seamless delivery of packages/parcel to the end customer by passing over stressed city traffic. Interested parties shall communicate their views on the revenue model and other associated issues on email id - betsrdcm@gmail.com and contact on 9004499950 and 9004499900.

A meeting for the same would be held on 21.09.2020 at 15:00 hours through a VC link, which would be sent as a reply to the email received.

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CONTRACT FOR UP KEEP OF TRACK AND TRACK BED

Tender Notice for e-tendering is invited by Principal Chief Engineer, Metro Railway, Kolkata for the following work : Name of Work : Zone No. 4 I.e Zonal Contract for Up-Keep of track and track bed of Both UP & DN Line from Km. 7/14 to Km. 16/18 between KCEN (Ex.) to KMUK (In.) including "V" siding at KMDI with Tollygunge Yard and Carshed lines of Metro Railway, Kolkata. Tender value : ₹ 4,04,08,023.46. Cost of tender document (₹): Nil. Earnest Money : ₹ 3,52,100/-. Completion Period : The Contract shall be in force up to 30.06.2022. Date & Time of closing : 05.10.2020 at 12.00 hrs. The tender document and other details can be obtained from the website: www.ireps.gov.in. The bidding for the tender is to be submitted only through e-tendering on above website. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any manual offer, if received shall not be accepted and will be summarily rejected.

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Notice is hereby given to all users of Railways lines and premises situated on the completed section of the under noted section of the Northern Railway that the 2200 Vols, 50 Hz AC overhead traction wires has been energized as anti theft measure on and after the date specified against the section. On and from the same date the over head traction lines shall be treated as live at all times and no unauthorized person shall approach or work in the proximity of the said over head lines.

SECTION	DATE
Energisation of 2.2 KV, Single phase AC newly electrified Main line from Noli location number 10/08 (Ch: 10/469.50) to Shamli yard location number SMQL/1055 (Ch: 88/643.00) of Delhi Division as anti theft measure.	15.09.2020

INTRODUCTION OF 25 KV AC TRACTION "WARNING TO ROAD USERS"

It is notified for information of the Public that in connection with introduction of 25KV AC electric traction over the section "Energisation of 2.2 KV, Single phase AC newly electrified Main line from Noli location number 10/08 (Ch: 10/469.50) to Shamli yard location number SMQL/1055 (Ch: 88/643.00) of Delhi Division as anti theft measure." of the Northern Railway, Height gauges have been erected at all the level crossings with clear height between 4.76 m. and 4.78 m and contact wire shall be at a height of minimum 5.5 m above road level with a view to prevent loads of excessive height from coming into contact or dangerous proximity to live traction wire.

Public are hereby notified to observe the height specified above for the purpose of loading vehicles and to see that the load carried in road vehicles do not infringe the height gauges under any circumstances. The dangers of a load of excessive height are as follows:-

- Danger to the height gauge and consequent obstruction to the road as well as the railway line.
- Danger to the materials or equipment carried or the vehicle itself.
- Danger of fire and risk of life due to contact with or dangerous proximity to the conductors.

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WESTERN RAILWAY

ROBOTIC AC DUCT CLEANING AND STERILIZATION BY OZONE IN AC COACHES, REPAIRING OF IGBT BASE STATIC BATTERY CHARGER/DISCHARGER CIRCUIT PANEL & TRANSPORTATION OF CONDEMNED BATTERIES

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer (W), Western Railway Carriage Repair Workshop, N. M. Joshi Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai - 400 013, invites e-bids through e-Tendering method from experienced contractors for the following works: 1.TENDER NOTICE NO: EL/WA/PL/2019/20/58. Name of work with location: Robotic AC Duct cleaning and Sterilization by Ozone in AC coaches as per Scope of work and Schedule of Rates. Qty: 636 Coaches. LOCATION: Carriage Repair Workshop, Western Railway, Lower Parel, Mumbai -400 013. Approx. Cost: ₹91,31,990.74. EMD: ₹1,82,600/-. Last Date and time for submission of tender on or before: 13.10.2020 up to 12.00 hours. & Opening of tender 13.10.2020 up to 12.30 hours. 2.TENDER NOTICE NO: EL/WA/PL/2019/20/40R1. Name of work with location: Repairing of IGBT base static battery Charger/Discharger circuit panel as per RDSO Spec. No. RDSO/PE/SPEC/0008 (Rev-2) Cap. 155/220 A (Type-2) suitable for 1100 AH VRLA battery as per detailed scope of work. LOCATION: Carriage Repair Workshop, Western Railway, Lower Parel, Mumbai -400 013. Approx. Cost: ₹2,72,698/- EMD: ₹5,500/-. Last Date and time for submission of tender on or before: 08.10.2020 up to 12.00 hours. & Opening of tender 08.10.2020 up to 12.30 hours. 3.TENDER NOTICE NO: EL/WA/PL/2019/20/62R1. Name of work with location: Transportation of condemned batteries from battery section/TL Lower Parel, Workshop to Mahalaxmi Scrap yard, as per scope of work. Qty: 2100 MT. LOCATION: Carriage Repair Workshop, Western Railway, Lower Parel, Mumbai-400 013. Approx. Cost: ₹12,39,000/- EMD: ₹24,800/- Last Date and time for submission of tender: 30.09.2020 up to 12.00 hours. & Opening of tender 30.09.2020 up to 12.30 hours. Website particulars: www.ireps.gov.in. The tenders to ensure that any corrigendum is uploaded subsequently on website and care be taken by them prior to submission of tender online. NOTE: (1) For details please visit our website www.ireps.gov.in (2) Any other information required can be obtained from the office of Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer (W), Western Railway Carriage Repair Workshop, N.M. Joshi Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai - 400 013.

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Trend Blazer

Raftaar tests COVID-19 positive

Rapper **RAFTAAR** has tested COVID-19 positive. The singer is asymptomatic and currently living in isolation at home. Confirming the news on Wednesday, Raftaar however said there might be a technical error in the testing because he feels fit and fine. In an Instagram post, written in Hindi, Raftaar said, "Hi everybody, wanted to share a quick update with you. I had to go on *Roadies*. For that I had to undergo COVID tests. In the first two tests, I tested negative. But my third test result was positive. The BMC has instructed me to stay in isolation, so I have isolated myself at home."



'I'm super stoked as I've shot a track (Nach Meri Rani) after almost five months. It's fresh and has a very upbeat groovy vibe. Post lockdown, it was the first shoot we did in Mumbai in a week's schedule following all safety norms. It was fun collaborating with Nora (Fatehi) for the video and to match up to her craft.'
—Guru Randhawa

French producer-DJ **FEDER** has launched his new single titled *Meghna*, which is his version of the 90s' Bollywood hit, *Ae Ajabhi*, originally composed by **AR RAHMAN** for the Shah Rukh Khan-starrer *Dil Se*. Paying an ode to the original, the track also borrows its title from the film's female protagonist Meghna, played by Manisha Koirala.



"I first heard this track while I was watching the American TV show *Entourage*, where *Ae Ajabhi* was sampled in. I decided to seek out the original and create my own interpretation of it," said Feder.

Lily Allen marries David Harbour

Singer **LILY ALLEN** and actor **DAVID HARBOUR** reportedly had a Las Vegas wedding at an Elvis-themed chapel. The marriage ceremony of Lily and *Stranger Things* actor David was conducted on Monday by Brendan Paul, owner of the chapel and a famous Elvis impersonator. A woman at Paul's Vegas home said, "He cannot comment about it because of privacy, but he is well known as Elvis." There were four other weddings at the chapel the same day, say reports. David and Lily first revealed they were a couple on a night out in London last year.



A trousseau of innovation

As the screens take over for the India Couture Week 2020, FDCI Chairman **SUNIL SETHI** tells **CHAHAK MITTAL** how, even with a pandemic at hand, the business is always sustainable in the wedding market

How would we have survived a year like 2020 if we did not have the internet? A thousand businesses, which temporarily moved to digital spaces during the lockdown, might have been permanently shut. As we can see today, no product gets marketed, no movement is made and nothing is collected, communicated or analysed without an integral digital intervention. Well, if things have started finding space online, why not fashion, believes Fashion Design Council of India (FDCI) chairman Sunil Sethi, who is all set to present the first-ever digital edition of the India Couture Week 2020.



Keeping up with the new reality, FDCI has taken prompt strides for a robust digital transformation. This attempts to give an opportunity to designers to reach out to an audience that matters and explore interesting ways of showing their collections.

Sethi believes that it was the need of the hour to conduct the show online. "What do we do after all? If the environment is not conducive to do any physical activity in the public, then, of course, the idea of necessity being the mother of invention comes into play. And in this case, the invention is a digital couture show. Looking at how everything is going digital, why not fashion?" says he. Well, the official hashtag for the event, #DecodingCouture, with the graphic theme of "waves", too, signifies how the digital space is creating ripples in the global fashion industry.

Even as the screens take over, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the business has surely been affected. Designer Reynu Taandon, who will unveil her collection *Surkh* at the week, says, "Due to the pandemic, the purchasing power has gone down. There is a sharp fall in the number of impulsive buyers because people are not willing to step out. Thanks to the digital space, now we'll be able to create an experience for the customers while they sit at home. This time, my motto is 'higher quality and lesser quantity'."

The buyers might have lessened but the wedding trousseau never gets compromised. This is exactly why Sethi believes that the wedding market in India will never fail to sustain couture. "There is no way that in India, the spending on weddings or occasion wear is going to come down. The budget or the number of guests at the function

might decrease. Friends and relatives might compromise on new outfits over what they have ready at home, but a bride would never do that. The bride and the groom-to-be need their dream outfits, for posterity. It's something you keep for life to remember how you looked at your wedding. Even people would keep that statement alive in their minds. They'd post it on social media, talk about it and try to dig out something similar. Well, on social media, nobody wants to be not looking good. So as far as I know, the couture market is not going to change. In this market, the business is sustainable."

So what's the new face of couture this year? Sethi tells us what he took away from most designers — traditionality of designs depending upon the fact that weddings are now intimate affairs rather than big fat. "Each designer has his own take but I think, many are going in to create a traditional bride with the colour red coming back in fashion. Well, I am no trend forecaster but the traditional format is going to be back in business. There is a demand for red. Having said that, the beauty of couture is that it creates something for everyone. It's unique for the bride and she is free to choose it whichever way and of colour she likes. So it is all also based on how the modern Indian bride may decide to go," says he.

Given the current crisis, Reynu brings another theme to the fore — sustainability, something which makes us guilt-free and conscientious. She says, "I think sustainability is the new face of not just couture but the whole fashion industry. One thing that we should take away from the present times is 'waste not, want not.' It's what I am following too. We, as designers, should start being mindful of the smallest details and appreciative of local artistes instead of heavily depending on imported goods, while ensuring the quality

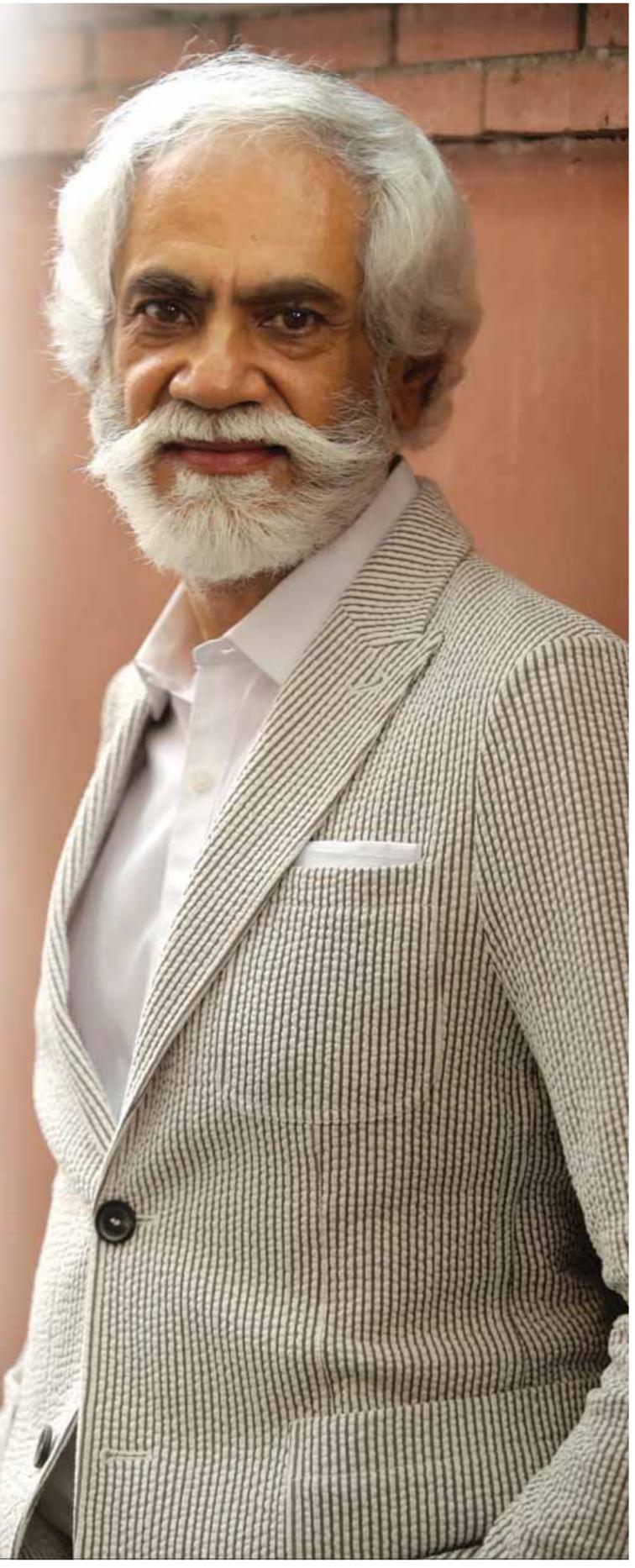
of every garment that's been made."

The India Couture Week is known for its grandeur, innovation and reflection of the modernity of an Indian bride. How does it plan to recreate the experience virtually? For Sethi, it has been challenging to hold a grand event like this online. But he believes that it's more challenging for the designers, "who have to be creative enough and pull off a digital show that resonates with the audience," this time an infinite one. He adds, "They have to come up with more innovations and newness to show them what they are doing. But I also feel that they're creative enough to have been facing such challenges and coming up with efficient results ever since they got into the business. It's not a challenge, which is unsurmountable. It is certainly possible that this time, the collection only comprises 20 or 15 or 10 ensembles instead of 40, due to which there might be less choice with the consumer. But again, couture is about making up to each customer's requirements. That way, it is not off the shelf."

How will the audience be able to focus on the designs, which they do easily while in person? Sethi has found an advantage. "In a ramp walk show, the models come and go. And you visit an ensemble only once because you're sitting at one place. But in this case, because it is digital, the designers will specially focus the cameras on every ensemble and zoom on the embroidery or the texture. This way, you won't be able to miss the artistry at all. Just sit in your homes, in comfortable clothes, and be a part of it as a front row-viewer. You won't miss anything! The videos the designers shoot will give you enough to concentrate on. This is absolutely a plus!" says he.

During the shows, one can also find out details about the designers' collections on the FDCI website. Each day, a new designer will be live and talk about her/his showcase. The six day-long event will have top couturiers showcase their couture films/videos and supporting content that will go live on a preset show schedule, emulating the format of a physical event.

(The shows will be streamed on FDCI's official handles — Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and the FDCI website — from September 18 to 23.)



An unconventional romance

Filmmaker **SIDDHARTH ANAND** says that his 15-year-old film, *Salaam Namaste*, was ahead of its time as it focussed on live-in relationships when they were taboo



On the 15th anniversary of his first film, *Salaam Namaste*, filmmaker Siddharth Anand opens up on how his unconventional romantic comedy is often hailed as way ahead of its time.

He says, "I think *Salaam Namaste* dealt with an issue, which has been taboo and is not spoken about but is very much prevalent in India and with Indians abroad. It felt like it's ahead of its time even though there was no deliberate attempt to do something that is scandalous or different. I felt it when the film was releasing and we promoted it while talking about live-in relationships. That's when it actually hit me that we are dealing with something which is very new for the audience."

create something different or new with the film. "It was only something like a girl and a boy are sharing the rent together, and now they have started seeing each other, which makes them move from two separate rooms to one single room. That's living-in together. It was organic and nothing to be scandalous about. I just wanted to do something new and cool. And I think we scored. We didn't try too hard and it wasn't in your face. That is why it started a very important conversation in our society about Indians living-in without

getting married," says he. With *Salaam Namaste*, Siddharth also marks 19 years of his creative collaboration with the YRF. He says, "I started working with the banner in 2001. Hence, it's going to be almost 20 years that I'll be working with it. It's true when people say that it's like a family, a home banner. I think it stems from the top, Yash ji, Aditya and Uday, how they make you feel, they make you feel equal. I was actually taken back with the kind of equality as an assistant. Aditya used to take us for



lunch on Saturdays. He made making blockbusters aspirational for us. It is so strange that when he gives you the sense of equality, you respect him more. So, he becomes more aspirational for you when he is actually treats you like an equal."

He adds, "It is a very strange phenomenon and I think there is nobody else who does that here. In the industry, there is so much insecurity and competitiveness. But here, everybody has been equal. No matter who you are, you end up respecting the person, you know them by their names, you take their first names and call them, and give them that sense of equality. You feel you're at home."

From *Hum Tum to WAR*, Siddharth's films have been the uber cool and youthful ones and shaped the pop culture. He says, "There has been no deliberate attempt to shape the pop culture. I don't even know if I have. I think just the fact that I started out very young in

making films, so somewhere, being of that age group, I somewhere resonated with the audience from what I was making. So, in my career, which is now 15 years old, I have made six films and I think yes, I have tried to do something different with each film but again it's not deliberate. I get bored with my own ideas very easily. So, it's always trying to do something different and give the audience a new experience whether it's through a story, location, casting or music."

He adds, "I think finally with *WAR*, I'm hoping that I've reached that connect with my audience, that they now expect something from me which pushes the boundaries. It was actually a spectacle of an action film. Also, the way I shoot my romantic comedies, someone told me that they are shot like action films, in the sense that the kind of scale and dynamism the film has in terms of its visual appeal, it looks like an action film! So the transition from making romantic comedies to making action films, some things were very natural for me. But yes, still, the kind of choices that I make, what kind of film I want to make, I have to push myself more."



Akshay bruised on shoot

It is often said, 'no pain, no gain'. Well, this has now been experienced by actor Akshay Kumar in Discovery's latest episode of *Into The Wild with Bear Grylls and Akshay Kumar*. The actor bruised himself while performing a survival skill of climbing a rope ladder at the extraction point, following an adventurous journey through the Bandipur Tiger Reserve. This was a unique and challenging experience for Akshay as he had never done this before and learnt a new technique to climb up such a ladder. He said, "I've never climbed this. I've climbed a lot of ladders, but never one foot ahead, one foot behind. This was the first time I'm tried

doing this." Upon successfully landing on the bridge, he exclaimed, "The climb was very good. Really enjoyed. Learnt something new — how to climb with one foot ahead and one foot behind. Well, here it is, a memento!" He pointed towards the bruise he got while climbing up the rope ladder with a new technique. (Watch the episode on September 11 at 8 pm on the Discovery Plus App and on September 14 at 8 pm across 12 Discovery channels including Discovery Channel, Discovery HD, DTamil, Animal Planet, Animal Planet HD, TLC, TLC HD, Discovery ID, Discovery ID HD, Discovery Science, Discovery Turbo, and Discovery Kids.)

BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE

A 17-year-old kid, PARTH SARTHI, who has an inclination towards making a difference from a young age, is trying to create opportunities for children in need. By TEAM VIVA

When most children of his age are obsessing over that pimple on their nose or even a lack of response on an Instagram story, Parth Sarthi Krishna, a Class XII student, had much bigger plans. He got together children from a juvenile home in Noida under the aegis of his NGO Rasta and put up *Tarang*, a virtual musical show on Teacher's Day.

The children sang patriotic songs. A kid while singing *Sare Jahan Se Achha* felt proud as an Indian. Another child sang *Aye Malik Tere Bande Hum*, which reminded the audience of *Do Aankhen Barah Haath*, a cult film of 1957 by V Shantaram. The film was inspired by the story of an 'open prison' experiment, something which found a resonance with the children of juvenile home.

The chief guest, CDO, Anil Kumar Singh, said that he could see the faces of these children glow earnestly. "Rasta has shown the path for the better future of these children who had land at the juvenile home on account of unfortunate circumstances," he added.

Parth has had an inclination towards making a difference from a young age. "I realised that people usu-



ally focus on academic growth but there should be an emphasis on holistic development," he said. So he got involved with the children of *Apna Ghar*, who had the urge to excel at other things besides academics. "Music is my forte and I have performed at several places. I got children on board, who were interested in music and trained them," he said. Parth has founded Rasta at the age of 15 in 2018.

He became involved with the juvenile centre when he heard that some children had developed COVID-



19 there and others had tried to run away. "It was at that time that I thought that we should do a workshop at a juvenile centre virtually. The workshop was for two to three weeks. The children were singing very well. Since Teacher's Day was coming up, we scheduled a performance. Getting them on board was initially a problem but music does have a way of bringing down barriers," said he.

Parth is the recipient of Pradhan Mantri Bal Rashtriya Puraskar for social work. He was responsible for

reuniting 21 children who had run away from their homes. "I was volunteering at the New Delhi Railway Station and realised that many of them did not remember anything about themselves. Some of them could not even recall their real names and it was impossible to trace them with their nicknames," Parth said. He figured out that the Aadhar Card could be put to good use as it uses biometrics. "If you have an Aadhar Card and try to enroll again, the system rejects it. The existing Aadhar Card was used to reunite them with their family," he added.

While nobody from his family is into any kind of social work, they have been very supportive. "I initially started volunteering during summer vacations and gradually became involved more deeply with different initiatives," he said.

He is also the co-founder of Assist, another NGO which works on inclusive basketball for physically challenged students. He has organised an exhibition match and had planned a North India league of Inclusive basketball in April, which had to be postponed due to the pandemic.

IN SHORT

In a meeting held between the Minister for Commerce, Industry, IT and Skill Development, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Mekapati Goutham Reddy and CMD, ITDC in New Delhi, G Kamala Vardhana Rao, the State has sought active assistance and support of ITDC in actualising their plans for building a skill ecosystem in hospitality and tourism, both thrust areas of the Government. Andhra Pradesh Government proposes to enter into an MoU with ITDC in the areas of comprehensive training to frontline workers as well as towards setting up a centre of excellence for tourism and travel curriculum. ITDC proposes joining hands towards implementing some entrepreneurship models in the sectors to benefit the qualified young hospitality professionals.



In the belt examination, conducted under the aegis of International Taekwondo Federation, Advika, a 6-year-old student of DPS Indrapuram, has received a blue stripe belt. She won the first gold medal in the sport at the age of two and a half. Both, her mother, Karishma Pal, a PCS officer and her father, a homeopathic doctor, believe that their daughter will make India proud one day.

Punjab National Bank circle office, South Delhi, under the Corporate Social Responsibility, distributed Personal Protective Equipment kit for free to police officers for protection against Coronavirus. Ankit Pratap Singh, (Additional D C C P 1), Amit Kaushik, (Additional D C C P 2), in this program, Meenakshi Sundaram K, General Manager, Punjab National Bank and R K Mishra, Circle Head.



Create child-friendly ambience

Delhi Women and Child Development Minister Rajendra Pal Gautam recently inaugurated the renovated child friendly CWC complex at Kalkaji, South Delhi. On this occasion, the Chairperson, DCPCR, Anurag Kundu, Director, Department of Women and Child Development, Rashmi Singh and Director, World vision were also present.

With an aim of providing a child-friendly environment, the department has made available the best infrastructure and facilities at CWC complex. In view of the pandemic, all essential facilities are created to keep the children hale and hearty without compromising the necessary health precautions.

World Vision Indian and Child Welfare Committee VIII, South Delhi in collaboration developed a child friendly complex at South East Delhi intending to provide a good platform for the needs, care and protection of the children through informative, entertaining and child friendly environment.

Rajendra appreciated the work of the committee. The minister said that all necessary efforts to strengthen the child welfare committees would be made. For this, the subject of protection of the rights of children is given utmost priority and a smooth coordination is established between DCPCR, child welfare committees and department of women and child development.

He advised the department to ensure that other such committees also make efforts to provide child-friendly ambience in their respective areas. He also thanked the 'World vision' for assisting and creating a friendly ambience to children residing at CWC Kalkaji as it would be quite helpful for them to get rid of the state of psychological trauma or conflict.

The Chairperson, DCPCR welcomed the initiative and requested to extend similar ambience and facilities at all such legal forums where child in distress approaches for seeking help in care and protection of educational rights.

DJB follows a multi-dimensional approach

Delhi Jal Board aims to launch ambitious schemes to fulfill the objective of water availability and water security. "As per the study by the National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI), ground water level in Delhi is depleting at an astonishing rate of 10 cm per year," DJB said, adding that our population will be 25.88 million by 2025 and our water requirements will be 1140 MGD (considering 44 MGD per person per day).

Taking note of the serious situation, Confederation of Indian Industry, Delhi, organised a discussion on the issue.

Vice Chairman of DJB, Raghav Chadha, was called as a chief guest to shed some light on the 'Augmentation of Water Supply, Safety and Security'. He gave valuable suggestions and chalked out the gist of a future action plan.

Speaking to the participants, he said, "The situation is grave at present. NITI Aayog declared last year that 21 cities in India may face severe water scarcity by 2020 including Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru and Hyderabad. Despite investing heavily on rain water harvesting in the last two decades,



water also ran out in the city of Chennai last year after a deficient northeast monsoon in 2018."

Chadha also said, "DJB strives to provide safe, adequate drinking water supply to people living in Delhi and collect and treat generated sewage to the permissible standards before disposal or reuse."

"DJB follows a multi-dimensional approach in terms of perspective planning and project implementation with

respect to the water and sewerage sector," Chadha said, adding that out of the nine treatment plants in Delhi, seven water treatment plants thrive on river water through Haryana, while two plants in east of Delhi get river Ganga water from Murad Nagar in the state of Uttar Pradesh.

Currently, Potable water at its optimum production is about 935 MGD out of which 90 MGD is part of groundwater resources.

GM NORTHERN RAILWAY REVIEWS PERFORMANCE

General Manager Northern & North Central Railways, Rajiv Chaudhry held a performance review meeting with the departmental heads of Northern Railway through video conferencing from Baroda House, NR headquarter office. Amongst many issues deliberations were on safety on tracks, enhancement of speed, freight (BDU) and train operations.

Safety is the prime focus over Railways. The GM emphasised on improving the maintenance standards of tracks, level crossings and construction of boundary wall along the track in high speed sections. He took serious note of the trespassing on line. He advised the divisions and the security department to book the persons found trespassing under different Railway acts and penalize them including jail term if need be. He also advised to make efforts to clear encroachment near the railway tracks to ensure safety. On improving the infrastructure, the GM said that greater focus should be on the level crossings. They should be revamped and road surfaces should be improved.

Monsoon rains have been very heavy in spots across NR. This is posing difficulty in train opera-



tions over stretches where water has collected over the tracks. Efforts are on in clearing the tracks by pressing in additional pumps for water evacuation. Moreover, the local rain fed rivers and drains are in state which is causing flooding in the embankments of the rail lines compounding the problem of train movement.

Talking on Freight Business Development, the GM informed that Railways is making efforts to

provide freight services to all types of clients, from small traders to large FMCG and e-commerce giants. Long haul 5000T jumbo trains aptly called Annapura for carrying food grains from Punjab and Haryana to different parts of the country completed its 400th run recently. Time tabled parcel trains and special freight trains for bulk and piecemeal goods are being run with increasing regularity.

WRWWO celebrated Teacher's Day virtually

Teacher's Day is celebrated in India on 5th September to commemorate the birth anniversary of the country's former President, scholar, philosopher and Bharat Ratna awardee Dr Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan. Keeping in consideration the guidelines issued during COVID President of Western Railway Women's Welfare Organisation (WRWWO), Tanuja Kansal, celebrated this day virtually with all its members.

According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Sumit Thakur, Kansal put forth her views during the gathering. She shared her gratitude towards the first teacher of every child — the mother and also paid respect to all the teachers who have shaped our lives in many ways. Kansal also highlighted our ancient Gurukul pattern of education and the *Guru-Shishya Pramapara* that has been followed for many centuries and is still being revered. Illustrations about it were given and names of Chanakya with Chandragupta Maurya and Dronacharya with Arjun and Eklavya were also recited. Dance performances were presented to pay respect to Goddess Saraswati and Gurus.

Teachers and caretakers of the Badhwar Park Nursery School which is run by WRWWO, were also felicitated for their hardwork and contribution. The programme was attended by all the



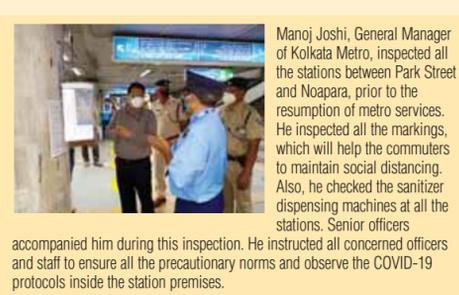
President of WRWWO, Tanuja Kansal, on the occasion of virtual celebration of Teacher's Day

divisional WRWWO Presidents and members. Such celebrations affirm the resolve of WRWWO towards providing support and motivation to railway employees and their families.

On Monday, Director General, CISF, Rajesh Ranjan, reviewed operational preparedness of Delhi Metro. He took stock of the situation and arrangements made from CISF to meet the challenge of COVID. He along with Sudhir Kumar Saxena, ADG (HQ), Dayal Gangwar, IG (NCR), Jitender Rana, DIG, DMRC and other senior officers boarded metro from Central Secretariat and travelled to Rajiv Chowk and then to Jor Bagh metro station. During his visit, he briefed the CISF personnel about the protocol to be followed in the wake of coronavirus pandemic. He further advised them to maintain minimum proximity with passenger without compromising security procedures. He also interacted with the commuters.



Manoj Joshi, General Manager of Kolkata Metro, inspected all the stations between Park Street and Noapara, prior to the resumption of metro services. He inspected all the markings, which will help the commuters to maintain social distancing. Also, he checked the sanitizer dispensing machines at all the stations. Senior officers accompanied him during this inspection. He instructed all concerned officers and staff to ensure all the precautionary norms and observe the COVID-19 protocols inside the station premises.



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CORPORATE WELLNESS IN INDIA

For organizations around the world, ensuring employee health and wellbeing has become the top priority. At the same time, Corporate Wellness is becoming a popular concept to educate employees on the importance of creating healthy habits and the benefits of sticking to wellness goals especially after the COVID-19 outbreak. One company helping organizations navigate this new normal is Fitastik. Founded by Sumer Datta and Sanjay Lakhotia, Fitastik is a health tech company that provides a mix of online tools and offline programs. They started as a cloud-based platform who later added another product line for its B2B clients called the 'Wellness India' (WI) report. Fitastik pioneered Corporate Wellness in India through an analytical tool that generates the WI report. A number of Indian companies are increasingly turning to this report to aid decision-making. Priyanka Das, a sought-after business analytics expert based in Los Angeles created this revolutionary analytical tool. Fitastik uses her tool to analyze large volumes of raw data and transform health data of any organization into stories to reveal hidden patterns. Health data gets converted into interactive infographics, charts, and graphs within the tool providing a visual representation of the raw data which is then exported as the WI report. Too often, organizations offer valuable health benefits to their employees that go unused due to a disconnect between company health offering and employee needs. Priyanka's analytical tool supports a holistic approach to Corporate Wellness by analyzing both employer and employee data to identify any gaps between the two. The WI report generated from it provides comprehensive insights that are evidence-based so employees can get health benefits based on their needs, interests, wants and eligibility instead of a 'one size fits all' solution. The entire process of designing, developing, implementing, and managing various aspects of a wellness program is filled with complexities but Priyanka's analytical tool can analyze data from multiple organizations to determine market best practices. As per many experts, this makes Priyanka's tool stand out from the rest as it provides a 360 view of the industry making market data accessible while also maintaining data privacy and integrity. Fitastik has been working with many organizations to integrate the results of the WI report through HR programs making it a seamless transition for the companies. No matter what stage an organization is on implementing corporate wellness programs, the analytical tool is designed to provide personalized solutions. It gives financial flexibility to SMEs and startups to continue growing even as their wellbeing needs evolve. Written by Chandni Singh

NEW POWERGRID POLE COMMISSIONED

POWERGRID commissions pole-1 of the Raigarh Pugalur HVDC transmission system comprising (1500 Mega Watt (MW)) plus 800 kilovolt (kV), Raigarh HVDC Terminal Station (Chhattisgarh) & Pugalur HVDC Terminal Station (Tamil Nadu) along with 1765 kms long ±800 kV, HVDC line from Raigarh to Pugalur and two of HVAC lines in Tamil Nadu. This system will facilitate power flow of 1500 MW from Western to Southern region ensuring reliable and quality power supply. The enterprise has com-

pleted this system despite various challenges and lockdown restrictions encountered during the pandemic.

The pole-1 having a 1500 MW capacity, is the first leg of the 6000 MW Raigarh — Pugalur HVDC Project, which is envisaged for evacuation of bulk power generated by Independent Power Producers (IPPs) in Chhattisgarh using the State-of-the-Art HVDC technology. Implementation of balance portion of this project is in advanced stage and will be integrated in a phased manner during FY 2020-21.

THE SOCIAL WATCHMAN

An NGO in Ghaziabad provides free treatment for cancer, liver and kidney diseases to about 25 people every month, says ASHOK NIRWAN



In Ghaziabad, an NGO is providing free treatment to 20 to 25 patients every month at the hospitals in Delhi, Ghaziabad and Mumbai. It has come as a source of light for the poor suffering from cancer liver and kidney diseases.

The founder of the NGO, Social Chakidar, KK Sharma, says that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is his source of inspiration because of which he is involved in this mission. He shared that after retiring as Vice President of a

renowned company, he took forward his passion for social service.

Sharma said that these three diseases are such that it mostly leaves the patients and their family's helpless. He shares that he has felt the sor-

row very closely. So, he has taken a pledge to fight against these diseases. In this mission, his friends, well wishers and some social service practitioners are also helping him. Mayor, Ghaziabad Asha Sharma is his wife and supports him in this mission.

The social watchman is also helping the victims from Corona. Sharma says that Modi's efforts to save people from the virus were spoiled by the public and government staffs. They did not follow the rules properly, as a result of which the chain of virus is not yet broken in the country.

Ronaldo breaches 100-goal mark for Portugal with brace against Sweden



Cristiano Ronaldo attempts to score Portugal's second goal against Sweden during UEFA Nations League group stage match at Friends Arena in Stockholm

CENTURION

AFP ■ STOCKHOLM

Cristiano Ronaldo scored a stunning brace to take him to 101 international goals for Portugal in a 2-0 victory over 10-man Sweden in the Nations League on Tuesday, while France won a repeat of the 2018 World Cup final 4-2 over Croatia.

Ronaldo broke the mythical 100-goal mark on the stroke of half-time, the 35-year-old Juventus attacker curling in a free-kick from 25 yards over the wall and into the far left corner beyond Sweden's stranded goalkeeper Robin Olsen for a memorable milestone in his trophy-laden career.

The bonus second goal, and his 101st, came in the 72nd minute, the former Manchester United and Real Madrid forward cutting back inside the Swedish defence and producing a deft finish into the

far corner from 20 yards. "They are two important goals because it means I managed to reach this mark I'd been seeking," Ronaldo told Portuguese public television RTP.

"I'm very happy, first because the team won and of course to score the 100th and then the 101st, two great goals."

While acknowledging health came first, he lamented the Covid-19 enforced empty stadium. "It's sad playing without fans, it's like going to the circus with no

clowns or into a garden with no flowers," Ronaldo said. "Speaking for myself, when I play away matches I like being whistled, it gives me motivation."

After making his first senior international appearance as an 18-year-old in 2003, Ronaldo notched up his first goal for Portugal in a 2-1 defeat by eventual winners Greece at Euro 2004.

Ronaldo, capped 165 times by Portugal, is second only to Iran's Ali Daei, on 109, in the list of top men's international goal scorers.

"The record, it's step by step," Ronaldo said. "It's not an obsession because I think records come naturally."

Incredibly for Ronaldo, just 17 of his 100 goals have come in friendly matches, and his nine hat-tricks all came in FIFA or UEFA tournaments or qualifying games.

GIROUD NEARS RECORD

Oliver Giroud moved to within one goal of Michel Platini's national record for France by converting a penalty to complete the

victory over Croatia at the Stade de France.

The striker was handed the opportunity to move onto 40 international goals by Antoine Griezmann, who gave away penalty duties having missed his last three for France. Giroud made no mistake in the 77th minute.

A well-taken individual goal by center back Dejan Lovren put Croatia ahead, but Anthony Martial set up Griezmann for the equalizer before sliding in for a shot that hit the post, struck goalkeep-

er Livakovic on the back of the head, and rebounded into the net.

Josip Brekalo made it 2-2, only for defender Dayot Upamecano to regain the lead for France before Giroud's penalty.

Eduardo Camavinga came on for his France debut during the second half, becoming the youngest player to represent France since the second world war at 17 years, 10 months.

BELGIANS THRASH ICELAND

FIFA's number one ranked side Belgium, led superbly by Manchester City playmaker Kevin De Bruyne, handed Iceland a 5-1 drubbing to follow up on their 2-0 win over Denmark.

The Islanders actually opened the scoring through an 11th-minute deflected shot from Holmber Fridjonsson.

But a reshuffled Red Devils outfit hit back almost immediately through Axel Witsel in the 13th minute, before a Michy Batshuayi double (17, 70) coupled with goals from Dries Mertens (50) and new cap Jeremy Doku (80) combined to put the game out of sight.

Belgium's win moves them to the top of League A Group 2 ahead of their trip next month to England, who were lucky to escape with a 0-0 draw away to Denmark in Copenhagen on Tuesday.

The best opportunities to break the deadlock for both sides came in the final 10 minutes as firstly Christian Eriksen blazed over from Yussuf Poulersen's cushioned header.

At the other end, his former Tottenham teammate Harry Kane thought he had notched the winner deep in stoppage time as he rounded Kaspar Schmeichel and fired goalwards only for Mathias Jorgensen to make a brilliant goal-line clearance.

SINGLES

U-17 WWC CAMP IN JHARKHAND FROM OCT 15

NEW DELHI: AIFF general secretary Kushal Das on Wednesday said that the camp for the U-17 Women's World Cup team will start from October 15 in Jharkhand. "We were planning to start the camp in the first week of October but now it will be by 15th October," Das said. The camp has been allocated to Jharkhand as the state's Chief Minister Hemant Soren was keen on organising it.

VIKAS KRISHNAN GETS SAI NOD TO TRAIN IN US

NEW DELHI: Olympic-bound boxer Vikas Krishnan has got the SAI approval to train in USA, where he also plans to resume his career in the professional circuit. SAI has approved his training in the US till November 30 and also sanctioned ₹17.5 lakh for the stint.

SLC TO LAUNCH T10 TOURNEY IN DECEMBER

COLOMBO: With the inaugural Lanka Premier League scheduled to be held in November, Sri Lanka cricket board (SLC) is now planning to launch a T10 tournament in December. According to a report in *Daily News*, SLC executive committee has already given a go ahead to the event. Eight teams comprising six foreign players each will compete in the tournament in two venues.

HOBART HURRICANES SIGN HANDSCOMB

MELBOURNE: Big Bash League franchise Hobart Hurricanes have announced the signing of Peter Handscomb for the next two seasons. The 29-year-old is expected to fill a void left by retirement of George Bailey.

PCB PLANS NEW ZEALAND TOUR IN NOVEMBER

KARACHI: Pakistan Cricket Board is planning to send the senior national team and the A squad on a tour of New Zealand in November raising concerns that the absence of key players will hit the quality of the domestic tournaments. A PCB source said that the Board is planning to send around 40 to 45 players to New Zealand from late November. While the senior team will be involved in a Test, ODI & T20 series, the Pakistan A side has a number of four-day games lined up on the tour.

MESSI BACK TRAINING WITH BARCA SQUAD

BARCELONA: Lionel Messi rejoined the rest of his Barca teammates at practice on Wednesday after passing two coronavirus tests. Messi had been practicing separately from the group since returning to the club on Monday. Also back with the group was Philippe Coutinho, who also had been practicing separately.

KNIGHT RIDERS TO FACE ZOUKS IN CPL FINAL

TAROUA: Trinbago Knight Riders and St Lucia Zouks registered dominant wins in their respective semifinals to qualify for the Hero CPL final. The Trinbago Knight Riders restricted Jamaica Tallaways to 107 for seven and then chased down the target with nine wickets and five overs to spare. In the other semis, St Lucia Zouks were even more ruthless as they bowled out Guyana Amazon Warriors for 55 — the lowest total in the tourney and got to the target in 4.3 overs without losing a wicket.

SAI PRANEETH PULLS OUT OF THOMAS CUP

NEW DELHI: World Championships Bronze medalist B Sai Praneeth has said he will not be taking part at the Thomas Cup tournament in Denmark. "Sad that I am not going to be part of the Indian squad for the Thomas Cup. But I am experiencing discomfort in my right knee. Though I started training from August 7, this problem is persisting. That's the reason why I pulled out of Thomas Cup," Sai Praneeth told the *Times of India*. But Sai Praneeth said that he was looking to feature in the Asian leg of the BWF World Tour after the European events in Denmark (three scheduled). Agencies

Ganguly lands in Dubai

New Delhi: BCCI president Sourav Ganguly landed in Dubai on Wednesday to oversee preparations for a bio-secure IPL beginning on September 19.

Defending champions Mumbai Indians will face Chennai Super Kings in the opening match of the T20 event on September 19.

"My first flight in 6 months to dubai for IPL...Crazy life changes," Ganguly posted on his Instagram handle ahead of his departure with a picture in which he is wearing a mask and face shield, part of the Standard



Operating Procedure while flying amid the pandemic. He will be in quarantine for the next six days and is expected to be in the UAE till September 23. PNS

De Bruyne scoops PFA Player of the Year prize

London: Kevin De Bruyne credited the influence of Pep Guardiola after becoming the first Manchester City player to be named the Professional Footballers' Association's player of the year.

City trailed Liverpool by 18 points in the 2019/20 Premier League season but De Bruyne, who registered 13 goals and a record-equaling 20 assists, was voted the campaign's top performer by his peers.

"This is a big honour, to be voted by your colleagues, competitors from other teams who you always play against on the field.

That they vote for you for best player, it's amazing," said De Bruyne. "It's maybe strange that I'm the first one at City, seeing all the good players who played there before and who are still playing. But it's nice to represent the club."

The Belgian midfielder praised Guardiola's influence for giving him the freedom to shine after a 2018/19 season where he was dogged by injuries.

"We speak often about the team but in a lot of senses he knows when he gives the orders of what the team has to do that I will listen," added De Bruyne.



"But then on the other side he gives me a lot of freedom; I don't know why, that's just the way it goes between us."

"He knows in one way I will always put the team first and then obviously if I can help myself I'm going to do that."

Liverpool's five-strong contingent in the team of the year was made up of Jordan Henderson, Trent Alexander-Arnold, Andy Robertson, Virgil Van Dijk and Sadio Mane.

Burnley's Nick Pope, Leicester defender Caglar Soyuncu, City's David Silva, golden boot winner Jamie Vardy and Arsenal captain Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang were also selected. AFP

Osaka gets 'little bit of revenge' against Rogers

2018 champion says her victory was payback for three previous defeats to the 93rd-ranked Shelby



Naomi Osaka serves to Shelby Rogers during the quarterfinal match

6-4, in an hour and 20 minutes. The 22-year-old Osaka will now play 28th-seeded American Jennifer Brady on Thursday for a place in the final.

Despite going into the last-eight match as favorite, the world number 9 Osaka said she was apprehensive about playing the 93rd-ranked Rogers because she had failed to beat her in three previous outings.

"Honestly, I just felt like she had the upper hand because I've never beaten her," Osaka said. "And those memories are stuck in my head so I consider this a little bit of revenge," she added.

Brady, 25, earlier ousted 23rd seed Yulia Putintseva 6-3, 6-2.

Osaka, of Haitian and Japanese heritage, walked onto the court wearing a facemask emblazoned with the name of George Floyd, the unarmed black man whose death in police custody in May sparked nationwide protests.

The 2019 Australian Open champion is wearing different

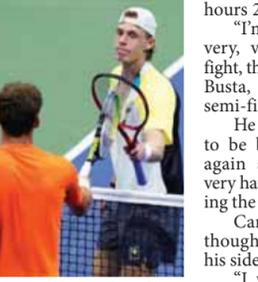
Busta faces Zverev for final place

AFP ■ NEW YORK

Pablo Carreno Busta defeated Canada's Denis Shapovalov in a roller-coaster of a five-setter to reach the US Open semi-finals early on Wednesday.

The 20th seed overcame his 12th-seeded opponent 3-6, 7-6 (7/5), 7-6 (7/4), 0-6, 6-3 in four hours and eight minutes inside Arthur Ashe Stadium.

The Spaniard will play fifth seed Alexander Zverev of Germany, who also progressed to the semis, for a place in Sunday's final by beating Borna Coric in four sets.



Denis Shapovalov taps rackets with Pablo Carreno Busta after his loss

hours 25 minutes. "I'm destroyed, but I'm very, very happy after this fight, this battle," said Carreno Busta, who was a US Open semi-finalist in 2017.

He said it was "incredible" to be back in the last-four again after working "very, very hard" with his coach during the quarantine shutdown.

Carreno Busta admitted though that fortune was on his side at times in the match. "I was a little bit lucky here," the 29-year-old said. "Shapovalov was undone by ill-timed double faults and misplaced shots during key moments of the match."

Yuvi comes out of retirement

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

World Cup-winning former India all-rounder Yuvraj Singh has decided to come out of retirement, giving in to a request from the Punjab Cricket Association more than a year after he called it quits.

PCA secretary Puneet Bali was the first person to approach the 38-year-old Yuvraj with an offer to come out of retirement for the benefit of Punjab cricket. He has agreed to resume for the state at least in the T20 format.



"Initially, I wasn't sure that I wanted to take up the offer," Yuvraj was quoted as saying by *Cricbuzz*.

"I was done with domestic cricket, though I did want to continue to play in other domestic franchise-based leagues worldwide if I got permission from the BCCI.

"But I also couldn't ignore Mr Bali's request. I gave it a lot of thought, for nearly three or four weeks, and it was almost as if I didn't even have to make a conscious decision in the end."

While working with the young Punjab quartet of Shubman Gill, Abhishek Sharma, Prabhsimran Singh and Anmolpreet Singh at the nets in the last few months, Yuvraj rediscovered his love and motivation for the game.

Bali told PTI that the dashing southpaw has written to BCCI president Sourav Ganguly in this regard. "I know he has written a letter to BCCI president Sourav Ganguly wanting to come out of retirement," he revealed. "We want him in the team and the way he mentored four

Aus earn consolation win in final T20



Moeen Ali, left, fist bumps with Mitchell Marsh after Australia's win

the empty Rose Bowl, with Mitch Marsh hitting the winning run to finish unbeaten on 39.

England opener Jonny Bairstow overcame a slow start to smash a 44-ball 55 containing three fours and three sixes and lead the team to 145-6. That was the lowest score of the series so far, with paceman Mitchell Starc very economical by conceding just 20 runs off his four overs.

Joe Denly's late-innings 29 off 19 balls gave England's total some respectability, but Australia went at 10 runs an over off their first seven and was seemingly easing to the win.

However, the Australians slumped from 70-1 to 100-5 in six overs in the latest middle-order collapse, with Adil Rashid's legspin accounting for the wickets of dangerous Aaron Finch (39), Glenn Maxwell (6) and Steve Smith (3).

Marsh and Ashton Agar (16) put on a stand of 46 to see Australia home.

Malan moves to No 1



PTI ■ DUBAI

match effort of 66 in first game. Malan, whose previous best ranking was second in November last year, is now eighth rating points ahead of Azam. India's K L Rahul, who has not played international cricket in over six months, has lost two places to be fourth and his skipper Virat Kohli has gained a spot to be ninth.

For Australia, captain Aaron Finch's 125 runs in the series have helped him retain third position. Glenn Maxwell also holds on to his sixth position among batsmen while gaining one slot to reach second position in the list of all-rounders.

England leg-spinner Adil Rashid has gained two slots to reach seventh position, while Australia left-arm spinner Ashton Agar's five wickets have enabled him retain third spot.

Meanwhile, Australia have reclaimed the top spot in the

Nowhere near guys like Kohli: Malan

Southampton: England batsman Dawid Malan is not a sure starter despite averaging close to 50 in T20s and says he can only be compared to guys like Virat Kohli if he played at least 50 games.

Batting at number three, Malan has been sensational in his 16-game old T20 career, scoring 682 runs, including an unbeaten hundred, at an average of 48.71.

The 33-year-old got to play regularly against Pakistan and Australia in absence of Jason

Roy and Ben Stokes. "The type of player I am, I quite like to know where I stand in the team set up, which is why I said when you get played in the series you know exactly what you are going to do.

"I don't think I am anywhere near Virat Kohli and those guys even though the numbers suggest. May be if I played 50 games then I can be compared to some extent," Malan was quoted as saying by *ESPNCricinfo*. PTI

Full-fledged women's IPL will be great for India: Jhulan



Field, Goswami said, "As far as IPL is concerned, we do wish for the full-fledged tournament should start and we are all waiting for that.

"Women's IPL will be a big achievement for the country and for young cricketers as they are going to share the dressing room with top-notch Indian and international talent."

The highest wicket-taker in the women's game, the 37-year-old bowler believes that age is just a number and what matters the most is the passion for the sport.

"As a professional athlete, you never think about age. You just go on with your passion, hard work and love for the game.

"You just want to be on the ground as much as possible and that is the most satisfying factor for any athlete. And I am just enjoying myself." PNS

Australia gained a consolation victory in the final match of T20 series against England to regain top spot in the format's world rankings at the expense of their fierce rival.

Australia chased down the target of 146 with three balls to spare for a five-wicket victory at

England batsman Dawid Malan has replaced Pakistan's Babar Azam at the top of the ICC player rankings for T20I batsmen after a fruitful home series against Australia.

The 33-year-old has progressed four places after a series-topping run aggregate of 129, which included a player of the

team rankings after briefly conceding it to England during the series. Australia started the series 10 points ahead of their rivals at 278, but were overtaken after losing first two matches, when both were on 273 points, with

hosts ahead on decimal points. Australia, who were number one for the first time in this format at the time of the annual update on May 1 this year, are now on 275 points and England on 271.

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